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Question:

1. It is stated that the Department will continue to implement re-engineering of workflow in the Centre for Food Safety (CFS). Please provide information on the workflow to be re-engineered.
2. It is mentioned that the Department will overhaul the information technology systems of the CFS. In this regard, please advise on the estimated expenditure for 2018-19.

Asked by: Hon WONG Pik-wan, Helena (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 62)

Reply:

The Centre for Food Safety (CFS) is taking steps to revamp its information technology (IT) systems which are out-dated and have considerable limitations in interface, data structure and automation. Also, CFS will review its workflows in food safety control and surveillance with a view to rationalising and streamlining them for IT-enabled transformation to improve operational efficiency and effectiveness as well as strengthening data management and risk analysis. CFS will take into account the need for the revamped IT systems to interface with the Trade Single Window.

A dedicated team has been set up in CFS to carry out the aforementioned work, which is expected to be completed in 2023-24. The estimated staffing resources to be incurred in 2018-19 would be about \$31 million.

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