

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

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Programme : (1) Food Safety and Public Health

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Question :

Given our long coastline, a large amount of live fish without health certificates can still be smuggled into Hong Kong for human consumption. Please advise on whether resources and manpower will be increased for the sampling of live fish taken from vessels and vehicles importing fish to Hong Kong, wholesale fish markets and retail outlets. If so, what are the details? If not, what are reasons?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy

Reply :

In 2007-08, 28 additional Health Inspector grade posts will be created to strengthen food import control work at various sea, land and airport border points, including inspection and enforcement of importation of live freshwater fish through improper channels.

Signature _____

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Date _____ 15.3.2007 _____