

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
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Question:

Please advise on the number of new public columbaria provided in the past five years (i.e. from 2008-09 to 2012-13), the distribution and number of new niches, as well as the expenditure incurred. Please also advise on the estimated expenditure for constructing public columbaria in 2013-14, the number of new niches to be provided and their distribution.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

Details about the public columbarium facilities completed from 2008-09 to 2012-13 are set out as follows -

<b>Location</b>	<b>Number of Niches</b>	<b>Approved Project Estimate (\$ million)</b>	<b>Year of Completion</b>
Kwai Chung Columbarium	3 374	14.80	2008-09
Diamond Hill Columbarium	18 501	113.60	2008-09
	1 540	0.76	2012-13
Wo Hop Shek Cemetery	43 710	629.50	2012-13

We have earmarked \$4.80 million for constructing 1 000 niches at the Cheung Chau Cemetery in 2013-14 whilst \$8.00 million is expected to be spent on the detailed design and site investigation of site formation and associated infrastructural works for the development of columbarium, crematorium and related facilities at the Sandy Ridge Cemetery. The Sandy Ridge project will provide 200 000 new niches in due course.

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