

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**FHB(FE)272****(Question Serial No. 4256)**Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expensesProgramme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related ServicesControlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and HealthQuestion:

Please advise on the total number of animal carcasses collected by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department and how they were handled in each of the past three years, with a breakdown by type of animals.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Hak-kan (Member Question No. 56)Reply:

The total number of animal carcasses collected by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department in the past three calendar years is 39 746. The breakdown by year and type of animals is as follows –

Year	Dogs	Cats	Pigs	Cattles	Others ^[Note]	Total
2013	6 724	4 896	1 791	112	467	13 990
2014	5 438	3 917	3 922	41	372	13 690
2015	4 782	3 913	2 934	21	416	12 066
Total	16 944	12 726	8 647	174	1 255	39 746

Note: "Others" includes snakes, monkeys, rabbits, civets, porcupines, hamsters and wild pigs.

At present, the animal carcass collection services are outsourced. The service contractor provides daily animal carcass collection service, and the collected carcasses will be disinfected and put into plastic bags before transporting to designated landfills for final disposal.