

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Food Safety and Public Health

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please provide this Committee with information under this programme as follows:

- (1) the operational expenses, staff establishment and estimated full-year expenditure on salaries of the Department's pest control teams in each of the 19 district environmental hygiene offices (DEHOs) for 2015-16;
- (2) whether the Department has outsourced the pest control work to contractors; if yes, the outsourcing cost for 2014-15 and the estimated outsourcing cost for 2015-16;
- (3) the number of rodents trapped by contractors in 2014-15;
- (4) the number of trappings conducted and rodents trapped by various DEHOs' pest control teams in 2014-15.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Wai-yip, Albert (Member Question No. 112)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows -

- (1) The estimated expenditure of the 19 district environmental hygiene offices of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) in providing pest control services is \$435.1 million for 2015-16. There is a total workforce of about 700 in the in-house pest control teams for 2015-16 and the estimated expenditure on salaries for these teams is \$158.9 million. The Department does not keep a breakdown of the above information by district.
- (2) Pest control service is provided by both in-house staff and contractor staff. The revised estimated cost of the outsourced pest control service for 2014-15 is \$249 million and the estimated cost for 2015-16 is \$252.6 million.
- (3) The number of rodents trapped by contractors in 2014 was 9 299.

(4) The number of trappings conducted and rodents trapped by in-house pest control teams in 2014 was 18 502 and 2 646 respectively.

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