

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2008-09
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

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Question :

Under this programme, the estimated provision of \$809.6 million for 2008-09 represents an increase of 16.9% over the revised estimate of \$692.4 million for 2007-08. What are the reasons for the increase?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

The increase in financial provision under this Programme is attributed to the following reasons –

- (a) creation of posts and increase in departmental expenses relating to enhancement of food safety regulatory functions and pest control services;
- (b) increase in capital expenditure for items such as population-based food consumption survey, integrated mass spectrometer system; and
- (c) procurement of additional equipment for operation in slaughterhouse.

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