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Question:

What are the archaeological projects planned to be carried out and the estimated provision for these projects in the next five years (i.e. 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13)?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

The major archaeological surveys and excavations conducted in the past five years (2008-09 to 2012-13) were arranged in relation to infrastructural and development projects as required under the Environmental Impact Assessment Ordinance (Cap. 499) and the 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 from within their projects. In the past five years, 16, 15, 16, 15 and 11 such surveys and excavations were conducted by project proponents respectively.

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

Year	No. of archaeological surveys and excavations arising from small house development	Expenditure
2008-09	12	\$547,400
2009-10	16	\$945,235
2010-11	10	\$772,484
2011-12	11	\$882,068
2012-13 (Estimated)	12	\$888,440

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