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Question:

Will the Government provide the following information:

- (1) What are the project names, locations and duration of the archaeological surveys and excavations conducted and supported by the Government in the past three years? On how many occasions did the Government commission overseas experts outside the existing establishment and what are the expenditures involved?
- (2) Please provide an outline of the archaeological surveys and excavations planned for this year as well as the project names, locations and estimated expenditures.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Yuen-han (Member Question No. 25)

Reply:

- (1) The Antiquities and Monuments Office (AMO) under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department conducts archaeological surveys and excavations necessitated by small-scale development projects such as those concerning housing development in the New Territories. The number of archaeological surveys and excavations carried out in a particular year depends on the number of small-scale development projects that necessitate such work. Details of the archaeological surveys and excavations undertaken by AMO in the past three years are listed below:

Year	Number of archaeological surveys and excavations arising from small-scale development projects	Districts
2013-14	8	Sai Kung and Islands
2014-15	10	Tai Po, Sai Kung, Tuen Mun and Islands

Year	Number of archaeological surveys and excavations arising from small-scale development projects	Districts
2015-16	7	Sai Kung and Islands

None of the above archaeological surveys and excavations was conducted by overseas experts.

- (2) It is anticipated that eight archaeological surveys and excavations necessitated by small-scale development projects in Islands, Tai Po, Sai Kung and Tuen Mun districts will be arranged in 2016-17 at an estimated expenditure of \$828,000.

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