Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2015-16

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Question:

With regard to the issue of licences relating to the retail of live chickens, please advise on the following:

- (a) the number of permissions granted for selling of fresh poultry carcass, as well as the expenditure and manpower involved, in each of the past four years (i.e. from 2011-12 to 2014-15); and
- (b) whether there is change in the number of licences with permission for selling live chickens in 2014-15, as compared to 2013-14.

Asked by: Hon HO Chun-yin, Steven (Member Question No. 14)

Reply:

- (a) In 2011, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department issued one fresh provision shop (FPS) licence with permission for selling fresh poultry carcass and granted permission to one existing FPS licensee for selling fresh poultry carcass. No new FPS licence or permission to existing licensees for selling fresh poultry carcass was granted in 2012, 2013 and 2014. There is no separate breakdown of the expenditure and manpower involved in the handling of applications for licence or permission for selling fresh poultry carcass.
- (b) In 2013-14 and 2014-15, the number of FPS licence with permission for selling live poultry remained at 46.