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Question:

Regarding the continued consultancy study on the latest technological methods in identifying the sources of water seepage in buildings, how much expenditure has been dispensed to date, how many consultants are engaged in the work, what is the staff establishment of the Buildings Department for monitoring the work concerned? When will the interim report of the consultancy be released, when will the whole report be completed, what is the estimated final expenditure?

Asked by: Hon LAU Wong-fat (Member Question No. 5)

Reply:

The Buildings Department (BD) commissioned a consultant to study the latest technological methods in identifying the sources of water seepage in buildings in October 2014. The study is expected to complete in 18 months and the expenditure for the study is estimated to be about \$4.5 million. We do not intend to publish any interim reports of the consultancy.

Up to end February 2015, the actual expenditure of the consultancy amounted to \$327,000. As the work relating to planning and monitoring of the study is absorbed by the existing resources of BD as part of the overall duties in handling reports on water seepage, we are not able to provide a breakdown of the staff establishment solely for this initiative.

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