

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**FHB(FE)073****(Question Serial No. 1808)**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 number of Mainland pig farms eligible for exporting pigs to Hong Kong over the past 3 years, with a breakdown by province;
- II. the number of inspections conducted by the Department to these Mainland pig farms and the manpower involved in each of the past 3 years.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Hoi-yan (LegCo internal reference no.: 24)Reply:

- I. The number of registered Mainland live pig farms eligible for supplying pigs to Hong Kong (registered pig farms) in the past 3 years, with a breakdown by geographical location, is as follows:

| Province / City / Autonomous region | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Anhui | 1 | 1 | - |
| Chongqing | 1 | 1 | - |
| Fujian (including Xiamen) | 1 | 1 | - |
| Guangdong, Shenzhen and Zhuhai | 82 | 77 | 55 |
| Guangxi | 5 | 10 | 10 |
| Guizhou | - | - | 1 |
| Hainan | 2 | 3 | 3 |
| Henan | 15 | 14 | 11 |
| Hubei | 12 | 7 | 6 |
| Hunan | 33 | 21 | 20 |

| Province / City / Autonomous region | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Jiangxi | 18 | 16 | 12 |
| Shanxi | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Shanghai | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Zhejiang | 1 | 1 | - |
| Total | 173 | 154 | 120 |

Note: The eligible registered pig farms did not necessarily supply live pigs to Hong Kong in the respective years.

II. The Centre for Food Safety (CFS) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department inspected 8, 7 and 11 registered pig farms in 2017, 2018 and 2019 respectively. Inspections of live pig farms outside Hong Kong are undertaken by an inspection unit comprising 11 CFS officers. Its work also includes the inspection of Mainland farms supplying other livestock and poultry to Hong Kong.

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