

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

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Controlling Officer : Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene

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Question :

In 2008-09, there will be a net increase of 28 posts, resulting in an expenditure rise of \$117.2 million. Please provide the job description, salaries and ranks of the additional posts, and the reasons for such increase.

Asked by : Hon. SHEK Lai-him, Abraham

Reply :

The posts to be created are in the grades of Chemist, Field Assistant, Field Officer, Health Inspector, Laboratory Attendant, Pest Control Assistant, Scientific Officer (Medical) and administration support grades. Their main duties are to perform food safety regulatory duties and provide pest control services. The total annual salary amounts to \$16.8 million.

The increase in expenditure 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 (\$97.7 million);
- (b) increase in capital expenditure for items such as population-based food consumption survey, integrated mass spectrometer system (\$15.3 million); and
- (c) procurement of additional equipment for operation in slaughterhouse (\$4.2 million).

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Director of
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Date _____

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