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Question:

Could the Buildings Department and the Joint Office inform this Committee:

1. the total number of requests for assistance on water seepage in buildings received last year;
2. the number and percentage of cases where the source of water seepage could be identified;
3. the number and percentage of cases where the source of water seepage could not be identified eventually;
4. the longest and average time taken for the investigation cases; and
5. the percentage changes of the above figures as compared with the previous two financial years.

Asked by: Hon TSE Wai-chun, Paul (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 31)

Reply:

1. – 3. & 5. Statistics on the numbers of water seepage reports received, cases with source of water seepage identified and cases with source of water seepage not identified in the past three years as well as the percentage changes as compared with the previous two years are tabulated below –

Number of cases	2015	2016	2017	Change (%)	
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(c)/(a)	(c)/(b)
Reports received	29 617	36 376	36 002	+22%	-1%
Reports handled ⁽¹⁾	25 093	29 148	30 605	-	-
• Cases screened out ⁽²⁾	12 000	13 196	14 732	-	-

Number of cases	2015 (a)	2016 (b)	2017 (c)	Change (%)	
				(c)/(a)	(c)/(b)
• Cases with investigations concluded	13 093	15 952	15 873	-	-
- Cases with seepage ceased during investigation	4 920	5 385	5 448	-	-
- Cases with source of water seepage identified	4 679 (36%) ⁽³⁾	6 846 (43%) ⁽³⁾	6 253 (39%) ⁽³⁾	(+3%)	(-4%)
- Cases with source of water seepage not identified and investigation terminated	3 494 (27%) ⁽⁴⁾	3 721 (23%) ⁽⁴⁾	4 172 (26%) ⁽⁴⁾	(-1%)	(+3%)

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

Note ⁽²⁾: These include unjustified cases and withdrawn cases, in respect of which no investigation will be made by the Joint Office (JO) set up by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department and the Buildings Department.

Note ⁽³⁾: Percentage of cases with source of water seepage identified out of all cases with investigations concluded.

Note ⁽⁴⁾: Percentage of cases with source of water seepage could not be identified and investigation terminated out of all cases with investigations concluded.

4. JO does not compile statistics on the time taken for investigation of water seepage cases.

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