

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**FHB(FE)269****(Question Serial No. 5649)**Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related ServicesControlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and HealthQuestion:

Please provide information on the utilisation rates of the crematoria and cremators in the past three years. Please also advise whether additional crematoria and cremators will be provided in the next three years in view of the aging population; if yes, please advise on the number of additional facilities to be provided; if not, the reason(s).

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 329)Reply:

The number of cremation sessions released, cremation sessions booked and the percentage of cremation sessions booked in public crematoria managed by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department in the past three years (2012 to 2014) is as follows –

Name of crematorium	2012			2013			2014		
	No. of cremation sessions released	No. of cremation sessions booked	Percentage of cremation sessions booked	No. of cremation sessions released	No. of cremation sessions booked	Percentage of cremation sessions booked	No. of cremation sessions released	No. of cremation sessions booked	Percentage of cremation sessions booked
Cape Collinson	14 308	13 496	94.3%	7 992	7 844	98.1%	7 798	7 789	99.9%
Diamond Hill	8 839	8 807	99.6%	8 499	8 439	99.3%	8 480	8 466	99.8%
Fu Shan	7 901	7 879	99.7%	6 948	6 800	97.9%	6 897	6 885	99.8%
Kwai Chung	9 202	9 152	99.5%	8 265	8 250	99.8%	7 331	7 325	99.9%
Cheung Chau	2 067	160	7.7%	1 728	164	9.5%	1 321	168	12.7%
Wo Hop Shek ^{Note}	0	0	0	7 539	7 417	98.4%	10 635	10 611	99.8%
Total:	42 317	39 494	93.3%	40 971	38 914	95.0%	42 462	41 244	97.1%

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

The Cape Collinson Crematorium is being reprovisioned by phases to provide ten new cremators and ancillary facilities. The first phase providing four new cremators was completed in early 2013 while the second phase providing six new cremators is expected to be completed in late 2015. On completion, the overall cremation capacity will be

increased from 44 600 to 52 800 sessions per annum, which is expected to meet the projected demand up to 2025.

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