

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

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Head: 49 Food and Environmental Hygiene Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (1) Food Safety and Public Health

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please provide information on the following:

- (a) the number of rodent infestation complaints received in the past three years, with a breakdown by district;
- (b) the total number of rodents trapped in 2011 as 50 781 trappings were conducted;
- (c) the Department's expenditure and manpower involved in rodent disinfestation work in 2012-13; and
- (d) the Department's special measures to tackle rodent blackspots with higher infestation rates.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Yung-kan

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The required figures are as follows -

District	Year		
	2009	2010	2011
Central & Western	607	605	585
Eastern	472	505	453
Southern	144	163	140
Wan Chai	392	372	373
Islands	105	222	137
Kowloon City	540	610	492
Kwun Tong	250	306	242
Wong Tai Sin	147	199	144
Sham Shui Po	577	577	510
Yau Tsim Mong	957	971	858
Sai Kung	318	425	380
Sha Tin	309	261	248
Tai Po	280	322	267
North	197	179	169
Kwai Tsing	160	221	203

District	Year		
	2009	2010	2011
Tsuen Wan	593	414	555
Tuen Mun	402	507	480
Yuen Long	613	512	397
Territory-wide	7 063	7 371	6 633

- (b) The number of rodents trapped in 2011 is 10 163.
- (c) The estimated expenditure involved in rodent control work in 2012-13 is \$138.6 million. The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) and its contractors have a total workforce of about 2 260 in providing pest control services.
- (d) The Department will continue to enhance anti-rodent control work and launch district-specific publicity and educational programmes to promote greater community involvement in rodent control and prevention, in addition to its regular pest control work and annual territory-wide publicity campaigns.

Signature _____

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Date _____ 1.3.2012 _____