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Question:

The Buildings Department commissioned a consultant to study on the latest technological methods in identifying sources of water seepage in buildings in October 2014, and the study is expected to complete in 2017. As mentioned in the Brief Description of this Programme this year, the study is still on going and the Department will continue the consultancy study on the latest technological methods in identifying the sources of water seepage in buildings. Please advise on:

- the manpower, expenditure and estimates for each financial year since the commencement of the study as well as that for this year;
- the reasons for not being able to complete the consultancy study in 2017; and
- the expected time for completing the consultancy study and the details.

Asked by: Hon LAM Cheuk-ting (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 40)

Reply:

- The Buildings Department (BD) has engaged a consultant to conduct a study on the latest technological methods for identifying sources of water seepage in buildings. The consultancy agreement is administered by BD staff of the Joint Office (JO) set up by BD and Food and Environmental Hygiene Department. We are not able to provide a breakdown of the JO's manpower solely involved in the administration of the consultancy agreement. The expenditures of the consultancy study since its commencement are tabulated below –

2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
\$ 327,000	\$ 457,800	\$ 823,350	\$ 2,371,000 (estimated)	\$ 109,000 (estimated)

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b) & c) As the consultant has taken longer time to complete the field tests to assess a number of technological methods for identifying sources of water seepage, the programme of the consultancy study has been extended for completion in 2018.

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