

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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Question :

Regarding the studies (including in-house studies or those entrusted to consultants) conducted by the Department for the purposes of formulating and assessing policies, please provide the relevant information in the following format:

- (1) For the projects that have reserved funds for conducting consultancy studies in 2007-08, please provide information in the following format:

Name of Consultant (if any)	Content	Revised Estimate (\$)	Progress of Studies (under planning / in progress / completed)	The follow-ups taken by the Administration on the study reports and their progress (if any)	If completed, have they been released to the public? If yes, through which channels? If no, what are the reasons?

- (2) Is there any project that will reserve funds for conducting consultancy study in 2008-09? If yes, please provide the following information:

Name of Consultant (if any)	Content	Expenditure (\$)	Progress of Studies (under planning / in progress / completed)	Will the studies be released to the public if they are expected to be completed in the 2008-09 financial year? If yes, through which channels? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. EU Yuet-mee, Audrey

Reply :

The information sought is provided as follows –

(1) Project that has reserved funds for conducting consultancy study in 2007-08

Name of Consultant (if any)	Content	Revised Estimate (\$)	Progress of Studies (under planning / in progress / completed)	The follow-ups taken by the Administration on the study reports and their progress (if any)	If completed, have they been released to the public? If yes, through which channels? If no, what are the reasons?
Pricewaterhouse Coopers	Consultancy study on private sector involvement in the Sheung Shui Slaughterhouse (SSSH)	\$1.3 million	The draft report is being finalised.	We will draw reference from the study findings and recommendations in drafting the tender document for the new contract to operate and manage SSSH.	The key recommendations on enhancement of contract terms for the future operation and management of SSSH was presented to the Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene of the Legislative Council on 11 March 2008.

(2) Project that has reserved funds for conducting consultancy study in 2008-09

Name of Consultant (if any)	Content	Expenditure (\$)	Progress of Studies (under planning / in progress / completed)	Will the studies be released to the public if they are expected to be completed in the 2008-09 financial year? If yes, through which channels? If no, what are the reasons?
nil				

Signature _____

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