

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Question:

The incidence of poison treatments of rodent infestation in building blocks rose from 45 131 in 2008 to 48 180 in 2009, and the number of trappings also rose from 9 147 in 2008 to 26 872 in 2009. What are the reasons for the considerable increase on both counts? Please advise on the respective manpower and expenditure involved for the years concerned.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy

Reply:

To further improve the effectiveness of rodent control work, we made a wider use of poison treatments and rodent trappings in 2009. Hence the increase in both numbers in 2009 over 2008.

The staffing and expenditure of in-house and contractor staff engaged in providing rodent control services are as follows –

<u>Year</u>	<u>Total No. of Staff</u>	<u>Total Direct Expenditure (\$ million)</u>
2008-09	2 300	121
2009-10	2 230	136

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