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Question:

Under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2017-18, it is stated that the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department will continue to take forward plans to provide more columbarium facilities. As regards the new / extended columbarium facilities to be commissioned in the coming 5 years, please advise this Committee on the locations, the commencement and completion dates of the works concerned, as well as the number of niches and expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon LAU Kwok-fan (Member Question No. 26)

Reply:

Under the district-based columbarium development scheme, a total of 24 potential sites have been identified in the 18 districts for columbarium development. Between the second quarter of 2011 and the end of 2016, the Government has consulted the relevant District Councils (DCs) on the projects at 14 sites, and all DCs indicated support or no-objection to the projects. These 14 projects would provide around 589 000 new niches in total, accounting for about two thirds of the total number of new niches available in all the 24 projects.

Among the projects for which relevant DCs have been consulted, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department has obtained funding support for taking forward the following projects in the coming 5 years –

Location	Actual / Tentative Commencement Date of Construction Works	Tentative Completion Date of Construction Works	Number of Niches	Estimated Expenditure (\$ million)
Peng Chau Columbarium Extension, Islands District	November 2016	September 2017	360	1.20
Cheung Chau Columbarium Extension, Islands District	September 2017	February 2018	1 250	5.10
Hong Kong Cemeteries and Crematoria Office (part) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department at Wong Nai Chung Road, Wan Chai District	September 2017	March 2018	855	7.25
Tsang Tsui, Tuen Mun District	July 2016	Q3 2019	160 000	2,874.30
Wo Hop Shek Cemetery (Phase 1), North District	December 2016	Q4 2019	44 000	945.60

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