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Question:

What are the project names, locations, duration and expenditure incurred for each of the archaeological surveys and excavations conducted in the past five years and scheduled for the coming year?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 867)

Reply:

The Antiquities and Monuments Office (AMO) under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) 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 and the expenditure incurred in a particular year depend on the number of small-scale development projects that necessitate such work. Details of the archaeological surveys and excavations undertaken by AMO and the expenditures incurred in the past five years are listed below:

| <b>Year</b> | <b>Number of archaeological surveys and excavations arising from small-scale development projects</b> | <b>Districts</b>                          | <b>Expenditure (\$'000)</b> |
|-------------|---|---|-----------------------------|
| 2011-12     | 11  | North, Yuen Long, Sai Kung and Islands    | 882                         |
| 2012-13     | 12  | Tuen Mun, Yuen Long, Sai Kung and Islands | 881                         |
| 2013-14     | 8   | Sai Kung and Islands                      | 733                         |
| 2014-15     | 10  | Tai Po, Sai Kung, Tuen Mun and Islands    | 817                         |
| 2015-16     | 7   | Sai Kung and Islands                      | 880<br>(Estimated)          |

As the archaeological surveys and excavations are carried out with the support of service contractors engaged by AMO under several service contracts, LCSD is unable to provide a breakdown of the expenditure for individual surveys/excavations.

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 carried out in 2016-17 at an estimated expenditure of \$828,000.

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