

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Question:

With regard to the provision of pest control services, please advise on:

- (a) the overall expenditure on pest control services at present, the establishment of in-house staff responsible for providing these services and the staffing cost involved; and
- (b) the number of contractors and contractor staff engaged in the provision of pest control services and the expenditure on outsourcing of these services.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Yung-kan

Reply:

- (a) The direct expenditure on pest control services in 2010-11 is \$383.1 million. As at 1 March 2011, the establishment of in-house staff responsible for providing these services is 775 and total staff cost is about \$160 million.
- (b) Five two-year contracts commencing 1 April 2009 have been awarded to two contractors at a total cost of \$385.8 million for the provision of pest control services. The total number of contractor staff is 1 503.

Signature _____

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