

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Question:

As regards rodent control, please advise this Committee of:

- i. 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 the past 3 years, with a breakdown by District Council district;
- ii. the number of overnight rodent control teams, the manpower and expenditure involved, as well as the Rodent Absence Rate (average), of each district in the past 3 years;
- iii. the respective expenditures incurred by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department on various types of rodent capture tools (such as alcohol rodent trapping devices and glue traps) in the past 3 years; and
- iv. the priority rodent blackspots in Hong Kong according to last year's statistics of the Government, and the blackspots eliminated, with a breakdown by District Council district and location.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Hoi-yan (LegCo internal reference no.: 45)

Reply:

- i. The statistics on the numbers of poisonous baits, rodent traps and glue traps placed, as well as the numbers of dead rodents collected and 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 1**.
- ii. The information on the number of overnight rodent control teams, as well as the manpower and expenditure involved in the past 3 financial years (from 2023-24 to 2025-26) is provided in **Annex 2**.

From 2024 onwards, the Department has fully adopted thermal imaging cameras with artificial intelligence technology for conducting the Rodent Activity Survey. The Rodent Absence Rate (RAR) of each district in 2024 and 2025 is provided in **Annex 3**. In the first half of 2025, a total of 49 locations have an RAR below 80%, indicating that rodent activities were more active. More than 80% (41) of these locations saw improvement in the second half of the year, with 30 of them achieving an RAR of over

90%. This reflects the fruitful results of the new strategy. In the second half of 2025, the number of survey locations with an RAR below 80% was 44, a decrease of approximately 51%, 45% and 10% as compared to those in the first half of 2024 (90 locations), the second half of 2024 (80 locations) and the first half of 2025 (49 locations) respectively, indicating the effectiveness of the targeted rodent control strategies and measures adopted by the Department after analysing the RARs.

- iii. The information on the expenditure for setting rodent cage traps, alcohol rodent trapping devices and glue traps in the past 3 financial years (from 2023-24 to 2025-26) is as follows:

Rodent control method/technology	Expenditure		
	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26 (Revised estimate)
Rodent cage trap	About \$1.02 million	About \$960,000	About \$900,000
Alcohol rodent trapping device	About \$5.78 million	About \$1.70 million	About \$640,000
Glue trap	About \$2 million	About \$2.13 million	About \$1.62 million

- iv. In 2025, the Department conducted strategic anti-rodent operations at a total of 93 priority rodent blackspots in all districts and eliminated around 72% of the priority rodent blackspots (67 in total), achieving the target of reducing the number of blackspots by 60% by end-2025. The 93 priority rodent blackspots (including the eliminated blackspots and the remaining ones) in 2025, with a breakdown by District Council district, are set out in **Annex 4**.

District	2023				
	Number of poison treatments of rodent infestation in building blocks and other public places <sup>Note 1</sup>	Number of rodent trappings <sup>Note 2</sup>	Number of times when glue traps were deployed	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

Note 1: From 2025 onwards, the indicator “poison treatments of rodent infestation in building blocks and other public places” was replaced by the new indicator “no. of poisonous baiting points inspected and/or serviced”. By counting the number of poisonous baiting points inspected or serviced, the new indicator better reflects the actual work done and resources deployed by the Department.

Note 2: From 2025 onwards, the indicator “no. of rodent trappings” was replaced by the new indicator “no. of rodent trap nights”. By counting the number of rodent traps laid multiplied by the number of nights that the trap has been laid, the new indicator better reflects the actual work done and resources deployed by the Department.

District	2024				
	Number of poison treatments of rodent infestation in building blocks and other public places <sup>Note 1</sup>	Number of rodent trappings <sup>Note 2</sup>	Number of times when glue traps were deployed	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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District	2025				
	Number of poisonous baiting points inspected and/or serviced <sup>Note 1</sup>	Number of rodent trap nights <sup>Note 2</sup>	Number of times when glue traps were deployed	Number of dead rodents collected	Number of live rodents caught
Central and Western	200 978	113 650	1 061	1 292	6 188
Eastern	189 248	203 361	1 050	695	8 568
Southern	49 951	58 538	1 036	433	1 723
Wan Chai	246 766	199 723	470	1 466	7 553
Kowloon City	228 478	186 755	1 068	3 397	9 832
Kwun Tong	204 446	151 302	983	1 080	7 142
Wong Tai Sin	195 683	193 583	455	3 858	8 301
Sham Shui Po	275 282	276 967	1 460	3 813	14 290
Yau Tsim Mong	415 058	431 455	1 105	4 411	20 215
Sha Tin	167 829	124 649	404	459	6 666
Tai Po	118 001	47 480	730	1 448	2 713
North	118 046	72 630	725	194	4 819
Kwai Tsing	174 702	146 238	1 094	882	5 001
Tsuen Wan	164 237	189 555	251	656	7 088
Tuen Mun	139 739	128 547	730	1 378	5 797
Yuen Long	193 803	90 392	507	1 546	8 233
Sai Kung	143 561	58 158	334	592	1 513
Islands	136 433	136 054	776	499	3 441
Whole territory	3 362 241	2 809 037	14 239	28 099	129 083

