

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Head: 82 Buildings Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: Buildings and Building Works

Controlling Officer: Director of Buildings

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Development

Question:

In the coming year, will the Joint Office with the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department be funded to conduct researches on the use of testing methods other than the traditional "colour water test" in handling water seepage cases so as to enhance its service for the public? If so, what is the estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Wong-fat

Reply:

The source and passage of water seepage can be varied. Hence, depending on individual circumstances, the Joint Office would employ different methods of investigation, which are not limited to colour water tests.

The Buildings Department endeavours to keep abreast of the latest technological development and is working with the Applied Science and Technology Research Institute to explore more effective investigation methods so as to enhance the Joint Office's capability in handling water seepage complaints. No separate funding is required for this research.

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