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Question:

Please list the expenditures involved and the effectiveness of the archaeological surveys and excavations conducted in the past three years (i.e. from 2010-11 to 2012-13) and expected to be conducted in the coming year (i.e. 2013-14).

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

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 small house development in the New Territories.

The number of archaeological surveys and excavations conducted and the expenditure incurred by the AMO in this regard in the past three years are as follows:

Year	No. of archaeological projects conducted	Expenditure
2010-11	10	\$772,484
2011-12	11	\$882,068
2012-13 (Estimated)	12	\$888,440

It is anticipated that ten such archaeological projects will be arranged in 2013-14 at an estimated expenditure of \$750,000.

The archaeological surveys and excavations conducted by the AMO have successfully salvaged the archaeological heritage, if any, found at the sites affected by small-scale development projects.

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