

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
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Question :

What is the establishment of staff responsible for inspecting imported vegetables at Man Kam To? In this connection, what is the financial provision earmarked for 2009-10? How is it compared to the provision in the previous year (i.e. 2008-09)?

Asked by : Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply :

In 2009-10, the Man Kam To Food Control Office has an establishment of 42 posts, including health inspectors and supporting staff responsible for inspecting imported fresh food.

The estimated expenditure for import control for food is \$88.8 million in 2009-10, representing a rise of \$4.5 million (5.3%) from the revised estimate of 2008-09. The increase in expenditure is to enhance the staffing support on import control.

The resources provided for inspection of imported vegetables cannot be separately identified.

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