

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**FHB(FE)086****(Question Serial No. 1658)****Head:** (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department**Subhead (No. & title):** (-) Not Specified**Programme:** (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services**Controlling Officer:** Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)**Director of Bureau:** Secretary for Food and Health**Question:**

With regard to the number of cremations in Hong Kong under Programme (2), please advise on the average waiting time for cremation service, as well as the number of cremation sessions at various government crematoria, in each of the past five years.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Hak-kan (Member Question No. 7)**Reply:**

At present, it is the pledge of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) that an applicant can be offered a cremation session at one of the government crematoria within the next 15 days from the date an application is made. This performance pledge has been met over the past five years. We do not have information showing the average waiting time for booking cremation service. The number of cremation sessions released and the number of cremation sessions booked in public crematoria managed by the Department in the past five years (2010 to 2014) were as follows –

Name of Crematorium	2010		2011		2012		2013		2014	
	No. of cremation sessions									
	Released	Booked	Released	Booked	Released	Booked	Released	Booked	Released	Booked
Cape Collinson	14 679	13 937	14 514	13 640	14 308	13 496	7 992	7 844	7 798	7 789
Diamond Hill	9 197	9 131	9 048	8 943	8 839	8 807	8 499	8 439	8 480	8 466
Fu Shan	7 393	7 346	7 090	7 058	7 901	7 879	6 948	6 800	6 897	6 885
Kwai Chung	7 485	7 455	8 193	8 143	9 202	9 152	8 265	8 250	7 331	7 325
Cheung Chau	1 536	137	2 086	132	2 067	160	1 728	164	1 321	168
Wo Hop Shek ^{Note}	0	0	0	0	0	0	7 539	7 417	10 635	10 611
Total:	40 290	38 006	40 931	37 916	42 317	39 494	40 971	38 914	42 462	41 244

Note: Closed in June 2009 for reprovisioning and reopened in February 2013

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