

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**FHB(FE)170****(Question Serial No. 0017)****Head:** (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department**Subhead (No. & title):** (-) Not Specified**Programme:** (1) Food Safety and Public Health**Controlling Officer:** Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)**Director of Bureau:** Secretary for Food and Health**Question:**

Please advise on the quantities of fresh, chilled and frozen chickens imported from the Mainland into Hong Kong, their respective share and average import price in each of the past three years (i.e. from 2013 to 2015).

Asked by: Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan (Member Question No. 17)**Reply:**

The information sought is provided as follows –

	Fresh Chicken			Chilled Chicken			Frozen Chicken		
	Quantity (kg)*	%	Average Import Price (\$/kg)*#	Quantity (kg)@	%	Average Import Price (\$/kg)#	Quantity (kg)@	%	Average Import Price (\$/kg)#
2013	4 448 000	4.54	14.7	37 538 000	38.33	15.9	55 943 000	57.13	15.5
2014	1 767 000 ^{&}	1.66	15.4	39 641 000	37.15	16.4	65 295 000	61.19	16.3
2015	115 000 [^]	0.11	12.5	48 456 000	44.99	17.6	59 125 000	54.90	16.7

* The information is provided by the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department. The import data on fresh chickens as given in the trade declarations is on a per chicken basis. To facilitate comparison, the quantity and the price are presented in terms of kg by a conversion factor of 1.93 kg per chicken in 2013, 1.96 kg per chicken in 2014 and 1.88 kg per chicken in 2015.

@ This is based on information from the Hong Kong Merchandise Trade Statistics.

The information is provided by the Census and Statistics Department (C&SD), sourced from trader's import declarations to the Customs and Excise Department. Average

import prices, calculated by dividing the total import value by its corresponding total import quantity, are subject to various factors other than pure price movement such as composition of commodity, quality of commodity, supply patterns of imports, terms of payment and delivery as well as the trading practices and pricing policies of trading partners.

& There was no import of live chickens from the Mainland from 28 January to 5 September 2014.

^ Import of live chickens from the Mainland was last suspended as from 31 December 2014 due to the temporary closure of the Cheung Sha Wan Temporary Wholesale Poultry Market (CSWTWPM) after the detection of a H7 avian influenza positive consignment of imported live poultry. Trading of live poultry at CSWTWPM resumed on 22 January 2015. However, there was no import of live poultry until 10 February 2015 and the import quantity has since been significantly reduced compared to the average in the past.

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