

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Question:

At present, what are the staff establishment and expenditure involved in the inspection of food production farms and food processing plants outside Hong Kong? Is there any target number set on the locations to be inspected in the coming year (i.e. in 2011-12)?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Yung-kan

Reply:

An inspection team comprising three veterinary officers, eight field officers and one research officer is responsible for the inspection of food animal farms and fish farms outside Hong Kong. \$6.4 million has been earmarked for the work in 2011-12.

The inspection of vegetable farms and orchards outside Hong Kong is carried out by a research officer while an inspection team comprising five health inspectorate officers is responsible for inspecting food processing plants outside Hong Kong. As these officers are also tasked with other duties, the resources for inspection of vegetable farms, orchards and food processing plants cannot be separately identified.

In 2011, we plan to inspect 50 food animal farms, 16 fish farms, 20 vegetable farms and 38 processing plants outside Hong Kong.

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