

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**FHB(FE)281****(Question Serial No. 5507)**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:

As regards "import of live food animals" in the past 5 years, please set out in tabular form the respective quantities and places of origin.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 6104)Reply:

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

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

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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