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Question:

- (1) Of the additional provision of \$80.4 million, what percentage will be allocated for pest control services?
- (2) What are the items involved regarding the additional expenditure on pest control services? What is the expenditure involved for each item?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (LegCo internal reference no.: 39)

Reply:

Of the estimated additional expenditure of \$80.40 million under the Programme of Food Safety and Public Health, \$43.30 million will be the expenditure for enhancing pest control services. This is mainly for the procurement of additional outsourced services for pest control. These services include the prevention and control of mosquitoes and rodents. Specific work includes patrolling and eliminating potential mosquito breeding places; applying larvicides to mosquito breeding places; killing adult mosquitoes, biting midges or other adult insects by fogging, cutting grass, wild growth and other vegetation; and patrolling areas with potential rodent problems and carrying out prevention and control work to eliminate the food sources and hiding places of rodents as well as blocking their dispersal routes in a targeted manner. These are supplemented by various elimination methods, such as applying rodenticides and placing trapping devices.

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