

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2007-08
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Question :

Regarding the key performance measures of “inspecting vehicles carrying poultry at Man Kam To” under Brief Description 4, the actual number of vehicles inspected reduced substantially by 1 391 to 4 688 in 2006 as compared with 2005. What are the reasons? Please explain why there is a further reduction of 388 vehicles in the estimated figure of 2007.

Asked by : Hon. FANG Kang, Vincent

Reply :

The estimated number of vehicles carrying poultry inspected at Man Kam To in 2007 is based on the current number of live poultry supplied from the Mainland, which is set at 20 000 live chickens per day. The number of imported live poultry has been decreasing since 2005 as a result of the Government's measures to minimize the occurrence of avian influenza in Hong Kong.

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