

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

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Question:

Regarding the indicator for "number of trappings", the actual number of trappings significantly increased from 26 872 in 2009 to 45 036 in 2010, and the estimated number for 2011 is 45 000. Please advise on:

- (a) the reasons for the increase in the number of trappings;
- (b) the expenditure involved; and
- (c) whether additional manpower will be provided in order to meet the higher target; if yes, the expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows -

- (a) To further improve the effectiveness of rodent control work, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department intensified the use of rodent control measures in 2010.
- (b) The direct expenditure on rodent control work in 2010-11 is about \$134.2 million.
- (c) No additional manpower is required for achieving the target.

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