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Question:

During 2008-09, the Department will take forward plans to provide more crematoria and columbaria facilities. Please advise on the specific plans as well as the expenditure and manpower involved.

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply:

The Department is planning to re-build the Wo Hop Shek Crematorium and the Cape Collinson Crematorium to provide for eight and 10 new cremators respectively. The details including expenditure and manpower are being worked out.

For columbarium facilities, the construction of 3 200 niches in the Kwai Chung Columbarium and another 18 500 in the Diamond Hill Columbarium at a cost of \$14.8 million and \$113.6 million respectively is due for completion in 2008 – 09. The management of these new facilities will be absorbed by existing resources. We plan to build new columbarium facilities providing for some 30 000 niches and a Garden of Remembrance at the Wo Hop Shek Cemetery for completion by around 2012. The details including expenditure and manpower are being worked out.

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