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Question:

The Administration will take step to introduce legislative amendments to regulate the import of poultry eggs in 2007-08. In this connection, please advise on the timetable for the legislative amendments as well as the estimated expenditure and manpower involved in the implementation and monitoring of the regulation (including poultry egg suppliers are required to register and to obtain import licences, etc).

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy

Reply:

The Government aims to submit the legislative proposal within the 2006-07 legislative session. The expenditure involved for regulating poultry eggs after enactment of the new legislation will be absorbed from within existing resources of the Centre for Food Safety.

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