

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**FHB(FE)341****(Question Serial No. 5676)**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 advise on the usage rate of the burial spaces in the past three years.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 361)Reply:

The information sought is given below –

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

Name of Cemetery	2013			2014			2015		
	(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(i)	(ii)	(iii)
Wo Hop Shek	5 772	9 469	61.0%	5 520	9 469	58.3%	5 313	9 469	56.1%
Sandy Ridge	2 880	5 010	57.5%	2 555	5 010	51.0%	2 487	5 010	49.6%
Cheung Chau	616	1 260	48.9%	609	1 260	48.3%	594	1 260	47.1%
Tai O	109	420	26.0%	106	420	25.2%	105	420	25.0%
Lai Chi Yuen	146	276	52.9%	137	276	49.6%	134	276	48.6%
Total:	9 523	16 435	57.9%	8 927	16 435	54.3%	8 633	16 435	52.5%

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 calendar years were as follows –

Name of Cemetery	2013			2014			2015		
	(iv)	(v)	(vi)	(iv)	(v)	(vi)	(iv)	(v)	(vi)
Wo Hop Shek	82 598	112 872	73.2%	82 477	112 918	73.0%	82 549	112 936	73.1%
Sandy Ridge	31 877	37 831	84.3%	31 889	37 780	84.4%	31 839	37 734	84.4%
Cheung Chau	12 150	13 462	90.3%	12 122	13 462	90.0%	12 143	13 462	90.2%
Tai O	99	274	36.1%	103	274	37.6%	108	274	39.4%
Lai Chi Yuen	216	332	65.1%	228	332	68.7%	235	332	70.8%
Diamond Hill Urn Cemetery (declared closed since 1961)	52 707	52 707	100%	52 670	52 670	100%	52 635	52 635	100%
Total:	179 647	217 478	82.6%	179 489	217 436	82.5%	179 509	217 373	82.6%

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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