

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Question:

Under the registration system for Mainland fresh water fish farms for supply to Hong Kong, please advise on the number of fish farms inspected / to be inspected and inspection visits made / to be made, as well as the expenditure and manpower required in the past three years (i.e. from 2008 to 2010) and in 2011 respectively.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy

Reply:

The Centre for Food Safety inspected 22, 12 and 18 Mainland fish farms in 2008, 2009 and 2010 respectively, and plan to inspect 16 farms in 2011. The inspection will be carried out by an inspection team comprising veterinary officers, field officers and a research officer. The inspections in 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11 cost \$0.4 million, \$0.5 million and \$0.6 million respectively. The estimated expenditure for 2011-12 is about \$0.7 million.

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