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Question:

Please advise on the specific plans by the Department to take forward the provision of more crematoria and columbaria facilities during 2010-11. Have dedicated resources been earmarked for this purpose?

Asked by: Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply:

The Wo Hop Shek Crematorium will be reprovisioned at an estimated cost of \$686.3 million for constructing six coffin cremators and other ancillary facilities. Works has commenced in July 2009 for completion in end 2011 / early 2012. The Cape Collinson Crematorium will also be reprovisioned at an estimated cost of \$696.3 million to provide for ten coffin cremators and other ancillary facilities. Works would commence in July 2010 for completion in two phases in early 2012 and late 2014 respectively.

Besides, the Department is constructing a new public columbarium with about 41 000 niches and a Garden of Remembrance in the Wo Hop Shek Cemetery, at an estimated cost of \$629.5 million, for completion in mid 2012. In addition, the Administration is pursuing the construction of columbarium facilities in vacant land burial ground in Wo Hop Shek and will continue to identify suitable sites in other districts for columbarium development.

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Director of
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