

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2008-09

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Question:

What is the current expenditure on subsidising the management of cremation facilities?
How much in percentage terms does it account for the total management expenses?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Yung-kan

Reply:

In 2007-08, the estimated total expenditure in providing crematorium and columbarium services was \$121 million, and the estimated revenue collected was \$47 million. The deficit of \$74 million was 61% of the total expenditure.

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