

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
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Question :

Please give a breakdown by farm types of the number of farms exporting food animals to Hong Kong and the estimated number of inspections to be conducted in 2009. Please provide the number of inspections conducted for each type of farms in 2008. Please also advise on the expenditure and manpower required for 2008 (actual) and 2009 (estimated).

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy

Reply :

The number of registered Mainland farms exporting live food animals to Hong Kong in 2008 is tabulated as follows -

Farm type	Poultry	Pig	Cattle	Goat	Aquatic Food Animal
Number of Registered Mainland Farms	91	293	75	5	52

In 2008, a total of 50 Mainland farms were inspected. A similar number of farm inspections are expected in 2009. The breakdown of farms inspected in 2008 by type and location is tabulated as follows -

No. of Farm Visit in Mainland	Type of Farm			
	Poultry	Water Fowl	Pig	Aquatic Food Animal
Guangdong	25	6	6	
Shenzhen	4		1	
Zhuhai	3			
Hainan	1			
Hubei				2
Liaoning				2

Farm inspections are carried out by inspection teams comprising veterinary officers, field officers and research officer. About \$6 million in 2008-09 and \$7.7 million in 2009-10 is estimated to be spent on farm inspection.

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