

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

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Question :

In view of the many food safety problems occurred last year, will more resources be allocated in order to increase the types of food samples taken for testing?

Asked by : Hon. TAM Heung-man

Reply :

The original estimated number of food samples to be taken for testing under the regular food surveillance programme in 2006 was 63 000 as shown in the 2006-07 Estimate. In response to the occurrence of various food incidents in 2006, additional samples were taken for testing. For 2007, 65 000 samples are planned for testing. Additional samples will also be taken in response to food complaints and food incidents during the year.

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