

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Question:

For the various cremation and burial facilities, including public cemeteries, crematoria and columbaria, under the management of the Department, please set out in tabular form the annual handling capacity of each crematorium as well as the number of allocated and unallocated burial spaces / niches at each public cemetery and columbarium, and the respective number of applicants on the waiting list for the above facilities at present.

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows -

(a) The number of cremation sessions provided by each crematorium in 2011 was:

Name of Crematorium	No. of Cremation Sessions Provided in 2011
Cape Collinson	14 514
Diamond Hill	9 048
Kwai Chung	8 193
Fu Shan	7 090
Cheung Chau	2 086
Wo Hop Shek (Note 1)	0
Total :	40 931

Note 1: Closed since June 2009 for reprovisioning work. Staff are re-deployed to work in other crematoria to provide additional sessions.

(b) The number of allocated and unallocated burial spaces at each public cemetery as at 31.12.2011 were as follows:

Name of Cemetery	No. of coffin burial spaces			No. of urn burial spaces		
	Allocated	Unallocated	Total	Allocated	Unallocated	Total
Wo Hop Shek	6 267	3 091	9 358	83 068	40 669	123 737
Sandy Ridge	2 919	2 091	5 010	31 836	6 063	37 899
Cheung Chau	617	643	1 260	12 066	1 396	13 462
Tai O	100	320	420	94	180	274
Lai Chi Yuen	142	134	276	214	118	332
Diamond Hill Urn Cemetery	-	-	-	52 778	-	52 778
Total:	10 045	6 279	16 324	180 056	48 426	228 482

There is no waiting list as unallocated burial spaces are still available.



(c) The total number of niches, the number of niches for re-allocation, the number of unallocated niches, and the number of applicants on the waiting list for re-allocated niches as at 31.12.2011 were:

Name of Columbaria	Total no. of niches	No. of niches for re-allocation	No. of unallocated niches	No. of applicants on the waiting list for re-allocated niches
Cape Collinson	61 615	19	-	3 425
Diamond Hill	61 811	18	-	7 823
Wo Hop Shek	22 290	12	-	2 226
Fu Shan	9 625	6	-	773
Kwai Chung	9 276	10	-	3 039
Cheung Chau	2 335	3	172	-
Lamma	490	5	424	-
Peng Chau	490	2	194	-
Total:	167 932	75	790	

Signature _____

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