

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

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Question (Member Question No.):

Pursuant to the reply FHB(FE)158, the Administration is requested to provide information on how the current level of fee of \$140 for placing each additional urn in an allocated niche is determined, and how much of the cost is being recovered at this level of fee.

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

The current level of the fee in question (namely \$140 for placing an additional urn in an allocated niche) was determined by the former Urban Council / Regional Council having regard to the costs incurred at their time in providing the relevant service and their fee charging policies. The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department inherited the fee level in 2000. It has remained unchanged since then. At this level of fee, about 45% of the cost is recovered in 2013-14.