

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Director of Bureau: Secretary for Environment and Ecology

Question:

Last year, the number of rodent trappings used by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department surged to 93 404. Please advise this Committee of:

- i. the number of new design snap traps, poisonous baits, rodent traps and glue traps placed in different districts and the expenditure involved in the past 3 years, with a breakdown by District Council district; and
- ii. the number of dead rodents collected and the number of live rodents caught in different districts in the past 3 years, with a breakdown by District Council district.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Hoi-yan (LegCo internal reference no.: 15)

Reply:

- i. & ii. The number of poison treatments of rodent infestation conducted in building blocks and other public places, the number of rodent trappings, the number of times when glue traps were deployed, the number of dead rodents collected and the number of live rodents caught by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department in the past 3 years, with a breakdown by District Council district, are provided at **Annex**. The Department does not keep a separate breakdown of the number of snap traps used.

As for the expenditure involved, the Department has tried out the placement of glue traps as an additional anti-rodent measure in the indoor venues (e.g. public markets) under its management with more serious rodent infestation since November 2022, and the expenditures on the device were around \$630,000 and \$2 million in 2022-23 and 2023-24 respectively. Placing poisonous baits and rodent traps is part of the normal duties of the staff of the Department and those of the contractors. The Department does not keep a separate breakdown of the expenditure on individual items.

District	2021			
	Number of poison treatments of rodent infestation in building blocks and other public places	Number of rodent trappings	Number of dead rodents collected	Number of live rodents caught
Central and Western	4 800	5 115	2 040	1 679
Eastern	17 921	7 229	2 053	2 259
Southern	3 343	1 206	706	537
Wan Chai	13 056	4 045	1 532	2 920
Kowloon City	5 469	9 540	2 474	2 102
Kwun Tong	6 264	4 490	2 740	3 528
Wong Tai Sin	1 964	3 435	1 424	2 137
Sham Shui Po	414	6 449	3 763	6 198
Yau Tsim Mong	4 080	12 571	6 732	4 690
Sha Tin	5 291	8 786	1 237	799
Tai Po	14 794	771	1 126	713
North	1 705	864	1 307	760
Kwai Tsing	1 692	3 048	466	747
Tsuen Wan	3 014	5 112	958	1 864
Tuen Mun	6 011	2 146	881	755
Yuen Long	6 679	6 900	1 634	1 377
Sai Kung	12 402	1 868	874	539
Islands	786	2 589	1 389	242
Whole territory	109 685	86 164	33 336	33 846

District	2022				
	Number of poison treatments of rodent infestation in building blocks and other public places	Number of rodent trappings	Number of times when glue traps were deployed <sup>Note</sup>	Number of dead rodents collected	Number of live rodents caught
Central and Western	4 956	5 001	0	1 885	1 873
Eastern	14 152	3 467	0	1 363	2 982
Southern	3 843	1 240	0	465	936
Wan Chai	12 864	4 066	0	1 402	2 915
Kowloon City	6 505	4 983	0	1 915	2 271
Kwun Tong	7 028	4 673	0	2 037	3 779
Wong Tai Sin	2 904	4 092	41	1 298	2 481
Sham Shui Po	708	6 660	14	4 132	5 842
Yau Tsim Mong	5 445	13 496	0	6 639	6 862
Sha Tin	5 294	2 325	0	1 298	1 253
Tai Po	14 352	1 272	0	1 692	957
North	3 140	4 755	0	1 041	2 281
Kwai Tsing	1 296	3 106	0	692	1 007
Tsuen Wan	2 880	5 225	0	906	2 903
Tuen Mun	7 651	2 350	0	1 747	2 681
Yuen Long	7 339	6 955	0	1 550	2 723
Sai Kung	11 952	1 914	0	746	794
Islands	774	2 568	0	1 002	882
Whole territory	113 083	78 148	55	31 810	45 422

Note: The Department has tried out the placement of glue traps in the indoor venues (e.g. public markets) under its management with more serious rodent infestation since November 2022.

District	2023				
	Number of poison treatments of rodent infestation in building blocks and other public places	Number of rodent trappings	Number of times when glue traps were deployed <sup>Note</sup>	Number of dead rodents collected	Number of live rodents caught
Central and Western	4 713	5 935	344	1 370	2 261
Eastern	12 872	4 554	722	905	4 004
Southern	3 693	1 260	0	546	1 268
Wan Chai	14 084	6 166	344	1 231	4 402
Kowloon City	8 177	5 249	344	3 811	3 458
Kwun Tong	6 708	5 814	0	1 293	4 277
Wong Tai Sin	2 976	3 661	353	4 031	4 592
Sham Shui Po	821	6 384	320	3 926	6 133
Yau Tsim Mong	5 419	15 613	1 066	6 230	9 342
Sha Tin	4 622	3 562	378	917	2 598
Tai Po	14 103	1 307	0	2 322	1 465
North	3 840	3 223	344	527	2 414
Kwai Tsing	1 188	4 964	344	1 173	2 052
Tsuen Wan	2 881	6 975	0	557	2 491
Tuen Mun	7 717	2 541	0	2 501	4 521
Yuen Long	9 687	11 322	344	1 960	4 843
Sai Kung	11 910	2 263	0	592	1 087
Islands	816	2 611	0	604	2 136
Whole territory	116 227	93 404	4 903	34 496	63 344

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