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Question (Member Question No. 59):

Regarding the indicators for “poison treatments of rodent infestation in building blocks”, “number of trappings” and “pest control surveys conducted”, please provide information on the following:

1. the estimated expenditure to be involved in achieving each of the above projected indicators;
2. the overall rodent infestation rate for each quarter over the past three years in the table below:

	2011				2012				2013			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Overall Rodent Infestation Rate												

3. the rodent infestation rate for various districts and for the whole territory over the past three years (i.e. from 2011 to 2013) in the table below:

District	2011	2012	2013
Central & Western			
Eastern			
Southern			
Wan Chai			
Kowloon City			
Kwun Tong			
Wong Tai Sin			
Sham Shui Po			
Mong Kok			
Yau Tsim			
Sha Tin			
Tai Po			

North			
Kwai Tsing			
Tsuen Wan			
Tuen Mun			
Yuen Long			
Sai Kung			
Islands			
Territory-wide			

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Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows -

1. The estimated expenditure on rodent control work in 2014-15 is \$154.7 million. There is no separate breakdown on the expenditure for poison treatment, rodent trapping services and rodent control surveys undertaken by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department).
2. The Department conducts territory-wide rodent infestation survey twice a year. Information on the overall rodent infestation rate (RIR) over the past three years is given below -

	2011		2012		2013	
	first half of 2011	second half of 2011	first half of 2012	second half of 2012	first half of 2013	second half of 2013
Overall RIR	1.8%	1.5 %	2.9 %	1.9%	3.0%	3.2%

Note

Overall RIR is the average infestation rate of the districts during the period.

3. Information on the RIR for various districts and for the whole territory over the past three years is given below –

District	Year		
	2011	2012	2013
Central & Western	0.5 %	1.1%	3.6%
Eastern	0.6 %	3.2%	5.9%
Southern	1.6 %	2.2%	1.1%
Wan Chai	1.8 %	2.7%	2.7%
Kowloon City	1.4 %	5.6%	4.2%
Kwun Tong	3.1 %	4.1%	2.0%
Wong Tai Sin	1.5 %	3.8%	5.8%
Sham Shui Po	3.2 %	3.8%	6.6%
Mong Kok	2.9 %	2.1%	2.1%
Yau Tsim	1.8 %	1.8%	0.9%
Shatin	1.7 %	0.9%	1.3%

Tai Po	0.9 %	1.3%	2.7%
North	0.6 %	1.2%	1.6%
Kwai Tsing	2.6 %	1.5%	2.6%
Tsuen Wan	2.6 %	1.0%	4.6%
Tuen Mun	0.8 %	1.7%	0.4%
Yuen Long	3.0 %	7.9%	8.3%
Sai Kung	1.8 %	0.0%	0.0%
Islands	0.0 %	0.0%	0.5%
Territory-wide	1.7 %	2.4%	3.1%

Note

When the RIR of a district is higher than ten per cent, the Department will strengthen rodent disinfestation operations there. For a district with an RIR reaching 20 per cent or higher, the relevant government departments will form a joint task force and launch special rodent control operations to strengthen rodent disinfestation, environmental improvement and cleansing services comprehensively, and to promote rodent control in the community.