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Question:

One of the matters requiring the special attention of the Buildings Department (BD) in the financial year of 2016-17 is to continue the consultancy study on the latest technological methods in identifying the sources of water seepage in buildings.

In the previous financial year, the BD also set the work as a matter requiring special attention. How much time and consultancy fee have been spent on the consultancy study up to the present? What are the results of the study?

When will the study be expected to complete? What is the total amount of consultancy fee for the entire study? Will the report on the study be publicised upon the completion of the study?

Asked by: Hon Paul TSE Wai-chun (Member Question No. 8)

Reply:

The consultancy study on the latest technological methods in identifying sources of water seepage in buildings commenced in October 2014. The study researches into technological matters relating to water seepage investigation in buildings both locally and overseas. It will assess and recommend the most suitable testing methods for use in private buildings as well as help formulate technical guidelines for use by the Joint Office (JO) set up by the Buildings Department and the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department for handling reports on water seepage. The estimated expenditure of the study is \$4.5 million and the actual expenditure of the consultancy up to end February 2016 amounted to about \$0.8 million.

The study is expected to complete in early 2017 and the JO will then consider how to follow up on the findings. The findings of the consultancy study are intended for internal reference and there is no plan to publish the report upon its completion.

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