

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2008-09  
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

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Head : 49 Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

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Programme : (1) Food Safety and Public Health

Controlling Officer : Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene

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Question :

Under this programme, the Department will take steps to introduce a new Food Safety Bill in 2008-09. In this connection, please advise on the progress as well as the manpower and expenditure involved.

Asked by : Hon. LEONG Kah-kit, Alan

Reply :

Our plan is to introduce the Food Safety Bill into the Legislative Council in the 2008-09 legislative session. The Bill will incorporate new food safety control tools and tighten up food safety controls. We have consulted the Legislative Council Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene on the legislative proposal in December 2007. The Administration is now conducting consultation on the proposed legislative framework.

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department has been allocated recurrent funding of \$21 million (involving 12 posts) to enhance food safety work before enactment of the Bill. The actual resource requirements for implementing the Food Safety Bill will be worked out after the proposed regulatory measures are endorsed by LegCo.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block letters \_\_\_\_\_ **W H CHEUK**

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