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Question:

Regarding the Joint Office for Investigation of Water Seepage Complaints (JO) under the Buildings Department and the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, please inform this Committee:

At the meeting of the Tuen Mun District Council in early March this year, JO stated that the cost of using infrared thermography and microwave tomography in investigation is about \$10,000 per case. Does it refer to the cost of outsourced private companies or that of JO staff?

Asked by: Hon TSE Wai-chun, Paul (LegCo internal reference no.: 66)

Reply:

Taking an ordinary domestic flat with one kitchen and one toilet as an example, the cost for engaging an outsourced consultant to adopt infrared thermography and microwave tomography technologies in carrying out Stage III investigation of a water seepage report is estimated to be around \$9,000. The estimate does not include the overall staffing and operating expenditure of the Joint Office.

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