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Question:

During 2017-18, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department will study the latest international development on regulation of nutrition claims and health claims for formula products and prepackaged food for infants and young children under the age of 36 months, with a view to putting forth specific legislative proposals. In this connection, please advise on the following:

- a. the regions chosen to be studied, with reasons and the findings (if any);
- b. the legislative timetable; and
- c. the manpower and expenditure in this respect.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-fai (Member Question No. 24)

Reply:

Having conducted a public consultation exercise on the proposal for establishing a regulatory framework on nutrition and health claims on formula products and prepackaged foods for infants and young children under the age of 36 months some time earlier, we are currently working on the legislative proposals taking into account views expressed during the public consultation exercise, the latest international development, as well as the World Trade Organisation's requirements. The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) is considering the most appropriate means to collect information on international development in this aspect. The manpower and expenditure required would be absorbed from within the Department's existing resources.