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Question:

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department will implement re-engineering of workflow and overhaul of information technology systems for more effective data management in the Centre for Food Safety (CFS) during 2017-18. In this connection, please advise on:

1. the reason(s) for re-engineering of workflow in CFS; and
2. the estimated expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-fai (Member Question No. 26)

Reply:

The Centre for Food Safety (CFS) needs to revamp its information technology (IT) systems which are out-dated and have considerable limitations in interface, data structure and automation. The overhaul of the IT systems will involve rationalization and streamlining of CFS' workflows for IT-enabled transformation to improve operational efficiency and effectiveness and strengthen data management and analysis for enhanced food safety control.

A dedicated team will be set up in the CFS to carry out the aforementioned work. The team will be headed by a supernumerary Senior Principal Executive Officer post, who will be underpinned by a multi-disciplinary team comprising about 30 non-directorate officers and contract staff (through internal redeployment of manpower resources and the creation of 5 time-limited posts in the CFS) mainly in the Analyst / Programmer, Executive Officer and Health Inspector grades. The total notional annual salary cost at mid-point for the supernumerary/time-limited posts to be created for the purpose is \$5,655,420.