

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Question:

Given that the Department employs over 40 000 poison treatments of rodent infestation in building blocks and conducts over 50 000 trappings each year, please advise on the number of additional bait and trap locations in 2014. Please also advise on the frequency of conducting a review of bait and trap locations by the Department?

Asked by: Hon WONG Yuk-man (Member Question No. 72)

Reply:

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department has been adopting a comprehensive approach in its rodent prevention and control work. This includes conducting rodent infestation surveys to trace the signs left by rodent activities, and taking a variety of measures including poisoning and trapping of rodents and destroying rat holes in related rear lanes, strengthening street cleansing, encouraging active participation of the public in anti-rodent work, and strengthening publicity and education programmes in rodent prevention and control. An appropriate number of poison baiting points or traps will be set at appropriate surveyed locations according to the results of the surveys. In 2013 and 2014, the number of poison treatments of rodent infestation in building blocks was 46 196 and 46 093 respectively and the number of trappings was 53 236 and 52 601 respectively.

Inspections would be conducted to each poison baiting point and trapping point at least once weekly and once daily respectively to review the effectiveness of the baiting and trapping work.

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