

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

The Chief Executive indicated earlier that a licensing scheme for imported foods would be implemented in full scale. Please advise on whether manpower and resources are earmarked in 2007-08 for implementation of the scheme. Apart from taking steps to introduce legislative amendments to regulate the import of poultry eggs, will the Administration introduce more legislations to regulate imported foods in 2007-08?

Asked by : Hon. FANG Kang, Vincent

Reply :

In 2007-08, the Administration aims to enact legislation to regulate the import of poultry eggs. At the same time, the Administration is drawing up a Food Safety Bill to extend regulatory control to all imported food items by phases. The Food Safety Bill will also provide statutory power to the Administration in respect of the mandatory registration scheme for food importers and prohibition of sale of problem food. The resources required for the implementation of the food importer registration scheme and other legislative proposals will be considered at a later stage.

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