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Question:

How many outsourced private consultants for water seepage investigation have been engaged by the Joint Office (JO) since 2013?

What are the criteria adopted by the JO for selecting outsourced private consultants for water seepage investigation? What are the numbers of cases handled, the numbers of cases with source of water seepage identified and the average expenditure for handling each case of water seepage investigation?

What is the difference when comparing with cases handled by the JO itself?

Asked by: Hon Paul TSE Wai-chun (Member Question No. 12)

Reply:

Since 2013, the Joint Office (JO) set up by the Buildings Department (BD) and the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department has engaged 31 outsourced consultants to assist in conducting professional investigation into water seepage cases. Selection of outsourced consultants is conducted in accordance with the Government's tendering procedures. The selection criteria for the award of a consultancy agreement include the consultant's experience, the proposed methodology and work programme to be adopted by the consultant, the staffing proposal, the consultant's past performance and the fee proposal.

The staff of the JO are involved in the investigation of all water seepage reports, and will refer cases in which the source of seepage cannot be identified to outsourced consultants for professional investigation. The two kinds of cases are thus not directly comparable. The BD does not compile statistics on the number of cases involving outsourced consultants.

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