## Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2009-10

## CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

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## **Question**:

It is estimated that the number of prosecutions against licensed food premises will further decrease in 2009-10. What are the reasons for the decrease? Why is it estimated that the number of inspections to food premises will decrease by 5.3%?

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

## Reply:

The estimated decrease in the number of inspections to and prosecutions against 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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