

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

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Question :

Regarding "blood samples taken from poultry for testing of avian influenza H5 antibodies", the actual figure in 2006 reduced substantially by 25 961 as compared with 2005 and the estimated figure in 2007 is further reduced by 5 452. What are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. FANG Kang, Vincent

Reply :

The number of blood samples estimated to be taken 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. As one of the Government's measures to minimize the occurrence of avian influenza in Hong Kong, the number of imported live poultry has been decreased from 30 000 chickens or more per day for 2005, to 20 000 per day since April 2006.

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