

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

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Question :

What are the specific plans for prevention of avian influenza in 2007-08? What is the expenditure involved in taking blood samples from poultry?

Asked by : Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply :

The control measures taken to prevent the introduction of avian influenza into Hong Kong include poultry farm inspections and liaison with the Mainland authorities to ensure that requirements on animal health, quarantine and farm conditions are complied with; inspection of every consignment of imported poultry including verifying Animal Health Certificates, and collecting blood samples and cloacal swabs for laboratory testing of avian influenza H5.

A financial provision of \$6.8 million has been included in the 2007-08 Estimate for inspection and blood sampling at the border control point.

Signature _____

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