

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

Regarding the inspections of farms exporting food animals to Hong Kong, please advise on:

- a. the revised estimated expenditure for 2007-08 and the estimated expenditure for 2008-09; and
- b. the general responsibilities of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department.

Asked by : Hon. LI Wah-ming, Fred

Reply :

The information sought is provided as follows –

- a. The revised estimated expenditure for inspection of food animal farms is about \$2.9 million for 2007-08 and the estimated expenditure for undertaking the inspection in 2008-09 is \$5.2 million.
- b. The Centre for Food Safety carries out audit inspections to farms exporting live food animals to Hong Kong. The scope of inspection includes farm layout and facilities, recent reports of testing, animal health and disease management, records of veterinary drug treatment, vaccination protocols, feeding procedures, stocking conditions, movement of animals, quarantine facilities and disinfections procedures etc. Any abnormality will be referred to the relevant Entry-Exit Inspection and Quarantine Bureau in the Mainland for follow-up actions.

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Director of
Food and Environmental Hygiene

Date _____

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