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Question (Member Question No. 14):

Please advise on the following:

1. the actual, revised and estimated operating expenses for pest control in 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15; and
2. the main reason(s) for the increase in operating expenses for pest control.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Pik-wan, Helena

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows -

1. The actual expenditure in 2012-13, revised estimated expenditure in 2013-14 and estimated expenditure in 2014-15 on pest control services is \$435 million, \$476 million and \$484 million respectively.
2. The increase in expenditure is mainly due to the increase in the wages payable to the staff of the contractors after implementation of the statutory minimum wage as reflected in the contract prices for the pest control services.