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Question:

Water seepage in buildings has caused nuisance to many members of the public over the years. The department stated that it would continue the consultancy study on the latest technological methods in identifying the sources of water seepage in buildings this year. Will the authorities inform this Committee:

- (1) of the current progress of the study; of the time such latest technologies can be put into service;
- (2) of the benefits such latest technologies are expected to bring about in solving the problem of water seepage in buildings;
- (3) of the provision earmarked for commissioning the study in 2015-16; of the specific breakdown of the expenditure?

Asked by: Hon IP Kwok-him (Member Question No. 30)

Reply:

- (1) & (2) The consultancy study on the latest technological methods in identifying the sources of water seepage in buildings commenced in October 2014 and is expected to complete in 18 months. It is expected that the result of the study will facilitate us to develop the most suitable, reliable, practical and economically viable non-destructive testing methods for identifying the causes and sources of water seepage in buildings.
- (3) The estimated expenditure of the study in 2015-16 is \$3.8 million, which mainly covers research on technological matters relating to water seepage investigation in buildings, and the carrying out of field tests.

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