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Question (Member Question No. 28):

With regard to the 3 300 applications for import of game, meat and poultry as indicated in this year's Estimates, please advise on the following:

1. the number of applications for import of game;
2. the types of game to be imported; and
3. the manpower for and expenditure on processing the applications, as well as the amount of expenditure to be involved in disease control.

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Reply:

1. In 2013, there were a total of 315 applications for import of game. With regard to the estimated 3 300 applications for import of game, meat and poultry in 2014, the number in respect of game cannot be separately identified.
2. In 2013, a total of 27 types of game were imported, including pigeon, goat, venison, crocodile, ostrich, rabbit, kangaroo, quail, snake and elk velvet antler. We do not have information on the types of game to be imported in 2014.
3. The Food Import and Export Section of the Centre for Food Safety, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department is responsible for import control of game, meat and poultry, among other duties. For 2014-15, the Food Import and Export Section has an establishment of 245 staff and its estimated expenditure is about \$143.8 million. Separate breakdown on the manpower resources to be spent on processing of applications for import of game and expenditure on disease control is not readily available.