

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2007-08
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Programme : (1) Food Safety and Public Health

Controlling Officer : Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene

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Question :

Including the additional provision of \$85.1 million under Programme (1) in 2007-08, what is the total estimate under this programme for the year? Please give a breakdown of the allocation of the additional provision as well as the ranks of the net 125 posts to be created in 2007-08.

Asked by : Hon. FANG Kang, Vincent

Reply :

The estimate under this programme for 2007-08 is \$705.4 million, representing an increase of \$85.1 million over the 2006-07 revised estimate. It is mainly to cater for the following –

- (a) creation of posts and departmental expenses in relation to enhancement of food safety regulatory functions and pest control services (\$67.2 million);
- (b) increased capital expenditure such as population-based food consumption survey, integrated mass spectrometer system (\$8.7 million); and
- (c) upgrading equipment for operation in slaughterhouse (\$9.2 million).

In 2007-08, there will be a net increase of 125 posts under this programme. The posts to be created relate to the grades of Chemist, Field Officer, Health Inspector, Pest Control Assistant, Pest Control Officer, Science Laboratory Technician, Scientific Officer (Medical), Veterinary Officer and other administrative support grades.

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