

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Question:

Please list by farm types the number of Mainland farms exporting food animals to Hong Kong and the number of inspections conducted to these farms in 2010 and 2011 respectively. Please advise on the estimated number of inspections to be conducted in 2012, as well as the expenditure and manpower required for 2010-11 and 2011-12 respectively.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy

Reply:

The type and number of registered Mainland farms exporting live food animals to Hong Kong in 2010 and 2011 are tabulated as follows-

	Poultry Farms	Pig Farms	Cattle Farms	Goat Farms	Aquatic Food Animal Farms
No. of Registered Farms in 2010	89	298	75	5	60
No. of Registered Farms in 2011	63	244	34	2	61

In 2010 and 2011, a total of 53 and 52 Mainland farms were inspected respectively. For 2012, 50 farm inspections are planned. The breakdown of farms inspected in 2010 and 2011 by type is tabulated as follows-

	Poultry Farms	Pig Farms	Cattle Farms	Aquatic Food Animal Farms
No. of Inspections in 2010	41	8	3	1
No. of Inspections in 2011	31	12	5	4

Farm inspections are carried out by inspection teams comprising veterinary officers, field officers and research officers. The actual expenditure on Mainland and overseas farm inspections in 2010-11 was \$6.0 million while the estimated expenditure in 2011-12 is about \$6.6 million.

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