

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**FHB(FE)280****(Question Serial No. 5506)**Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not specifiedProgramme: (1) Food Safety and Public HealthControlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and HealthQuestion:

Please set out in tabular form the quantities of "import of live food animals" in the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 6103)Reply:

The numbers of live food animals imported into Hong Kong in the past 5 years are tabulated as follows:

| | Quantity (Head/Number) Imported into Hong Kong | | | | |
|--------------------|---|-------------|----------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 |
| Live cattle | 26 032 | 19 153 | 18 602 | 17 911 | 17 493 |
| Live goats | 8 946 | 6 472 | 5 371 | 4 381 | 3 396 |
| Live pigs | 1 540 756 | 1 575 810 | 1 624 926 | 1 583 398 | 1 439 568 |
| Live chickens | 2 470 800 | 2 301 900 | 912 300 [@] | 61 300 [#] | 32 000 ^{&} |
| Other live poultry | 1 069 341 | 959 878 | 327 056 | 465 305 | 590 598 |

Remark: [@] There was no import of live chickens from 28 January to 5 September 2014.
[#] Import of live chickens from the Mainland was 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. 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.
[&] There was no import of live chickens from the Mainland since 17 February 2016.

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