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Question:

The Department has commissioned the consultancy study on the latest technological methods in identifying the sources of water seepage in buildings since October 2014. What is the current progress of the study? Will a time limit be set for concluding the study in order to avoid an indefinite delay? Will new methods be applied to the existing cases by the Department having regard to the outcome of the study? If so, will there be a specific timetable and details? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Hak-kan (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 18)

Reply:

The consultant has identified a number of methods such as microwave tomography and infrared thermography for identifying sources of water seepage and conducted field tests to assess the effectiveness and practicability of these methods. In the new fiscal year, we will apply these methods in pilot districts with a view to formulating detailed technical guidelines for application of these methods by the Joint Office set up by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department and the Buildings Department for handling reports on water seepage.

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