

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

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Head: 49 Food and Environmental Hygiene Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (1) Food Safety and Public Health

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Under this programme, a significant increase is noted in the numbers of samples taken / to be taken from food animals for testing of veterinary drug residues for two consecutive years. 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 of 2.6% in the number of samples taken from food animals for testing of veterinary drug residues from 2009 to 2010 was due to an increase of 2.2% in import of food animals during the same period. The Department has sufficient manpower and resources to cope with the additional work.

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