

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2008-09

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

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Head: 49 Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

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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:

With regard to the Department's initiatives to introduce an amendment regulation on nutrition labelling for pre-packaged food and take steps to introduce a new Food Safety Bill in 2008-09, please advise on the estimated staffing, expenditure and workload involved.

Asked by: Hon. LEE Kok-long, Joseph

Reply:

The FEHD has been allocated recurrent funding of \$21 million (involving 12 posts) to enhance food safety work before enactment of the Food Safety Bill. For nutrition labelling, the resources for implementing the new legislation after the grace period will be worked out after the passage of the amendment regulation.

Signature _____

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

Post Title _____ Director of
Food and Environmental Hygiene _____

Date _____ 25.3.2008 _____