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Question :

Under this programme, the estimated number of inspections to food premises to be conducted in 2009 is 220 000, representing a decrease of 12 245 over the actual number in 2008. Please advise on the reasons for the decrease and the effect on food safety surveillance.

Asked by : Hon. LEE Kok-long, Joseph

Reply :

The decrease in the estimated number of inspections to food premises in 2009 is due to an estimated 5% decrease in the number of such premises. The inspection frequency however remains unchanged and hygiene control on food premises will not be compromised.

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