

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

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Question :

Under this programme, the estimated number of inspections to food premises in 2007-08 is 235 000, 425 less than the actual number in 2006. In this connection, please advise on:

1. whether the inspections to shops to check the compliance of separation of the sale of chilled and fresh pork after the implementation of "one licence for one shop" regulatory arrangement for pork retailers in 2006 have been included in the number of inspections under this indicator; and
2. the reasons for the decrease of 425 inspections and the impact on food safety surveillance.

Asked by : Hon. LEE Kok-long, Joseph

Reply :

- (a) The number of inspections has included the regular inspections to fresh provision shops, during which checking will be made to ensure compliance with the separation of the sale of chilled and fresh pork under the "one licence for one shop" requirement.
- (b) The number of inspections for 2007-08 at 235 000 is an estimated number based on the actual number of inspections in 2006 rounded off to the nearest thousand.

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Date _____ 15.3.2007 _____