

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

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Programme: (1) Food Safety and Public Health

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Question:

Follow-up question to FHB(FE)135:

Please provide the amount of chilled chicken supplied from the Mainland, the ability of local farms to increase supply and describe the related policy of the department/bureau.

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Reply:

In the past 3 years (i.e. 2015 – 2017), the amount of chilled chicken supplied from the Mainland to Hong Kong were 48 456 tonnes, 57 418 tonnes and 61 996 tonnes respectively.

The rearing capacity of local chicken farms has been capped at 1.3 million in order to minimise the risk of human infection of Avian Influenza through live chickens, while providing a steady supply of live chickens to meet the market demand.

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