

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Question :

Does the Department have any plan to improve the facilities of the control point at Man Kam To so as to increase the number of vehicles to be inspected. If yes, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons? Is there any new initiative to substantially increase the number of food samples to be taken for testing at the border?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Yung-kan

Reply :

Two projects are underway to improve the inspection and sampling capacities at the Man Kam To Control Point. One project will provide a vehicle holding area and four parking spaces with inspection facilities to enhance food surveillance on live food animals and poultry. The project is estimated for completion in mid 2010. The other project will provide 17 carpark spaces with inspection facilities and six carpark spaces for detention of food vehicles. The project is estimated for completion in end 2012. The Department will increase the number of food sample tests when the situation warrants.

Signature _____

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