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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
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Question :

Does the Department have any plan to change the focus of the monitoring work under the existing routine Food Surveillance Programme? If yes, please advise on whether additional expenditure will be required.

Asked by : Hon. WONG Yung-kan

Reply :

A proactive three-tier approach involving routine, targetted and seasonal food surveillance has been adopted since 2007. In planning the food surveillance programme, various factors including the risk of food items, consumption level, past surveillance data, and previous local/overseas food incidents are taken into consideration. In 2008, while maintaining the same approach, more samples will be taken among popular food items to support a thematic analysis. No additional resources are required for this adjustment.

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