

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**FHB(FE)436****(Question Serial No. 3340)**Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not specifiedProgramme: (1) Food Safety and Public Health
(4) Public Education and Community InvolvementControlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and HealthQuestion:

With regard to the rodent problem in Hong Kong, please advise this Committee of:

- (1) the resources and manpower allocated for tackling the rodent problem in each of the past 5 years; and
- (2) the expenditure involved in carrying out anti-rodent publicity work in each of the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (LegCo internal reference no.: 1173)Reply:

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department has no separate breakdown on manpower resources for rodent prevention and control services or expenditure relating to publicity of rodent prevention and control. The information on manpower for pest control services as a whole and revised expenditure in rodent prevention and control in the past 5 years is provided as follows -

Financial year	Manpower on pest control services as a whole (as at 31 December)	Expenditure in rodent prevention and control (\$ million)
2014 – 15	2 317	156.2
2015 – 16	2 400	160.9
2016 – 17	2 461	164.8
2017 – 18	2 517	172.6
2018 – 19	2 643	198.3 (Revised estimate)

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