

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

FHB(FE)048

Head: 49 Food and Environmental Hygiene Department Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1435

Programme: (1) Food Safety and Public Health

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please give a breakdown by farm types of the number of Mainland farms exporting food animals to Hong Kong and the estimated number of inspections to be conducted by the Department in 2010. Please provide the number of inspections conducted for each type of farms in 2009. Please also advise on the expenditure and manpower required for 2009-10 (actual) and 2010-11 (estimated).

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy

Reply :

The type and number of registered Mainland farms exporting live food animals to Hong Kong in 2009 is tabulated as follows-

Farm Type	Poultry	Pig	Cattle	Goat	Aquatic Food Animals
Number of Registered Farms	91	296	77	5	61

In 2009, a total of 52 Mainland farms were inspected. Fifty farm inspections are planned for 2010. The breakdown of farms inspected in 2009 by type is tabulated as follows-

Farm Type	Poultry	Pig	Aquatic Food Animals
Number of Inspections	35	9	8

Farm inspections are carried out by inspection teams comprising veterinary officers, field officers and research officer. About \$5.8 million in 2009-10 and \$6.8 million in 2010-11 is estimated to be spent on farm inspections.

Signature _____

Name in block letters W H CHEUK

Post Title Director of
Food and Environmental Hygiene

Date 15.3.2010