

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

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Question :

Under the registration system for Mainland fresh water fish farms for supply to Hong Kong, how many fish farms were inspected and how many inspection visits were made in 2008? Please advise on the estimated number of fish farms to be inspected and inspection visits to be made in 2009, as well as the expenditure and manpower required.

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy

Reply :

In 2008, the Centre for Food Safety inspected a total of 22 Mainland fish farms. In 2009, we plan to sustain the same level of visits. The visits will be undertaken by existing 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 for the work on farm inspection. Separate breakdown on the resources and manpower provided specifically for fish farm inspection is not readily available.

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