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Question:

With regard to the enhancement of pest control, please set out as per the table below the number of dead rodents collected, the number of live rodents caught and the expenditure involved in the 18 districts in the territory in the past 3 years (2018-2020).

2018 / 2019 / 2020

| District | Number of dead rodents collected | Expenditure involved | Number of live rodents caught | Expenditure involved |
|---------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| 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 KWOK Wai-keung (LegCo internal reference no.: 37)

Reply:

The number of dead rodents collected and the number of live rodents caught by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department from 2018 to 2020 are tabulated below:

| District | 2018 | | 2019 | | 2020 | |
|---------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | Number of dead rodents collected | Number of live rodents caught | Number of dead rodents collected | Number of live rodents caught | Number of dead rodents collected | Number of live rodents caught |
| Central and Western | 1 890 | 1 763 | 2 029 | 1 661 | 2 006 | 1 626 |
| Eastern | 2 398 | 890 | 2 330 | 1 182 | 2 245 | 1 313 |
| Southern | 713 | 439 | 611 | 464 | 647 | 492 |
| Wan Chai | 1 622 | 805 | 1 533 | 1 213 | 1 302 | 2 081 |
| Kowloon City | 2 592 | 1 666 | 3 459 | 2 019 | 2 753 | 2 054 |
| Kwun Tong | 2 434 | 819 | 2 929 | 3 476 | 3 848 | 4 357 |
| Wong Tai Sin | 1 441 | 413 | 1 557 | 606 | 1 305 | 1 507 |
| Sham Shui Po | 3 853 | 2 241 | 3 578 | 3 291 | 3 254 | 4 173 |
| Mong Kok | 2 097 | 1 895 | 3 028 | 2 684 | 5 059 | 4 238 |
| Yau Tsim | 1 120 | 469 | 1 144 | 347 | 1 324 | 300 |
| Sha Tin | 858 | 703 | 1 018 | 766 | 1 118 | 737 |
| Tai Po | 771 | 585 | 780 | 591 | 771 | 589 |
| North | 1 034 | 464 | 1 119 | 580 | 1 102 | 580 |
| Kwai Tsing | 408 | 520 | 395 | 768 | 469 | 753 |
| Tsuen Wan | 823 | 1 631 | 1 125 | 1 767 | 1 034 | 1 837 |
| Tuen Mun | 503 | 128 | 465 | 371 | 548 | 321 |
| Yuen Long | 1 654 | 602 | 1 554 | 1 490 | 1 520 | 1 449 |
| Sai Kung | 480 | 231 | 432 | 210 | 521 | 226 |
| Islands | 1 183 | 240 | 1 173 | 241 | 1 162 | 239 |
| Whole territory | 27 874 | 16 504 | 30 259 | 23 727 | 31 988 | 28 872 |

The overall expenditure on pest control services in 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21 was \$630 million, \$663 million and \$726 million (revised estimate) respectively. The Department does not keep a separate breakdown on the expenditure involved in collecting dead rodents and catching live rodents.

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