

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2008-09  
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
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Question :

It is estimated that the number of inspections of farms exporting food animals to Hong Kong will substantially increase from 37 in 2007 to 50 in 2008. Please advise on the reason(s) for the increase, the additional resources and manpower required as well as the types and locations of farms involved. Please give a breakdown of the number of farms (including chicken farms and pig farms) to be inspected, listing the types of farms and the average number of inspections required.

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Reply :

More inspections to farms in the Mainland and other countries are planned in 2008 to enhance food safety, with a focus on control at source. The increase in manpower resources include two field officers.

The breakdown on farm inspection is tabulated as follows –

| No. of visit in provinces or cities | Type of Farm |           |     |        |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|-----------|-----|--------|
|                                     | Poultry      | Waterfowl | Pig | Cattle |
| Guangdong<br>(廣東)                   | 15           | 9         | 7   | 1      |
| Shenzhen<br>(深圳)                    | 5            |           | 1   |        |
| Zhuhai<br>(珠海)                      | 2            |           |     |        |
| Jiangxi<br>(江西)                     |              |           | 2   |        |
| Hubei<br>(湖北)                       |              |           | 3   |        |
| Hunan                               |              |           | 2   |        |

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|--------------------|----|---|----|---|-----------|
| (湖南)               |    |   |    |   |           |
| Argentina<br>(阿根廷) |    |   |    | 1 |           |
| Brazil<br>(巴西)     |    |   |    | 2 |           |
| <b>Total</b>       | 22 | 9 | 15 | 4 | <b>50</b> |

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