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Question :

As rodent infestation has become a serious problem in various districts of the territory, has the Department reviewed the effectiveness of its current rodent control through poison treatments and trappings? If yes, what are the findings? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. LEONG Kah-kit, Alan

Reply :

The Department adopts an integrated rodent control approach consisting of improvement to environmental conditions, application of poisonous bait and setting of traps. This approach is consistent with that as recommended by the World Health Organization. Rodent infestation is generally under control in Hong Kong. The rodent control materials and methodologies used by the Department are reviewed from time to time having regard to international developments and research.

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