## Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2009-10

## CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

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## Question:

Regarding the number of rodent trappings, the actual number for 2008 and the estimated number for 2009 are both substantially higher than the actual number for 2007. What are the reasons for the increase?

Asked by: Hon. LI Wah-ming, Fred

## Reply:

To further improve the effectiveness of our rodent control efforts, we have since 2008 been placing more rodent trappings to supplement poison baits. There was hence an increase in the number of rodent trappings placed in 2008, and that to be placed in 2009.

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