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Question:

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, the number of additional facilities to be provided; if not, the reason(s).

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 360)

Reply:

Information on 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 calendar years is given below –

Name of Crematorium	2013			2014			2015		
	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	7 992	7 844	98.1%	7 798	7 789	99.9%	8 288	8 283	99.9%
Diamond Hill	8 499	8 439	99.3%	8 480	8 466	99.8%	7 896	7 887	99.9%
Fu Shan	6 948	6 800	97.9%	6 897	6 885	99.8%	6 960	6 949	99.8%
Kwai Chung	8 265	8 250	99.8%	7 331	7 325	99.9%	8 448	8 443	99.9%
Cheung Chau	1 728	164	9.5%	1 321	168	12.7%	1 308	195	14.9%
Wo Hop Shek	7 539	7 417	98.4%	10 635	10 611	99.8%	10 998	10 980	99.8%
Total:	40 971	38 914	95.0%	42 462	41 244	97.1%	43 898	42 737	97.4%

Reprovisioning of the Cape Collinson Crematorium to provide ten new cremators and ancillary facilities was completed in December 2015. The overall cremation capacity of all public crematoria has increased from 44 600 to 52 800 sessions per annum, which is expected to meet the projected demand up to 2025. In light of the demand and supply

situation, there will be no additional public crematoria or cremators provided in the next three years.

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