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Question:

In the “Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2016-17”, the Buildings Department (BD) will “continue the consultancy study on the latest technological methods in identifying the sources of water seepage in buildings”. The consultancy study commenced in October 2014 and is expected to be completed in 18 months.

1. Since the consultant already submitted the interim report to the BD in February 2015, is the BD currently testing any new technologies for assisting in the investigation of the sources of water seepage? If so, what are the results of the preliminary assessment?
2. Can the study be completed in April this year as scheduled? When is the report expected to be published and the Legislative Council be briefed on it?
3. Are there any new technologies expected to be tested or adopted? If so, when are they expected to be officially used in the daily water seepage investigation?

Asked by: Hon WU Chi-wai (Member Question No. 76)

Reply:

The consultant has so far identified a number of methods for identifying sources of water seepage and field tests are being conducted to assess the methods. The whole study is expected to complete in early 2017 and the Joint Office set up by the Buildings Department and the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department will then consider how best to follow up on the findings. It is difficult to assess whether, and if so, when new testing methods will be adopted before the study outcome is available.

The findings of the study are intended for internal reference and there is no plan to publish the report upon its completion.

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