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

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Question:

Since the introduction of the registration system for Mainland fresh water fish farms for supply to Hong Kong, how many inspection visits were made and how many fish farms were inspected in 2007-08? Please advise on the estimated number of inspection visits to be made and fish farms to be inspected for 2008-09, as well as the manpower and resources so required.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy

Reply:

In 2007, the Centre for Food Safety inspected a total of 24 mainland freshwater fish farms and eel farms. In 2008, we plan to visit the same number of farms. The visits will be undertaken by existing inspection teams comprising veterinary officers, field officers and research officer.

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