

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Question:

Please give a breakdown by farm types of the number of Mainland farms exporting food animals to Hong Kong and the number of inspections conducted to these farms in 2009 and 2010 respectively. Please advise on the estimated number of inspections to be conducted in 2011, as well as the expenditure and manpower required for 2010-11 (actual) and 2011-12 (estimated).

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Reply:

The type and number of registered Mainland farms exporting live food animals to Hong Kong in 2009 and 2010 are tabulated as follows-

	Poultry Farms	Pig Farms	Cattle Farms	Goat Farms	Aquatic Food Animal Farms
No. of Registered Farms in 2009	91	296	77	5	61
No. of Registered Farms in 2010	89	298	75	5	60

In 2009 and 2010, a total of 52 and 53 Mainland farms were inspected respectively. Fifty farm inspections are planned for 2011. The breakdown of farms inspected in 2009 and 2010 by type is tabulated as follows-

	Poultry Farms	Pig Farms	Cattle Farms	Aquatic Food Animal Farms
No. of Inspections in 2009	35	9	-	8
No. of Inspections in 2010	41	8	3	1

Farm inspections are carried out by inspection teams comprising veterinary officers, field officers and research officers. The estimated expenditure on farm inspections in 2010-11 and 2011-12 is about \$6 million and \$6.4 million respectively.

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