

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

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Head: 49 Food and Environmental Hygiene Department  
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Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene

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Question:

Under this programme, the number of samples taken from food animals for testing of veterinary drug residues in 2009 is substantially higher than that in 2008. What are the reasons for the increase? Does the Department have sufficient manpower to cope with the work? If not, will additional resources and manpower be provided for the testing in this respect? If yes, please provide the details. If not, please give the reasons.

Asked by: Hon. LEE Kok-long, Joseph

Reply:

The increase in samples tested was due to increase in import volume and sampling rates. The additional work was undertaken by existing manpower and resources.

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