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## 2023-24

Team/Post	Number of teams	Number of staff	Actual expenditure (\$ million)
Overnight rodent control team	68 <sup>Note 1</sup>	204 <sup>Note 1</sup>	26
Rodent inspection officer	N.A.	19	9
Total	68 <sup>Note 1</sup>	223 <sup>Note 1</sup>	35

Note 1: The Department had progressively increased the number of overnight rodent control teams to 31 (93 staff in total) since August 2023. Besides, an additional 37 teams (111 staff in total) were temporarily deployed from mid-December 2023 to February 2024 to support the Year-end Clean-up Campaign.

## 2024-25

Team/Post	Number of teams	Number of staff	Actual expenditure (\$ million)
Overnight rodent control team	78 <sup>Note 2</sup>	234 <sup>Note 2</sup>	42
Rodent inspection officer	N.A.	19	11
Total	78 <sup>Note 2</sup>	253 <sup>Note 2</sup>	53

Note 2: The Department had progressively increased the number of overnight rodent control teams to 61 (183 staff in total) since July 2024. Besides, an additional 17 teams (51 staff in total) were temporarily deployed from mid-December 2024 to February 2025 to support the Year-end Clean-up Campaign.

## 2025-26

Team/Post	Number of teams	Number of staff	Revised estimated expenditure (\$ million)
Overnight rodent control team	85 <sup>Note 3</sup>	255 <sup>Note 3</sup>	55
Rodent inspection officer	N.A.	16	9
Total	85 <sup>Note 3</sup>	271 <sup>Note 3</sup>	64

Note 3: The Department had progressively increased the number of overnight rodent control teams to 62 (186 staff in total) since May 2025. Besides, an additional 23 teams (69 staff in total) were temporarily deployed from December 2025 to February 2026 to support the Year-end Clean-up Campaign.

**RAR of various districts in 2024 and 2025**

<b>District</b>	<b>First half of 2024</b>	<b>Second half of 2024</b>	<b>First half of 2025</b>	<b>Second half of 2025</b>
Central and Western	95.3%	91.6%	96.2%	97.6%
Eastern	96.0%	94.3%	93.3%	98.6%
Southern	98.7%	98.2%	98.4%	97.3%
Wan Chai	87.1%	91.2%	91.4%	92.4%
Kowloon City	93.0%	90.1%	94.2%	91.9%
Kwun Tong	97.1%	96.3%	97.7%	97.2%
Wong Tai Sin	95.2%	89.6%	94.4%	97.6%
Sham Shui Po	90.3%	93.0%	96.1%	94.9%
Yau Tsim	95.6%	94.9%	96.0%	94.5%
Mong Kok	94.0%	91.3%	94.6%	96.9%
Sha Tin	98.4%	97.6%	98.1%	96.4%
Tai Po	98.3%	98.0%	98.7%	97.9%
North	95.4%	96.5%	97.5%	97.1%
Kwai Tsing	94.6%	95.1%	96.5%	97.2%
Tsuen Wan	96.9%	93.9%	93.6%	96.7%
Tuen Mun	97.8%	98.0%	98.9%	98.1%
Yuen Long	97.9%	97.8%	98.5%	96.7%
Sai Kung	99.4%	98.4%	99.3%	99.5%
Islands	97.9%	98.0%	97.9%	98.7%
Overall	95.1%	94.0%	96.0%	96.1%

## Priority rodent blackspots in 2025 (Total: 93)

Eliminated blackspots (Total: 67)

