

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

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Question:

- (a) How many rodent infestation complaints have been received over the past year (i.e. in 2009)?
- (b) It is stated by the Department that a total of 26 872 rodent trappings were conducted in 2009. Please advise on the number of rodents caught.
- (c) Has there been any improvement or innovation with regard to techniques in rodent-catching by the Department since 2008? Are there any exchanges of experience and best practice with rodent control experts in the Mainland and overseas?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Mei-fun, Priscilla

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The number of rodent infestation complaints in 2009 is 7 063.
- (b) The number of rodents trapped in 2009 is 6 828.
- (c) The Department adopts an integrated rodent control approach, consisting of improvement to environmental conditions, application of poisonous baits and setting of traps. The approach is in line with the recommendations of the World Health Organization and practices adopted by other major cities. The Department reviews the rodent control materials and methodology from time to time, having regard to international developments and research results.

Exchange of experience in rodent control has been made regularly with authorities and experts in the Mainland and overseas.

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