

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**FHB(FE)111****(Question Serial No. 0878)**

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Question (Member Question No. 16):

With regard to rodent control work, please provide information on the following:

- the number of rodent infestation complaints received in the past three years with a breakdown by district;
- the total number of rodents trapped in 2013 as 53 236 trappings were conducted;
- the Department's expenditure and manpower involved in rodent disinfection work in 2014-15; and
- the Department's special measures to tackle rodent blackspots with higher infestation rates.

Asked by: Hon. HO Chun-yin, Steven

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

(a)

District	Number of rodent infestation complaints received		
	2011	2012	2013
Central & Western	585	528	669
Eastern	453	506	644
Southern	140	139	142
Wan Chai	373	349	310
Islands	137	138	143
Kowloon City	492	414	457
Kwun Tong	242	254	273
Wong Tai Sin	144	126	188
Sham Shui Po	510	547	537
Mong Kok	467	483	605

Yau Tsim	391	319	313
Shatin	248	288	302
Tai Po	267	265	232
North	169	172	154
Kwai Tsing	203	131	191
Tsuen Wan	555	447	551
Tuen Mun	480	381	232
Yuen Long	397	513	451
Sai Kung	380	378	419
Total	6 633	6 378	6 813

- (b) The number of rodents trapped in 2013 is 10 305.
- (c) The estimated expenditure involved in rodent control work in 2014-15 is \$154.7 million. The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) and its contractors have a total workforce of about 2 270 in providing pest control services.
- (d) The Department will continue to enhance rodent control work and launch district-specific publicity and educational programmes to promote greater community involvement in rodent control and prevention in districts with higher infestation rates, in addition to its regular pest control work and annual territory-wide publicity campaigns.