

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
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Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)
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Question:

- (a) Please give details of the hygiene blackspots in Tuen Mun, Yuen Long and Islands Districts in 2017, including the locations, types of hygiene problems, measures taken by the Department (manpower and expenditure) and durations of blackspot conditions.
- (b) Please list the rodent infestation rates in the past 2 years with a breakdown by district and month.
- (c) Please advise on the Department's expenditure on poisonous baiting and trapping of rodents in 2018-19, and the measures taken by the Department to ensure the maximum effectiveness of poisonous baiting and trapping in rodent control work.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 43)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) receives environmental hygiene complaints from members of the public through multiple channels, including reports pinpointing locations with unsatisfactory hygiene conditions. The Department will conduct investigation and take measures to abate the nuisance. Depending on the circumstances prevailing at individual locations, the Department will adjust the frequency of street washing and pest control operations and step up enforcement action as appropriate. There is no hard and fast definition of what a hygienic "black spot" is; the term is used to refer to an area where the cleanliness problem remains obstinate despite enhanced cleansing. A list of the top 5 locations in each of the Tuen Mun, Yuen Long and Islands districts, as in March 2018, to which the Department devotes more efforts and resources in tackling the problem of illegal dumping of refuse is set out in Annex I. The Department does not keep separate breakdown on the expenditure and manpower serving the locations identified as hygiene blackspots.

- (b) Information on the Rodent Infestation Rate for various districts and for the territory as a whole in the past 2 years is given at Annex II.
- (c) The estimated expenditure on rodent prevention and control work in 2018-19 is \$194.3 million. There is no separate breakdown on the expenditure for poison treatment and rodent trapping services undertaken by the Department. To ensure the effectiveness of rodent control, the poisonous baits or trapping devices have to be set at appropriate locations along the dispersal routes of rodents for their easy access. Frontline staff of the Department would carry out thorough inspection to identify food sources, harbourages and dispersal routes of a rodent infestation for setting appropriate number of poisonous baits or trapping devices at proper locations. In addition, the Department would carry out regular tests to ensure that the rodenticides in use are effective.

**Top 5 Locations of Illegal Dumping of Refuse Broken Down by District
(as at March 2018)**

District	Location
Tuen Mun	Outside Yip Wong Road Refuse Collection Point
	Outside Tsing Yeung Circuit Refuse Collection Point
	Ho Fat Lane
	Tat Fuk Road near lamppost nos. BD2940 and BD2938
	Tin Tei Yan Road (near Tin Tei Yan Road Public Toilet)
Yuen Long	Outside Yau Cha Po Refuse Collection Point, Yau Cha Po
	Outside Ma Fung Ling Road Refuse Collection Point, Tong Yan San Tsuen, Ping Shan
	Outside Fung Kong Tsuen Refuse Collection Point, Ha Tsuen, Lau Fau Shan
	Outside Yau Tin West Road Refuse Collection Point, Yau Tin West Road
	Outside Shui Tsan Tin Tsuen Refuse Collection Point, Shui Tsan Tin, Shek Kong
Islands	Outside No. 81 San Hing Praya Street, Cheung Chau
	Near No.32 Lung Tsai Tuen, Cheung Chau
	Outside Silver View Centre, Ngan Kwong Wan Road, Mui Wo
	Outside Mui Wo Pier Car Park, Mui Wo
	Outside Pa Mei Refuse Collection Point, Tung Chung

Rodent Infestation Rates (RIR)

Districts	Year					
	2016			2017		
	First Half of 2016	Second Half of 2016	Overall RIR	First Half of 2017	Second Half of 2017	Overall RIR
Central and Western	7.1%	6.1%	6.6%	3.8%	3.3%	3.6%
Eastern	3.4%	4.1%	3.8%	6.3%	5.7%	6.0%
Southern	4.4%	3.3%	3.8%	3.3%	2.2%	2.7%
Wan Chai	3.6%	3.6%	3.6%	5.7%	5.5%	5.6%
Islands	0.0%	3.8%	1.9%	3.8%	2.9%	3.3%
Kowloon City	4.6%	2.8%	3.7%	1.9%	2.9%	2.3%
Kwun Tong	4.1%	4.3%	4.2%	5.2%	3.3%	4.3%
Mong Kok	9.3%	7.5%	8.4%	7.1%	6.1%	6.6%
Yau Tsim	3.7%	2.8%	3.2%	0.9%	4.7%	2.8%
Sham Shui Po	7.7%	10.0%	8.9%	5.9%	6.5%	6.2%
Wong Tai Sin	2.9%	3.8%	3.4%	0.0%	1.9%	1.0%
North	4.4%	0.6%	2.5%	1.9%	1.9%	1.9%
Sai Kung	0.9%	0.9%	0.9%	1.8%	1.8%	1.8%
Sha Tin	0.9%	5.1%	3.0%	2.6%	2.7%	2.6%
Tai Po	0.9%	1.8%	1.4%	1.8%	1.8%	1.8%
Tsuen Wan	6.2%	2.0%	4.1%	4.1%	5.3%	4.7%
Tuen Mun	1.7%	1.7%	1.7%	1.7%	0.8%	1.3%
Yuen Long	4.4%	0.9%	2.7%	2.6%	4.4%	3.5%
Kwai Tsing	5.3%	3.1%	4.1%	5.1%	2.1%	3.6%
Territory-wide	4.2%	3.8%	4.0%	3.4%	3.5%	3.5%

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