

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

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Question:

The indicators for “poison treatments of rodent infestation in building blocks” and “number of trappings” increased from 46 015 and 45 036 in 2010 (Actual) to 52 520 and 50 781 in 2011 (Actual) respectively.

- (a) Please advise on the reason(s) for the increase in numbers, and whether this reflects the worsening of the rodent infestation problem.
- (b) Please provide in the table below the rodent infestation rates for each of the 19 districts and for the whole territory over the past five years.

District	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Central & Western					
Eastern					
Southern					
Wan Chai					
Islands					
Kowloon City					
Kwun Tong					
Wong Tai Sin					
Sham Shui Po					
Mong Kok					
Yau Tsim					
Sai Kung					
Sha Tin					
Tai Po					
North					
Kwai Tsing					
Tsuen Wan					
Tuen Mun					
Yuen Long					
Territory-wide					

- (c) Please advise on the Department's anti-rodent measures in place, details of these measures and the expenditure involved.
- (d) As these two services are provided by the staff of the Department and the staff of the contractors it engaged, please advise on the proportion of the services undertaken by in-house staff and contractors' workers, and their respective manpower and expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon. PAN Pey-chyou

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows -

- (a) To further improve the effectiveness of rodent control work, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) intensified the rodent control measures in 2011, including poison treatments and rodent trappings. Hence, there was an increase in both numbers in 2011 over 2010.
- (b) The required figures are as follows -

District	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Central & Western	7.5%	5.7%	4.7%	0.5%	0.5%
Eastern	3.2%	4.4%	8.1%	2.3%	0.6%
Southern	6.0%	4.0%	6.5%	0.5%	1.6%
Wan Chai	8.5%	8.1%	1.6%	4.5%	1.8%
Islands	6.6%	7.9%	9.3%	0.5%	0.0%
Kowloon City	3.6%	4.2%	5.0%	0.9%	1.4%
Kwun Tong	5.3%	5.3%	12.4%	3.1%	3.1%
Wong Tai Sin	3.0%	6.9%	7.5%	2.4%	1.5%
Sham Shui Po	3.9%	6.5%	7.8%	2.0%	3.2%
Mong Kok	4.7%	6.8%	2.0%	1.3%	2.9%
Yau Tsim	3.0%	5.7%	5.4%	2.3%	1.8%
Sai Kung	9.0%	8.4%	5.4%	0.9%	1.8%
Sha Tin	0.5%	5.5%	5.5%	1.3%	1.7%
Tai Po	3.9%	11.0%	1.8%	0.0%	0.9%
North	5.9%	6.5%	7.2%	0.9%	0.6%
Kwai Tsing	1.7%	4.9%	3.1%	1.5%	2.6%
Tsuen Wan	5.9%	13.3%	5.1%	2.1%	2.6%
Tuen Mun	5.4%	1.7%	8.3%	1.3%	0.8%
Yuen Long	5.3%	5.3%	6.6%	1.8%	3.0%
Territory-wide	4.8%	6.3%	6.1%	1.5%	1.7%

- (c) The Department adopts an integrated rodent control approach. The measures include improvement to environmental conditions, application of poisonous bait and setting of traps. The estimated expenditure involved in rodent control services in 2011-12 is \$135.7 million.



- (d) There is no separate breakdown on the proportion of poison treatment and rodent trapping services undertaken by in-house staff and contractors' workers, or their respective manpower or expenditure involved.

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