

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2007-08
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

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Question :

With the growing public concern over the safety of imported food, and as chilled pork and poultry are imported to our local market, please advise on whether resources and manpower have been reserved for inspecting the slaughtering/processing plants of the chilled pork and poultry that are imported to Hong Kong. If so, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy

Reply :

The Food Import and Export Section (FIES) and the Compliance and Investigation Unit (CIU) under the Centre for Food Safety are responsible for the control of import of food, including chilled pork and poultry, and inspections to farms exporting live food animals to Hong Kong and food processing plants in the Mainland and overseas.

Financial provisions of \$69 million and \$6.7 million have been earmarked in 2007-08 for the work of the FIES and CIU respectively. Separate breakdown on resources and manpower provided for inspection to slaughtering /processing plants of chilled pork and poultry is not readily available.

Signature _____

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Date _____ 15.3.2007 _____