

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2010-11

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Question:

While the actual number of inspections of farms exporting food animals to Hong Kong significantly exceeded the target number of inspections for two consecutive years (i.e. in 2008 and 2009), why is the planned number of farm inspections to be conducted this year (i.e. in 2010) not enhanced?

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Reply:

Farm inspections are conducted on a need basis. The average number of annual farm inspection in 2005 to 2007 was about 36 and that for 2008 and 2009 was around 50. The number planned for 2010 is 50 to provide for maximum operation flexibility. We shall continue to plan farm inspections based on risk assessment and review the target as necessary.

Signature _____

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