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Question (Member Question No. ):

Over the past three consecutive years, the number of water seepage cases that could not be resolved (i.e. 2 089, 1 963 and 2 336 cases in 2011, 2012 and 2013 respectively) accounted for one fifth of the total number of cases handled by the Joint Office for Investigation of Water Seepage Complaints (the Joint Office). In this connection, please advise whether the Joint Office has studied the use of new technology in water seepage tests. If yes, please advise on the new technology used; if not, the reason(s).

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Reply:

With the assistance of the Hong Kong Applied Science and Technology Research Institute, the Joint Office is exploring the feasibility of tracing the source of water seepage through real-time monitoring of water consumption in the suspected premises and variation in the moisture content of the seepage spot. In addition, the Joint Office will commission in 2014 a consultancy study on the application of latest technology in identifying sources of water seepage in buildings.