

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Question:

As regards rodent control, please advise this Committee of:

1. the numbers of poisonous baits, rodent traps and glue traps placed, as well as the numbers of dead rodents collected and live rodents caught, in various districts in the past 3 years, with a breakdown by District Council district;
2. the reasons why the number of rodent trappings used in the past year far exceeded 93 400 as originally estimated, as well as the expenditure in this regard; and
3. the respective expenditure incurred by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department on setting alcohol rodent trapping devices and glue traps in the past 3 years.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Hoi-yan (LegCo internal reference no.: 33)

Reply:

1. 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 in **Annex**.
2. Since July 2022, the Department has set up a number of overnight rodent control teams in all districts across the territory, carrying out continuous and intensive rodent trapping work with the use of rodent traps in areas with more serious infestation in the small hours to enhance the effectiveness of rodent control. In view of the higher capture efficiency achieved by the overnight rodent control teams, the Department allocated resources to increase the number of these teams in the past year, which in turn led to a corresponding rise in the use of various rodent capture tools, including rodent trappings. In 2024-25, the expenditure for overnight rodent control teams was about \$52 million.
3. The information on the expenditure for setting alcohol rodent trapping devices and glue traps in the past 3 financial years (2022-23 to 2024-25) is as follows:

Rodent control method/technology	Expenditure		
	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Alcohol rodent trapping device	About \$380,000	About \$5.78 million	About \$1.70 million
Glue trap	About \$630,000	About \$2 million	About \$2.13 million

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 ^{Note}	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 ^{Note}	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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District	2024				
	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 ^{Note}	Number of dead rodents collected	Number of live rodents caught
Central and Western	4 917	9 197	753	1 338	4 268
Eastern	12 250	7 845	585	714	5 819
Southern	3 883	2 104	378	440	1 562
Wan Chai	16 956	9 448	446	1 290	6 360
Kowloon City	7 739	8 131	575	4 213	5 356
Kwun Tong	6 708	5 844	991	1 166	5 016
Wong Tai Sin	2 976	4 922	305	4 304	6 566
Sham Shui Po	820	7 850	453	3 818	8 530
Yau Tsim Mong	6 064	19 176	950	6 128	14 550
Sha Tin	4 866	3 335	212	731	4 111
Tai Po	16 704	1 410	326	2 167	2 025
North	3 840	3 998	539	380	3 209
Kwai Tsing	1 242	9 856	394	1 245	3 917
Tsuen Wan	2 880	7 533	241	550	3 290
Tuen Mun	6 893	2 534	284	2 055	4 934
Yuen Long	9 750	12 107	455	1 639	5 528
Sai Kung	12 188	2 911	142	532	1 571
Islands	1 068	4 917	150	539	3 017
Whole territory	121 744	123 118	8 179	33 249	89 629

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