

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**EEB(F)085****(Question Serial No. 0175)**Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not specifiedProgramme: (3) Market Management and Hawker ControlControlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Donald NG)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Environment and EcologyQuestion:

Please set out in tabular form the number of live poultry stalls in operation in each public market under the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, as well as the number of fresh provision shops with permission to sell live poultry in the past 3 years (2022, 2023 and 2024). Will the Government consider setting up live poultry stalls in more public markets? If yes, what are the plans to promote the development of the trade?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy (LegCo internal reference no.: 16)Reply:

The number of live poultry stalls in public markets under the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) and the number of fresh provision shops with permission to sell live poultry in the past 3 years (2022, 2023 and 2024) are tabulated below:

	Number as at 31 December		
	2022	2023	2024
Fresh provision shop licences with permission to sell live poultry ^(Note)	43	42	42
Live poultry stalls in public markets	85	84	84

Note: Including the number of licences with permission to sell live poultry at market facilities in properties under the Hong Kong Housing Authority, Link REIT or other private developers.

According to the current policy, on the premise that, as far as circumstances allow, prevention of avian influenza transmission will not be compromised, FEHD will introduce an appropriate number of live poultry stalls in new public markets or modernised markets that are overhauled or redeveloped. These markets include the new public markets under construction in Area 67 of Tseung Kwan O and Kwu Tung North New Development Area, each of which will have 2 live poultry stalls. The new live poultry stalls will adopt designs with stringent hygiene

standards and a display window for sale purposes, as well as dedicated slaughtering rooms inside, ensuring complete separation between purchasers and the live poultry. In addition, these stalls will be equipped with independent air-conditioning, ventilation and air filtration systems to ensure good hygiene conditions. Also, FEHD put up a vacant live poultry stall at Tai Kok Tsui Market in Mong Kok which has adopted a display window for sale purposes for open auction in March 2025, thus increasing the number of live poultry stalls in public markets under FEHD to 85.

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