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Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

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Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

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Director of Bureau: Secretary for Environment and Ecology

Question:

It is mentioned under the Programme that the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department will enhance cleanliness and rodent control in public markets. In this connection, please advise this Committee of:

- a) the number of rodents caught in markets in the past 3 years;
- b) whether a KPI has been set for the anti-rodent operations in public markets;
- c) whether the deep cleaning operations currently conducted at some markets will become a regular initiative for market cleaning.

Asked by: Hon HO Chun-yin, Steven (LegCo internal reference no.: 72)

Reply:

- a) The number of dead rodents collected and the number of live rodents caught in public markets in the past 3 years are tabulated as follows:

Year	2020	2021	2022
Number of dead rodents collected	5 879	6 054	6 423
Number of live rodents caught	6 063	7 882	9 995
Total	11 942	13 936	16 418

- b) The Chief Executive has set in the 2022 Policy Address several indicators, including removing at least 75% of some 600 environmental hygiene blackspots identified by various departments under the Government Programme on Tackling Hygiene Black

Spots by end-2023, and reducing the number of priority rodent blackspots at least by half by end-2023. These hygiene blackspots and priority rodent blackspots cover some facilities under the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, such as public markets and refuse collection points.

- c) In the past 3 years, the Department particularly stepped up the deep cleaning and disinfection operations in public markets to cope with the epidemic. The Department will continue with the work in public markets as necessary.

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