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Question:

In view of the increasing demand for public niches, are there any plans by the Department this year to significantly increase the supply of niches to meet public demand? If yes, please inform this Committee of the details of the plans. If no, please state the reasons.

Asked by: Hon. TONG Ka-wah, Ronny

Head: 49 Food and Environmental

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Reply:

The construction of a new public columbarium with about 41 000 niches and a Garden of Remembrance in the Wo Hop Shek Cemetery is underway 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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