

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**FHB(FE)147****(Question Serial No. 0244)**Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not specifiedProgramme: (1) Food Safety and Public HealthControlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and HealthQuestion:

Regarding the indicators “poison treatments of rodent infestation in building blocks”, “number of rodent trappings” and “rodent control surveys conducted”,

- what are the reasons for the substantial increase in the actual figures in 2018 over those in 2017, and what are the expenditures involved?
- please provide in detail the “poison treatments of rodent infestation in building blocks”, “number of rodent trappings”, “rodent control surveys conducted” and “Rodent Infestation Rate” in various districts below and in the territory in each of the past 3 years (from 2016 to 2018).

2016 / 2017 / 2018

Districts	Poison treatments of rodent infestation in building blocks	Number of rodent trappings	Rodent control surveys conducted	Rodent Infestation Rate
Central and Western				
Eastern				
Southern				
Wan Chai				
Kowloon City				
Kwun Tong				
Wong Tai Sin				
Sham Shui Po				
Mong Kok				
Yau Tsim				
Sha Tin				
Tai Po				
North				
Kwai Tsing				

Tsuen Wan				
Tuen Mun				
Yuen Long				
Sai Kung				
Islands				
Whole territory				

Asked by: Hon HO Kai-ming (LegCo internal reference no.: 24)

Reply:

In 2017 and 2018, the number of poison treatments of rodent infestation in building blocks was 70 121 and 93 815 respectively, and the number of trappings was 54 438 and 60 432 respectively. The increase in the number of poison treatments and trappings for rodent in 2018 was attributable to the strengthening of prevention and control measures taken by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) in response to increasing public concerns about rodent infestation. In 2017 and 2018, the Department carried out 1 969 and 2 033 rodent surveys respectively. The actual expenditure on rodent control work was \$172.6 million in 2017-18, and the revised estimate for 2018-19 is \$198.3 million. There is no separate breakdown on the expenditure relating to poison treatments of rodent infestation in building blocks, number of rodent trappings and rodent control surveys conducted.

The detailed information sought is provided at the Annex.

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District	2016			
	Number of poison treatments of rodent infestation in building blocks	Number of rodent trappings	Number of rodent control surveys	Rodent Infestation Rate (RIR)
Central and Western	3 270	4 768	27	6.6%
Eastern	6 845	2 545	42	3.8%
Southern	2 016	866	35	3.8%
Wan Chai	3 245	3 265	20	3.6%
Kowloon City	4 368	13 174	25	3.7%
Kwun Tong	6 180	695	35	4.2%
Wong Tai Sin	623	157	35	3.4%
Sham Shui Po	197	1 760	44	8.9%
Mong Kok	178	5 067	25	8.4%
Yau Tsim	55	2 865	25	3.2%
Sha Tin	408	8 768	25	3.0%
Tai Po	8 904	373	40	1.4%
North	1 427	295	42	2.5%
Kwai Tsing	1 546	141	35	4.1%
Tsuen Wan	3 782	2 960	35	4.1%
Tuen Mun	4 800	1 727	45	1.7%
Yuen Long	5 397	382	35	2.7%
Sai Kung	3 816	1 065	40	0.9%
Islands	152	2 604	25	1.9%
Overall	57 209	53 477	635	4.0%

District	2017			
	Number of poison treatments of rodent infestation in building blocks	Number of rodent trappings	Number of rodent control surveys	Rodent Infestation Rate (RIR)
Central and Western	4 306	4 881	27	3.6%
Eastern	7 430	2 450	47	6.0%
Southern	2 762	936	42	2.7%
Wan Chai	4 900	3 668	20	5.6%
Kowloon City	4 368	11 867	45	2.3%
Kwun Tong	6 390	1 291	42	4.3%
Wong Tai Sin	948	244	42	1.0%
Sham Shui Po	404	1 786	29	6.2%
Mong Kok	254	5 080	25	6.6%
Yau Tsim	133	3 047	25	2.8%
Sha Tin	2 308	8 810	45	2.6%
Tai Po	10 476	376	25	1.8%
North	2 257	360	47	1.9%
Kwai Tsing	1 545	138	45	3.6%
Tsuen Wan	3 624	3 265	45	4.7%
Tuen Mun	4 938	1 811	45	1.3%
Yuen Long	6 492	637	45	3.5%
Sai Kung	6 238	1 189	45	1.8%
Islands	348	2 602	25	3.3%
Overall	70 121	54 438	711*	3.5%

* Only surveys conducted in relation to Rodent Infestation Survey and Rat-flea Survey are listed. Other rodent surveys (1 258) are not included in the breakdown.

District	2018			
	Number of poison treatments of rodent infestation in building blocks	Number of rodent trappings	Number of rodent control surveys	Rodent Infestation Rate (RIR)
Central and Western	4 432	4 772	45	3.6%
Eastern	18 699	2 480	45	2.1%
Southern	3 394	935	25	0.5%
Wan Chai	8 446	3 760	40	2.8%
Kowloon City	4 608	11 309	29	6.1%
Kwun Tong	6 587	1 876	42	5.8%
Wong Tai Sin	950	333	25	1.0%
Sham Shui Po	308	5 522	45	6.7%
Mong Kok	1 309	5 115	45	6.0%
Yau Tsim	201	3 216	25	2.4%
Sha Tin	4 548	9 167	25	4.7%
Tai Po	13 560	384	40	2.7%
North	3 232	424	42	2.5%
Kwai Tsing	1 457	569	42	1.0%
Tsuen Wan	3 182	4 176	42	5.1%
Tuen Mun	4 703	1 927	45	2.1%
Yuen Long	6 585	664	42	3.9%
Sai Kung	6 966	1 201	30	2.2%
Islands	648	2 602	25	1.4%
Overall	93 815	60 432	699#	3.4%

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