

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2007-08
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Question :

There is no mention of pest control work under "Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2007-08". Please provide details of the work plan and the allocation of resources in this area.

Asked by : Hon. TAM Heung-man

Reply :

The Department will continue to provide effective pest control service. The work plan for 2007-08 is to enhance: (a) risk assessment and communication on pests affecting public health; (b) publicity and community participation; and (c) control and prevention of disease-borne vectors. The work includes the continuation of the territory-wide dengue vector surveillance programme which provides useful information on the distribution, prevalence and the seasonal fluctuation of the dengue vector in Hong Kong; the launching of anti-mosquito and anti-rodent campaigns which aim at heightening public awareness on the potential risk of vector-borne diseases and encouraging community participation. Besides, the Department will continue to enforce relevant legislation to prevent pest problems in private premises.

The direct expenditure on pest control work for 2007-08 is about \$365.6 million.

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