

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

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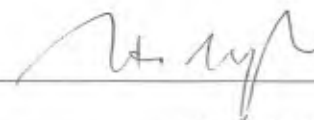
Question: Regarding the indicator “follow-up inspections and quality assurance visits”, please advise the reasons for the decreased number of such inspections/visits in 2009.

Asked by: Hon. LI Wah-ming, Fred

Reply:

The number of follow-up inspections and quality assurance visits on gas safety conducted in 2007 was increased to 2 647 as a result of stepping up enforcement actions on commercial gas installations to include about 900 inspections/visits of enclosed type gas-fired meat roasters. This was to promote and up-keep their safety standards. In 2008, about 500 inspections of the meat roaster installations were conducted, resulting in a total number of 2 034 inspections/visits for the year. After several rounds of inspection, the safety standards of these commercial gas installations are considered acceptable. The number of inspections/visits in 2009 is therefore estimated to be 2 050 to reflect the prevailing situation.

Signature



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Date

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