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Director of Bureau: Secretary for Environment and Ecology

Question:

In the Programme, it is mentioned that the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department will strengthen co-operation with and provide necessary support for other departments and sectors to enhance rodent control. In this connection,

- A) please advise this Committee of the number of inter-departmental meetings and operations conducted to enhance rodent control in the past year; and
- B) please give a specific account of the mode of operation established for rodent control which serves as a guideline for relevant departments.

Asked by: Hon HO Chun-yin, Steven (LegCo internal reference no.: 63)

Reply:

- A) In 2022, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) held over 250 inter-departmental meetings and carried out over 590 joint operations with other government departments and stakeholders to step up the collaboration for rodent control, including 3 meetings of the inter-departmental Pest Control Steering Committee which were chaired by the Under Secretary for Environment and Ecology and attended by representatives from 3 relevant bureaux as well as 21 departments (including FEHD) and organisations.
- B) In November 2022, FEHD formulated and released the Code of Practice for Rodent Management and a series of Checklists for Anti-rodent Work for property management companies and government departments, markets, shopping centres and food premises. Rodent control guidelines targeting markets, construction sites, housing estates and recreational areas have been drawn up for reference by the relevant departments, organisations as well as members of the public. In addition, FEHD has provided all relevant departments with a template of pest control service contract which clearly sets out the qualification and performance requirements for contractors, so as to assist the departments to step up their monitoring of the services provided by pest control contractors.

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