

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**FHB(FE)191****(Question Serial No. 2420)**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:

The Development Bureau has provided information to the public relating to land/lease and town planning information on the private columbaria made known to the Lands Department and/or Planning Department, and grouped the private columbaria under Part A (i.e. List A) and Part B (i.e. List B). Regarding the various types of application under the Private Columbaria Ordinance, please set out in the table below the number of applications received so far.

	Already included in List A before submission of application	Already included in List B before submission of application	Not included in the information provided by the Development Bureau before submission of application
Application for licence			
Application for exemption			
Application for temporary suspension of liability			
Total			

Asked by: Hon MAK Mei-kuen, Alice (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 18)

Reply:

At the conclusion of the application period for pre-cut-off columbaria on 29 March 2018, the Private Columbaria Licensing Board has received applications for specified instruments (i.e. licence, exemption or temporary suspension of liability) from 144 private columbaria. The breakdown of the applications received is as follows -

	Already included in List A before submission of application	Already included in List B before submission of application	Not included in the information provided by the Development Bureau before submission of application
Application for licence	12	106	13
Application for exemption	4	54	8
Application for temporary suspension of liability	14	131	16
Total	30	291	37

Under the Private Columbaria Ordinance (Cap. 630), an application for a temporary suspension of liability must be accompanied by an application for a licence and/or exemption. Hence, a private columbarium may apply for more than one type of specified instruments.

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