

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**DEVB(PL)314****(Question Serial No. 3636)**

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Question:

How many reports on water seepage were received in the past three years? What were the manpower and expenditure involved? Did the authorities instigate any prosecution in this connection? What was the number and situation of such prosecutions?

Asked by: Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 356)

Reply:

Statistics on water seepage reports received, prosecutions instigated and convictions in the past three years are tabulated below –

| Number of Cases | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Reports received | 28 504 | 27 896 | 29 617 |
| Prosecutions instigated ⁽¹⁾ | 96 | 88 | 61 |
| Convictions ⁽¹⁾ | 50 | 60 | 44 |

Note ⁽¹⁾ : The figures do not necessarily correspond to the number of reports received in the same year.

The staff establishment and the expenditure of the Joint Office set up by the Buildings Department (BD) and the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) in the past three years are tabulated below –

| BD | 2013-14 | 2014-15 | 2015-16 |
|---|----------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Number of professional and technical staff | 64 | 64 | 64 |
| Staff costs and departmental expenses (\$ million) | 23 | 29 | 30 (estimated) |
| Expenditure for engaging outsourced consultants (\$ million) | 24 | 28 | 30 (estimated) |

| FEHD | 2013-14 | 2014-15 | 2015-16 |
|---|----------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Number of investigation staff | 219 | 219 | 219 |
| Staff costs and departmental expenses (\$ million) | 70.8 | 72.1 | 81 (estimated) |

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