

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**FHB(FE)294****(Question Serial No. 5979)**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 number of new public columbarium facilities, their locations and the number of new niches provided, as well as the expenditure incurred, in the past 5 years. Please also advise on the estimated expenditure for constructing public columbarium facilities, as well as the number and locations of the new niches to be provided, in the coming year.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 1126)Reply:

The information sought in respect of public columbarium facilities completed from 2012-13 to 2016-17 is provided below -

Location	Number of Niches	Year of Completion	Expenditure (\$ million)
Diamond Hill Columbarium	1 540	2012-13	0.51
Wo Hop Shek Kiu Tau Road Columbarium Phase V	43 710	2012-13	629.50
Cheung Chau Cemetery	1 000	2013-14	2.70

A number of public columbaria are under construction and scheduled for completion from 2017 to 2019. Details are provided below -

Location	Number of Niches	Anticipated Year of Completion	Estimated Expenditure (\$ million)
Peng Chau Columbarium Extension	360	2017	1.20
Cheung Chau Columbarium Extension	1 250	2018	5.10
Hong Kong Cemeteries and Crematoria Office (part) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department at Wong Nai Chung Road, Wan Chai	855	2018	7.25
Tsang Tsui, Tuen Mun	160 000	2019	2,874.30
Wo Hop Shek Cemetery (Phase 1), Fanling	44 000	2019	945.60

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