

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

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Question:

With regard to public columbarium facilities, please set out in tabular form the locations of the public columbarium facilities under construction and planning, the construction costs, the work progress, the number of niches to be provided, the estimated completion dates and details of the service operator.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Yuk-man

Reply:

The Food and Environmental Hygiene 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. The construction is generally on schedule for completion in mid 2012.

To increase the supply of public niches, the Administration has been promoting the district-based columbarium development scheme and, in 2010, released 17 potential sites across 12 districts for building public columbarium facilities. The Administration is conducting feasibility studies on these sites and will continue to identify suitable sites in the remaining six districts. The relevant District Council will be consulted before sites are confirmed for development.

Signature _____

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