

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
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Question:

The work under this Programme involves “conducting archaeological surveys and excavations”. In this connection, will the Administration provide details of the work and expenditure involved in the past three years (i.e. from 2010-11 to 2012-13)?

Asked by: Hon. CHUNG Shu-kun, Christopher

Reply:

The major archaeological surveys and excavations conducted in the past three years (2010-11 to 2012-13) were arranged in relation to infrastructure and development projects as required under the Environmental Impact Assessment Ordinance (Cap. 499) and Town Planning Ordinance (Cap.131). The proponents of these projects carried out the archaeological surveys and excavations under the monitoring of the Antiquities and Monuments Office (AMO) and absorbed the costs within the infrastructure and development projects. 16, 15 and 11 such surveys and excavations were conducted in the past three years respectively.

Apart from the above larger scale archaeological surveys and excavations, the AMO conducts smaller scale archaeological surveys arising from small house development in the New Territories. The expenditure incurred by AMO in this respect in the past three years is listed in the table below:

<b>Year</b>	<b>No. of archaeological surveys and excavations arising from small house development</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
2010-11	10	\$772,484
2011-12	11	\$882,068
2012-13 (Estimated)	12	\$888,440

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