

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Question:

In the new financial year, how many cases for investigation into the sources of water seepage will be outsourced to private consultants by the Joint Office for investigation of water seepage complaints? What is the estimated expenditure for outsourcing? What are the percentage changes as compared with the figure in 2015-2016?

Asked by: Hon Paul TSE Wai-chun (Member Question No. 13)

Reply:

The Joint Office (JO) set up by the Buildings Department and the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department refers cases in which the source of seepage cannot be identified in the initial investigation to outsourced consultants for professional investigation. The JO cannot predict the number of such cases which will be handled by outsourced consultants in 2016-17.

The estimated expenditure for engaging outsourced consultants in 2015-16 is \$30 million, and the estimated expenditure in 2016-17 is expected to be more or less the same.

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