Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2016-17

Reply Serial No.

FHB(FE)162

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0009)

<u>Head</u>: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Food Safety and Public Health

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise on the number of Mainland processing plants supplying chilled pork to Hong Kong, the total import and average import price of Mainland chilled pork, as well as the number of inspections to the Mainland chilled pork processing plants, in each of the past three years (i.e. 2013, 2014 and 2015).

Asked by: Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan (Member Question No. 9)

Reply:

In 2013, 2014 and 2015, the number of Mainland processing plants approved for supplying chilled pork to Hong Kong was four, four and five respectively. According to the record of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, the quantity of Mainland chilled pork imported into Hong Kong was about 11 500 tonnes, 10 200 tonnes and 9 020 tonnes respectively.

According to the figures released by the Census and Statistics Department, the average import price of Mainland chilled pork in 2013, 2014 and 2015 was \$14.4, \$10.7 and \$16.7 per catty respectively.

The number of inspections to Mainland chilled pork processing plants in 2013, 2014 and 2015 was four, three and five respectively.