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Question:

What are the details and manpower of the archaeological surveys and excavations conducted by the Government in the past three years? What are the expenditures involved?

Asked by: Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 630)

Reply:

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 and the expenditure incurred in a particular year depend on the number of small-scale development projects that necessitate such work. There are three field archaeologists in AMO to undertake such surveys and excavations. Details of the archaeological surveys and excavations undertaken by AMO and the expenditures incurred in the past three years are listed below:

Year	Number of archaeological surveys and excavations arising from small-scale development projects	Districts	Expenditure (\$'000)
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 (Estimated)