

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

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Question:

With regard to rodent control work, 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 2014 as 52 601 trappings were conducted;
- (c) the Department's expenditure and manpower to be involved in rodent disinfestation work in 2015-16; and
- (d) the Department's special measures to tackle rodent blackspots with higher infestation rates.

Asked by: Hon HO Chun-yin, Steven (Member Question No. 30)

Reply:

- (a) The information sought is provided as follows -

District	Number of rodent infestation complaints received		
	2012	2013	2014
Central & Western	528	669	719
Eastern	506	644	624
Southern	139	142	123
Wan Chai	349	310	403
Islands	138	143	142
Kowloon City	414	457	555

District	Number of rodent infestation complaints received		
	2012	2013	2014
Kwun Tong	254	273	270
Wong Tai Sin	126	188	169
Sham Shui Po	547	537	540
Mong Kok	483	605	628
Yau Tsim	319	313	236
Sha Tin	288	302	381
Tai Po	265	232	222
North	172	154	233
Kwai Tsing	131	191	164
Tsuen Wan	447	551	299
Tuen Mun	381	232	245
Yuen Long	513	451	416
Sai Kung	378	419	255
Total	6 378	6 813	6 624

- (b) The number of rodents trapped in 2014 is 11 945.
- (c) The estimated expenditure involved in rodent control work in 2015-16 is \$158.5 million. The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) and its contractors have a total workforce of about 2 310 in providing pest control services.
- (d) The Department will continue to enhance rodent control work and launch district-specific rodent control measures in districts with a higher Rodent Infestation Rate, including 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.

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