

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Question:

With regard to enhancing the food control services at import level at new border control points as mentioned under this programme, please advise on the details, the specific work plan and timetable, and the estimated manpower and resources required.

Asked by: Hon LEE Kok-long, Joseph (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 50)

Reply:

Actions are in hand to prepare for the commissioning of new cross-boundary facilities at the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge Hong Kong Boundary Control Point, the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link West Kowloon Terminus, and the Liantang/Heung Yuen Wai Boundary Control Point. The Centre for Food Safety (CFS) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) will set up an office in each of these new cross-boundary facilities to handle, investigate and take enforcement actions against suspected smuggling cases of game, meat, poultry and eggs by passengers, with the support of 34 additional staff at a staff cost of \$9.78 million per annum. Quarantine detector dogs would also be deployed to carry out surveillance work at the cross-boundary control points against the aforesaid illegal food import cases. The Department will ensure that proper manpower is deployed at cross-boundary facilities to ensure effective food safety control at import level.

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