

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

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Question:

- (a) Please set out in tabular form the number of unallocated niches at columbaria under the management of the Department and their distribution by location.
- (b) Discounting applicants having special preferences for particular locations, 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:

- (a) The information sought is provided as follows:

<b>Public Columbarium</b>	<b>Number of niches available for re-allocation (as at 31.12.2010)</b>
Diamond Hill	163
Cape Collinson	57
Wo Hop Shek	18
Kwai Chung	7
Fu Shan	6
Cheung Chau	5
Lamma	5
Peng Chau	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>263</b>

- (b) In 2010, the average waiting time for a re-used niche is about 30 months. The longest waiting time is about 55 months.

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