

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Question (Member Question No. 29):

Under this programme, it is mentioned that the Department will assist the Food and Health Bureau in preparing legislation to regulate formula products and foods for infants and young children. In this connection, please advise on the details and progress of the work, as well as the estimated expenditure and manpower to be involved.

Asked by: Hon. HO Chun-yin, Steven

Reply:

To better protect the health of infants and young children, the Administration has put forward a package of legislative proposals comprising requirements on nutritional composition of infant formulae and nutrition labelling of infant formulae, follow-up formulae and other foods for infants and young children. The Administration has completed the public consultation on the legislative proposals and received strong support from the respondents. It has also reported to the Legislative Council Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene on the findings of the consultation exercise. The Administration is in the process of drafting the legislation for tabling at the Legislative Council in 2014.

The relevant expenditure arising from the additional work related to the preparation of the legislation will be absorbed within existing resources.