

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)378****(Question Serial No. 5854)**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 provide information on the utilisation rates of the crematoria and cremators in the past 3 years. Please also advise whether additional crematoria and cremators will be provided in the next 3 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 YIU Chung-yim (Member Question No. 101)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 3 calendar years is given below -

Name of Crematorium	2014			2015			2016		
	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	7 798	7 789	99.9%	8 288	8 283	99.9%	15 111	12 945	85.7%
Diamond Hill	8 480	8 466	99.8%	7 896	7 887	99.9%	8 578	8 519	99.3%
Fu Shan	6 897	6 885	99.8%	6 960	6 949	99.8%	5 895	5 814	98.6%
Kwai Chung	7 331	7 325	99.9%	8 448	8 443	99.9%	6 560	6 494	99.0%
Cheung Chau	1 321	168	12.7%	1 308	195	14.9%	1 105	119	10.8%
Wo Hop Shek	10 635	10 611	99.8%	10 998	10 980	99.8%	10 629	9 665	90.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>42 462</b>	<b>41 244</b>	<b>97.1%</b>	<b>43 898</b>	<b>42 737</b>	<b>97.4%</b>	<b>47 878</b>	<b>43 556</b>	<b>91.0%</b>

Reprovisioning of the Cape Collinson Crematorium to provide 10 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 2022. In light of the demand and supply situation, no additional public crematoria or cremators will be provided in the next 3 years.

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