

LCQ19: Pest and rodent control

Following is a question by Dr the Hon Priscilla Leung and a written reply by the Secretary for Food and Health, Professor Sophia Chan, in the Legislative Council today (June 5):

Question:

Regarding pest and rodent control work, will the Government inform this Council:

(1) of the following details of the rodent control work carried out in each District Council district by the relevant government departments in each year since 2008: (i) the number of times for which poisonous baits were placed in building blocks, (ii) the number of rodent trappings used, (iii) the numbers of dead rodents collected and live rodents caught, (iv) the number of rat holes blocked, (v) the number of surveys of rodent infestation conducted, (vi) the number of complaints about rodent infestation received, and (vii) the Rodent Infestation Rates recorded; and

(2) of the following details of the (a) pest control and (b) rodent control work carried out respectively by the relevant government departments in each year since the 2008-2009 financial year: (i) the total expenditure involved, (ii) the staffing establishment of the civil servants responsible for the relevant work and the staff costs involved, and (iii) the total value of outsourced service contracts and the total number of the outsourced service staff members responsible for the relevant work?

Reply:

President,

Information on the pest and rodent control work carried out by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) since 2008 is set out in Annex 1 and Annex 2.

Apart from the FEHD, a number of government departments have also carried out the work within premises under their respective purview. We do not have comprehensive information in this regard.