

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Question:

Matters requiring special attention of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department in 2026-27 include enhancing cleanliness and rodent control in public markets. Please advise this Committee of:

1. the rodent control methods adopted in public markets and the expenditure involved in the past year;
2. the number of live rodents caught and the number of dead rodents collected in the past year, with a breakdown by public market; and
3. the number of complaints about rodent infestation in the past year, with a breakdown by public market.

Asked by: Hon WONG Kwok, Kingsley (LegCo internal reference no.: 4)

Reply:

1. The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department adopts an integrated approach in rodent prevention and control. Such approach is mainly premised on the recommendations and technical guidelines of the World Health Organization, which includes the elimination of the 3 survival conditions of rodents, namely food, harbourage and passages. The Department will, having regard to the actual circumstances of different environments and the risk-based principle, employ different disinfestation methods to achieve better anti-rodent effects. Specifically, the rodent prevention and control measures adopted by the Department in public markets in 2025-26 mainly include:
  - (a) strengthening rodent control work in public markets, which includes thoroughly clearing the refuse and clean the passageways and drains therein every night after the markets are closed to eliminate food sources of rodents;
  - (b) carrying out continuous and intensive rodent trapping work with the use of rodent traps in the small hours in addition to the routine rodent control work;

- (c) reviewing the situation of each public market and using different tools and baits, such as alcohol rodent trapping devices and glue traps, to enhance the effectiveness of rodent control;
- (d) inspecting and checking the rodent proofing measures in markets, such as rat guards, wire mesh and metal kicking plates. Installing them at locations where necessary and replacing the damaged one whenever identified to block the dispersal routes of rodents; and
- (e) convening Market Management Consultative Committee meetings and encouraging in different activities market stall tenants to cooperate in clearing their disused articles and putting their goods, especially food items, in proper storage, so that the cleanliness and environmental hygiene of stall areas and communal areas can be maintained.

As rodent prevention and control in public markets is part of the duties of public market management, the Department does not maintain a breakdown of the relevant expenditure. In 2025-26, the overall revised estimate for public market management (including daily repair and maintenance) of the Department was \$1.138 billion.

2. & 3. The information sought is provided in Annex.

Public markets with live rodents caught and dead rodents collected and their number of complaints about rodent infestation

District	Name of public market	2025		
		Number of live rodents caught	Number of dead rodents collected	Number of complaints received
Central and Western	Centre Street Market	118	48	0
	Queen Street Cooked Food Market	140	78	0
	Sai Ying Pun Market	174	88	0
	Shek Tong Tsui Market	452	110	0
	Sheung Wan Market	216	93	0
	Smithfield Market	217	103	0
Eastern	Aldrich Bay Market	223	5	0
	Chai Wan Market	379	29	0
	Electric Road Market	71	9	0
	Java Road Market	314	12	0
	Kut Shing Street Cooked Food Market	34	6	0
	North Point Market	19	26	0
	Quarry Bay Market	100	11	0
	Sai Wan Ho Market	255	22	0
	Yue Wan Market	268	49	0
Southern	Aberdeen Market	40	2	0
	Ap Lei Chau Market	128	88	0
	Nam Long Shan Road Cooked Food Market	246	45	0
	Stanley Waterfront Mart	3	8	0
	Tin Wan Market	143	107	0
	Yue Kwong Road Market	124	57	0
Wan Chai	Bowrington Road Market	514	287	0
	Causeway Bay Market	128	105	0
	Lockhart Road Market	127	151	0
	Tang Lung Chau Market	4	15	0
	Wan Chai Market	2	15	0
	Wong Nai Chung Market	6	20	0

District	Name of public market	2025		
		Number of live rodents caught	Number of dead rodents collected	Number of complaints received
Islands	Cheung Chau Cooked Food Market	18	15	0
	Cheung Chau Market	1	0	0
	FEHD Sunlight Market	6	0	0
Kowloon City	Hung Hom Market	1 396	147	0
	Kowloon City Market	1 465	238	0
	On Ching Road Flower Market	3	26	0
	To Kwa Wan Market	1 041	251	0
Mong Kok	Fa Yuen Street Market	1 153	154	0
	Mong Kok Cooked Food Market	47	55	0
	Tai Kok Tsui Market	1 177	161	0
Yau Tsim	Haiphong Road Temporary Market	179	106	0
	Kwun Chung Market	1 099	96	0
	Yau Ma Tei Market	345	79	2
Sham Shui Po	Pei Ho Street Market	551	40	2
	Po On Road Market	460	139	0
	Tung Chau Street Temporary Market	7	4	0
	Lai Wan Market	29	1	0
Wong Tai Sin	Ngau Chi Wan Market	90	166	0
	Sheung Fung Street Market	58	153	0
	Tai Shing Street Market	909	438	6
Kwun Tong	Lei Yue Mun Market	2	0	0
	Ngau Tau Kok Market	1 776	24	0
	Shui Wo Street Market	197	0	0
	Sze Shan Street Cooked Food Market	17	0	0
	Tsun Yip Cooked Food Market	36	15	0
	Tung Yuen Street Cooked Food Market	9	0	0

District	Name of public market	2025		
		Number of live rodents caught	Number of dead rodents collected	Number of complaints received
Yuen Long	Hung Shui Kiu Temporary Market	133	93	0
	Kam Tin Market	131	91	0
	Kik Yeung Road Cooked Food Market	102	88	0
	Kin Yip Street Cooked Food Market	108	76	0
	Lau Fau Shan Market	1	3	0
	Tai Kiu Market	656	214	0
	Tai Tong Road Cooked Food Market	127	96	0
	Tung Yick Market	638	212	0
	FEHD Skylight Market	25	1	0
Kwai Tsing	North Kwai Chung Market	452	3	0
	Tsing Yi Market	404	3	14
	Wing Fong Street Market	158	1	1
	Wo Yi Hop Road Cooked Food Market	13	0	0
	Cheung Tat Road Cooked Food Market	106	0	1
	Ka Ting Cooked Food Market	51	0	0
	Kwai Shun Street Cooked Food Market	57	0	1
North	Kwu Tung Market Shopping Centre	1	0	0
	Luen Wo Hui Market	1 129	55	0
	Sha Tau Kok Market	4	0	0
	Shek Wu Hui Market	960	90	2
Sai Kung	Sai Kung Market	80	46	0
Sha Tin	Sha Tin Market	246	0	0
	Tai Wai Market	741	0	3

District	Name of public market	2025		
		Number of live rodents caught	Number of dead rodents collected	Number of complaints received
Tuen Mun	Hung Cheung Cooked Food Market	55	76	0
	Kin Wing Cooked Food Market	105	117	0
	Lam Tei Market	31	51	0
	San Hui Market	503	266	0
	Tsing Yeung Cooked Food Market	84	76	0
	Yan Oi Market	396	155	0
Tai Po	Tai Po Hui Market	480	51	5
	Plover Cove Road Market	74	11	0
Tsuen Wan	Heung Che Street Market	68	47	0
	Sham Tseng Temporary Market	24	16	0
	Tsuen Wan Market	223	78	0
	Yeung Uk Road Market	833	127	0
	Chai Wan Kok Cooked Food Market	24	15	0
Total		25 739	6 055	37

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