District	Location
Central and Western	Rear lane of 20-30 Tai Ping Shan Street
	Side lane of 46 Upper Lascar Row
	Rear lane of 18 Centre Street
	23 Connaught Road Central
Wan Chai	Rear lane of 1-31 Sing Woo Road
	Rear lane of 87-139 Hennessy Road
	Rear lane of 2-42 Yik Yam Street
Eastern	Rear lane of 2-8 Po Man Street
	Rear lane of 18-28 Factory Street
	Rear lane of 4 Mong Lung Street
	Tai Ning Street, Sai Wan Ho
	Rear lane of 254-280 Electric Road
Southern	Side lane between 1-3 and 5 Yue Ko Street
	Rear lane of 15-21 Tsung Man Street
Islands	Chung Wai Street
	12-25 Tai Hing Tai Road, Cheung Chau
Yau Tsim Mong	Rear lane of 9 Hau Fook Street
	Rear lane of 25-55 Tong Mi Road
	Rear lane of 64-90 Oak Street
	Rear lane of 1-29 Pine Street
	Rear lane of 2-16 Pine Street
	Rear lane of 160 Sai Yeung Choi Street South
	Rear lane of 28 Ivy Street
	Rear lane of 35 Fife Street
	Rear lane of 25 Fife Street
	Rear lane of 751 Nathan Road
Sham Shui Po	Rear lane of 218-256 Yu Chau Street
	Rear lane of 93B-117 Fuk Wa Street
	Rear lane of 235-259 Apliu Street
	Rear lane of 359-391 Ki Lung Street
	Rear lane of 373-383 Po On Road
Kowloon City	Rear lane of 116-148 Tam Kung Road
	8-20 Pak Kung Street and rear lane of 436-450 Chatham Road North
	Rear lane of 24-52 South Wall Road
Wong Tai Sin	Rear lane of 12-14 Yuk Wah Crescent
	Rear lane of 35-65 Wan Fung Street
	Rear lane of 75-93 Fung Tak Road
	Rear lane of 12-30 Sheung Fung Street
Kwun Tong	Side lane of 74-76 Hong Ning Road and rear lane of 7-31 Shung Yan Street
	26-44 Hiu Kwong Street

<b>District</b>	<b>Location</b>
Kwai Tsing	Rear lane of 109-125 Wo Tong Tsui Street
	Rear lane of 27-39 Kwong Fai Circuit
	Rear lane of 100-102 Kwai Hing Road
Tsuen Wan	Rear lane of 37-53 Chung On Street, Tai Pei Square
	Rear lane of 6-40 Shiu Wo Street
	Rear lane of 36-56 Fui Yiu Kok Street
	Rear lane of 6-10 Tso Kung Square
	Rear lane of 75 Chung On Street
	Rear lane of 75 Ho Pui Street
Tuen Mun	Rear lane of Tuen King Building (Tsing Wu Square)
	Side lane of 32 Kin Wing Street
	Rear lane of Ming Ngai Street
Yuen Long	Rear lane of 104-146 Kau Yuk Road (from Wing Hing Building to Hing Yip Building)
	Rear lane of 63-79 Yuen Long On Ning Road (from Tai Lee Building to Fook On Building)
	Rear lane of 99-127 Castle Peak Road - Yuen Long
	Rear lane of 21-45 Yuen Long On Ning Road
	1-29 Yuen Long On Lok Road
North	Rear lane of 133 San Shing Avenue
	Rear lane of 2-12 Wo Tai Street
Tai Po	Rear lane of 35-37 Heung Sze Wui Square
	Side lane of 148-150 Kwong Fuk Road
Sha Tin	Rear lane of 41-69 Tsuen Nam Road
	Rear lane of 2-24 Chik Shun Street
	Rear lane of 31-71 Chik Fu Street
	Fu Tin Lane
Sai Kung	Rear lane of 1-15 Sha Tsui Path
	Pui Shing Road near Man Kuk Lane

Remaining blackspots (Total: 26)

<b>District</b>	<b>Location</b>
Central and Western	Side lane of 57 Queen's Road Central
	Rear lane of 72-76 Wing Lok Street
Wan Chai	Side lane of Tai Wo Street
	Rear lane of 275-285 Hennessy Road
	Rear lane of 181 Johnston Road
	Rear lane of 152-158 Wan Chai Road
	Rear lane of 522 Lockhart Road
Southern	Rear lane of 46 Ap Lei Chau Main Street
	Rear lane of 10-12 Wai Fung Street
Yau Tsim Mong	Rear lane of 4-4A Humphreys Avenue, Tsim Sha Tsui
	Rear lane of 18 Cameron Road
Sham Shui Po	Side lane of 153-159 Fuk Wing Street
Kowloon City	Rear lane of 165-181 Bulkeley Street
	123-143 Bulkeley Street
	Rear lane of 12-18 Hau Wong Road
	Rear lane of 29-35 Pak Tai Street
Wong Tai Sin	Rear lane of 74-80 Yuk Wah Street
	Rear lane of 37-65 King Fuk Street
	Rear lane of 50-70 Tseuk Luk Street
Kwun Tong	Side lane of 17 Luen On Street
Kwai Tsing	Rear lane of 5-23 Lai Fong Street
	4-16 Ping Fu Path
Tsuen Wan	Rear lane of 273 Sha Tsui Road
	Rear lane of 64 Ho Pui Street
Sha Tin	Side lane of 20 Chik Fuk Street
Sai Kung	Po Hong Road near Tong Ming Street

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