

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Question:

The financial provision for enhancing food safety and public health for 2008-09 is \$117.2 million (16.9%) higher than the revised estimate for 2007-08. Please advise on how the provision will be allocated.

Asked by: Hon. FANG Kang, Vincent

Reply:

The increase in financial provision under this Programme will be mainly used in the following areas –

- (a) creation of posts and departmental expenses relating to enhancement of food safety regulatory functions and pest control services (\$97.7 million);
- (b) meeting 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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