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Question:

Please advise on the usage rate of the burial spaces in the past three years.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 330)

Reply:

The information sought is as follows –

(a) The usage rates of the coffin burial spaces at each public cemetery in the past three years (2012 to 2014) were as follows –

Name of Cemetery	2012			2013			2014		
	(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(i)	(ii)	(iii)
Wo Hop Shek	5 873	9 358	62.8%	5 772	9 469	61.0%	5 520	9 469	58.3%
Sandy Ridge	3 183	5 010	63.5%	2 880	5 010	57.5%	2 555	5 010	51.0%
Cheung Chau	627	1 260	49.8%	616	1 260	48.9%	609	1 260	48.3%
Tai O	104	420	24.8%	109	420	26.0%	106	420	25.2%
Lai Chi Yuen	153	276	55.4%	146	276	52.9%	137	276	49.6%
Total:	9 940	16 324	60.9%	9 523	16 435	57.9%	8 927	16 435	54.3%

Legend : (i) No. of allocated coffin burial spaces
(ii) Total no. of coffin burial spaces
(iii) Percentage of coffin burial spaces allocated

(b) The usage rates of the urn burial spaces at each public cemetery in the past three years (2012 to 2014) were as follows –

Name of Cemetery	2012			2013			2014		
	(iv)	(v)	(vi)	(iv)	(v)	(vi)	(iv)	(v)	(vi)
Wo Hop Shek	83 240	113 216	73.5%	82 598	112 872	73.2%	82 477	112 918	73.0%
Sandy Ridge	31 785	37 861	84.0%	31 877	37 831	84.3%	31 889	37 780	84.4%
Cheung Chau	12 104	13 462	89.9%	12 150	13 462	90.3%	12 122	13 462	90.0%
Tai O	97	274	35.4%	99	274	36.1%	103	274	37.6%
Lai Chi Yuen	215	332	64.8%	216	332	65.1%	228	332	68.7%
Diamond Hill Urn Cemetery (declared closed since 1961)	52 765	52 765	100%	52 707	52 707	100%	52 670	52 670	100%
Total:	180 206	217 910	82.7%	179 647	217 478	82.6%	179 489	217 436	82.5%

Legend : (iv) No. of allocated urn burial spaces
(v) Total no. of urn burial spaces
(vi) Percentage of urn burial spaces allocated

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