Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2007-08

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Question :

What is the estimated expenditure, detailed plan and time table of the Administration for the year 2007-08 on the study for the introduction of "paper coffin"?

Asked by : Hon. CHOY So-yuk

Reply :

To promote the use of eco-coffins, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) has put up notices at its cremation booking offices, and disseminated relevant information via its website. Publicity leaflets have been distributed to the public at public mortuaries, hospitals, elderly homes and non-government organizations providing care services for senior citizens. The resources required for the above measures will be absorbed from within the Department's allocation.

FEHD will take the lead in using eco-coffins for cremating unclaimed bodies, and has invited contractors to supply eco-coffins by open tender. The actual amount of expenditure will only be available upon completion of the open tendering exercise.

Signature _____

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