

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

In 2008, how many Mainland processing plants that supply chilled pork to Hong Kong will be inspected and what is the estimated number of such on-site inspections? How much manpower and additional resources are required for the purpose?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy

Reply :

In 2007-08, officers of the Centre for Food Safety (CFS) conducted four inspections to four chilled pork processing plants in the Mainland.

For 2008-09, CFS plans to conduct annual inspection to each of the four existing chilled pork processing plants.

A financial provision of \$86.1 million has been earmarked in 2008-09 for the work on import control. Separate breakdown on the resources and manpower provided specifically for inspecting processing plants of chilled pork is not readily available.

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