

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Question:

It is stated that the Department will “conduct a public consultation exercise on strengthening the regulation of veterinary drug residues in food”. In this connection, please advise on:

- (a) the details of the consultation exercise;
- (b) the aims of conducting the public consultation exercise; and
- (c) the estimated expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:-

- (a) To better protect public health, it is necessary to strengthen the regulation of veterinary drug residues in food. It is therefore proposed to revise the current regulatory framework for veterinary drug residues in food by expanding its scope of coverage to bring it in line with international standard. The Centre for Food Safety plans to conduct a public consultation exercise (the exercise) on this issue in late 2011 with details being worked out.
- (b) The exercise aims to collect views of the public and stakeholders before the Government finalizes the proposal on the revised regulatory framework.
- (c) The exercise is undertaken by existing staff and incurs no additional expenditure.

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