

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2008-09
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

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Head : 49 Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

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Question :

As poison treatment and trapping of rodents in building blocks and elimination of mosquito breeding places are provided by contractors in some districts, please list the districts where contractors will be engaged for provision of these services in 2008, highlighting the respective District Environmental Hygiene Offices concerned. Please also advise on the estimated total expenditure involved in outsourcing these services, as well as the manpower and estimated expenditure required if these services are to be provided by staff of the Department.

Asked by : Hon. LEONG Kah-kit, Alan

Reply :

To enhance pest and rodent control, the Department has since July 2003 engaged contractors in all 19 districts to supplement services provided by in-house staff. The estimated expenditure on the engagement of contractors for this purpose will be some \$190 million in the 2008-09 financial year. The contractors will deploy about 1 460 staff to provide the required services. If such services are provided by the Department with in-house staff, the estimated direct expenditure and manpower will be about \$235 million and 1 460 staff respectively.

Signature _____

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