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Question :

Regarding the vehicles carrying poultry inspected at Man Kam To, please advise on why the number for each recent year represents a significant decrease over the preceding year.

Asked by : Hon. LI Wah-ming, Fred

Reply :

The number of vehicles carrying live poultry inspected at Man Kam To is dependent on the number of live poultry supplied from the Mainland. The usual daily import limit on live chickens came down from 20 000 in January 2007 to the current 7 000 chickens. In addition, there were two suspensions on importation of Mainland poultry in 2008 due to two separate outbreaks of avian influenza in Hong Kong. These factors reduced the number of vehicles needed to carry live poultry into Hong Kong and hence the number of inspections on them.

Signature _____

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