

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**EEB(F)156****(Question Serial No. 3762)**Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not specifiedProgramme: (1) Food Safety and Public HealthControlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Donald NG)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Environment and EcologyQuestion:

With regard to the wholesale of live cattle, please advise this Committee of:

- (a) the number of live cattle imported in the past 3 years;
- (b) the wholesale prices of live cattle imported in the past 3 years; and
- (c) the revised estimate of the expenditure on live food animal inspection in slaughterhouses.

Asked by: Hon HO Chun-yin, Steven (LegCo internal reference no.: 52)Reply:

- (a) The numbers of live cattle imported in the past 3 years are tabulated as follows:

Year	Total number of live cattle imported
2022	11 906
2023	10 968
2024	9 142

- (b) The wholesale prices of live cattle imported in the past 3 years are tabulated as follows:

Year	Wholesale price per picul of live cattle imported (\$)					
	Marbled meat cattle			Beef cattle		
	Average	Highest	Lowest	Average	Highest	Lowest
2022	5,710	5,710	5,710	4,970	4,970	4,970
2023	5,710	5,710	5,710	4,970	4,970	4,970
2024	5,710	5,710	5,710	4,775	4,970	4,620

- (c) The revised estimate of the expenditure on inspection of live food animals in slaughterhouses in 2024-25 was \$50.2 million.