

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

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Question:

Please set out in tabular form the number of unallocated niches under the management of the Department and their distribution by location. Discounting applicants having special preferences for particular niches, what is the current average waiting time for a niche applicant? What is the longest waiting time among the niche applications?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Hak-kan

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows -

Public Columbarium	Number of available niches for re-allocation (as at 31.12.2009)
Kwai Chung	104
Cape Collinson	87
Diamond Hill	71
Fu Shan	12
Wo Hop Shek	9
Cheung Chau	6
Lamma	5
Peng Chau	4
Total	298

In 2009, the average waiting time for re-used niches is about 30 months. The longest waiting time is about 50 months.

Signature _____

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