

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Question:

Please set out in tabular form the location of public columbarium facilities under construction and planning, the number of niches to be provided, the construction costs, the work progress, the estimated completion dates and the service operators.

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply:

Details about the public columbarium facilities under construction are set out as follows:

Location	No. of Niches to be Provided	Estimated Cost (\$ million)	Work Progress/ Estimated Completion Date	Service Operator
Wo Hop Shek Cemetery*	43 710	629.5	On schedule for completion in mid 2012	Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Diamond Hill Columbarium	1 540	0.76	On schedule for completion in early 2012	Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Cheung Chau Cemetery	990	10.76	Construction works will commence in early 2013 for completion by the end of 2013	Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

*A Garden of Remembrance will also be constructed under the project.

To increase the supply of public niches, the Administration has been promoting the district-based columbarium development scheme and has identified 24 potential sites in 18 districts in Hong Kong for columbarium development. The above-mentioned sites in the Diamond Hill Columbarium and Cheung

Chau Cemetery are two of the 24 potential sites. The Administration is conducting feasibility studies on the remaining sites and will consult the relevant District Councils before the sites are confirmed for development.

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