

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)071****(Question Serial No. 1806)**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:

With regard to the import of live pigs, please provide:

- I. the total number of live pigs imported to Hong Kong in each of the past 3 years;
- II. the average, the highest and the lowest daily numbers of live pigs imported to Hong Kong per month in the past 5 years;
- III. the total expenditure spent on the quarantine of imported live pigs by the Government in each of the past 3 years.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Hoi-yan (LegCo internal reference no.: 22)Reply:

- I. The total number of live pigs imported to Hong Kong in each of the past 3 years is as follows:

| <b>Calendar Year</b> | <b>Total number of live pigs imported</b> |
|----------------------|---|
| 2017                 | 1 455 379                                 |
| 2018                 | 1 468 150                                 |
| 2019                 | 843 422                                   |

- II. The number of live pigs imported to Hong Kong in the past 5 years is as follows:

2015

| <b>Month</b> | <b>Daily number of live pigs imported</b> |                |               |
|--------------|---|----------------|---------------|
|              | <b>Average</b>                            | <b>Highest</b> | <b>Lowest</b> |
| January      | 4 662                                     | 5 347          | 3 221         |

|           |       |       |       |
|-----------|-------|-------|-------|
| February  | 4 330 | 6 993 | 2 094 |
| March     | 4 500 | 5 118 | 3 964 |
| April     | 4 308 | 4 872 | 2 557 |
| May       | 4 434 | 5 086 | 3 813 |
| June      | 4 513 | 5 065 | 3 839 |
| July      | 4 266 | 4 936 | 3 198 |
| August    | 4 119 | 4 744 | 2 972 |
| September | 4 251 | 5 130 | 3 486 |
| October   | 4 266 | 5 044 | 3 668 |
| November  | 4 284 | 4 918 | 3 642 |
| December  | 4 124 | 4 953 | 3 211 |

2016

| Month     | Daily number of live pigs imported |         |        |
|-----------|------------------------------------|---------|--------|
|           | Average                            | Highest | Lowest |
| January   | 4 263                              | 5 165   | 2 740  |
| February  | 3 912                              | 6 642   | 1 934  |
| March     | 3 994                              | 4 617   | 3 186  |
| April     | 3 844                              | 4 423   | 3 274  |
| May       | 3 953                              | 4 486   | 2 913  |
| June      | 3 909                              | 4 618   | 3 010  |
| July      | 3 862                              | 4 380   | 3 183  |
| August    | 3 717                              | 4 679   | 2 486  |
| September | 3 903                              | 4 505   | 3 175  |
| October   | 3 977                              | 4 756   | 2 988  |
| November  | 4 014                              | 4 740   | 3 542  |
| December  | 3 849                              | 4 563   | 2 748  |

2017

| Month     | Daily number of live pigs imported |         |        |
|-----------|------------------------------------|---------|--------|
|           | Average                            | Highest | Lowest |
| January   | 3 869                              | 5 747   | 1 930  |
| February  | 3 869                              | 4 662   | 3 111  |
| March     | 4 011                              | 4 495   | 3 574  |
| April     | 3 809                              | 4 630   | 3 038  |
| May       | 4 056                              | 4 620   | 3 502  |
| June      | 4 089                              | 4 677   | 3 346  |
| July      | 4 044                              | 4 544   | 3 244  |
| August    | 3 987                              | 4 832   | 2 969  |
| September | 4 144                              | 4 637   | 3 723  |
| October   | 4 047                              | 4 634   | 2 978  |
| November  | 4 064                              | 4 391   | 3 495  |
| December  | 3 854                              | 4 712   | 2 687  |

2018

| Month   | Daily number of live pigs imported |         |        |
|---------|------------------------------------|---------|--------|
|         | Average                            | Highest | Lowest |
| January | 4 180                              | 4 833   | 3 618  |

|           |       |       |       |
|-----------|-------|-------|-------|
| February  | 3 807 | 7 049 | 1 949 |
| March     | 3 895 | 4 408 | 3 078 |
| April     | 3 963 | 4 476 | 2 698 |
| May       | 4 133 | 4 674 | 3 754 |
| June      | 4 171 | 4 675 | 3 531 |
| July      | 4 061 | 4 453 | 3 414 |
| August    | 4 030 | 4 822 | 3 446 |
| September | 4 100 | 5 243 | 1 188 |
| October   | 4 097 | 4 952 | 3 511 |
| November  | 4 136 | 4 719 | 3 167 |
| December  | 3 683 | 4 842 | 1 874 |

2019

| Month     | Daily number of live pigs imported |         |        |
|-----------|------------------------------------|---------|--------|
|           | Average                            | Highest | Lowest |
| January   | 3 792                              | 5 043   | 2 822  |
| February  | 3 318                              | 5 586   | 2 311  |
| March     | 3 895                              | 5 111   | 2 989  |
| April     | 3 675                              | 4 687   | 2 482  |
| May       | 2 653                              | 4 708   | 960    |
| June      | 1 485                              | 2 686   | 967    |
| July      | 1 706                              | 2 096   | 1 384  |
| August    | 1 426                              | 2 014   | 1 155  |
| September | 1 523                              | 1 831   | 1 238  |
| October   | 1 439                              | 1 692   | 1 041  |
| November  | 1 477                              | 1 824   | 1 269  |
| December  | 1 404                              | 1 641   | 805    |

III. The expenditure on the quarantine of imported live food animals by the Government in each of the past 3 years is as follows:

| Year    | Expenditure (\$ million)* |
|---------|---------------------------|
| 2017-18 | 13.4                      |
| 2018-19 | 15.0                      |
| 2019-20 | 16.5 (revised estimate)   |

\* This includes the expenditure on the quarantine of imported live pigs, cattle and goats. The expenditure concerned for live pigs cannot be separately quantified.

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