

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

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (1) Food Safety and Public Health

Controlling Officer : Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Food and Health

Question :

During 2008-09, the Department will take steps to introduce a new Food Safety Bill, please advise on the legislative timetable and the estimated expenditure required.

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

Our plan is to introduce the Food Safety Bill into the Legislative Council in the 2008-09 legislative session. The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department has been allocated recurrent funding of \$21 million (involving 12 posts) to enhance food safety work before enactment of the Bill. The actual resource requirements for implementing the Food Safety Bill will be worked out after the proposed regulatory measures are endorsed by LegCo.

Signature _____

Name in block letters _____ **W H CHEUK** _____

Post Title _____ Director of
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Date _____ 25.3.2008 _____