

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

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Question:

Regarding the indicator for "mosquito breeding places eliminated", the number of breeding places eliminated dropped from 76 526 in 2009 (Actual) to 55 225 in 2010 (Actual), and will further drop to 55 000 in 2011 (Estimate). Please advise on:

- (a) the reasons for the decline in numbers;
- (b) the expenditure involved and whether there is a reduction in expenditure; and
- (c) whether there will be a cutback in manpower; if yes, the expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows -

- (a) The drop in the number of mosquito breeding places eliminated in 2010 reflects the general decline in the number of mosquito breeding places in the territory. This is attributed to the efforts of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department in enhancing community education and publicity since 1 April 2009 to raise public awareness of mosquito control.
- (b) The direct expenditure on mosquito control work in 2010-11 is about \$201.7 million and it represents a slight increase on the expenditure of \$196.6 million in 2009-10.
- (c) There will be no reduction in manpower in 2010-11.

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