

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Question (Member Question No. 125):

Please advise on the number of niches in public columbaria vacated and returned in each of the past three years. Please also provide specific information on the estimated time for the completion of the projects to provide additional columbarium facilities this year and the number of niches to be provided.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Yuk-man

Reply:

The number of public niches returned to the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) in 2011, 2012 and 2013 was 225, 209 and 229 respectively.

In 2014, the Department will commence the allocation of 1 000 new niches at the Cheung Chau Columbarium in April, and complete the allocation of 15 562 new niches at the Wo Hop Shek Kiu Tau Road Columbarium and Diamond Hill Columbarium (the Columbaria) in May. Another allocation of some 24 000 new niches at the Columbaria will commence in mid-2014 tentatively. At the same time, the Department is taking forward other public columbarium projects under the district-based columbarium development scheme.