

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

- (1) Please advise on the number of existing crematoria and cremators.
- (2) 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 ageing population; if yes, the number of additional facilities to be provided; if no, the reason(s).
- (3) Please advise on the usage rate of the burial spaces in the past 3 years.

Asked by: Hon TAM Man-ho, Jeremy (LegCo internal reference no.: 597)

Reply:

- (1) There are 6 crematoria managed by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department). The number of cremators in each crematorium is given as follows -

Name of Crematorium	Number of Cremators
Cape Collinson	10
Diamond Hill	6
Fu Shan	4
Kwai Chung	4
Cheung Chau	2
Wo Hop Shek	6
Total:	32

- (2) Information on the number of cremation sessions released, cremation sessions booked and the percentage of cremation sessions booked in public crematoria managed by the Department in the last 3 years is provided as follows -

Name of Crematorium	2016			2017			2018		
	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	15 111	12 945	85.7%	14 869	14 161	95.2%	14 869	14 721	99.0%
Diamond Hill	8 578	8 519	99.3%	8 253	8 203	99.4%	8 270	8 242	99.7%
Fu Shan	5 895	5 814	98.6%	5 563	5 518	99.2%	6 148	6 101	99.2%
Kwai Chung	6 560	6 494	99.0%	6 622	6 558	99.0%	7 303	7 273	99.6%
Cheung Chau	1 105	119	10.8%	1 170	101	8.6%	1 222	133	10.9%
Wo Hop Shek	10 629	9 665	90.9%	8 611	8 268	96.0%	7 421	7 333	98.8%
Total:	47 878	43 556	91.0%	45 088	42 809	94.9%	45 233	43 803	96.8%

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.

- (3) The usage rates of the coffin burial spaces at public cemeteries managed by the Department in the last 3 years are as follows -

Name of Cemetery	2016			2017			2018		
	(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(i)	(ii)	(iii)
Wo Hop Shek	5 091	9 469	53.8%	4 689	9 469	49.5%	4 447	9 469	47.0%
Sandy Ridge	2 151	5 010	42.9%	2 072	5 010	41.4%	1 972	5 010	39.4%
Cheung Chau	563	1 260	44.7%	534	1 260	42.4%	514	1 260	40.8%
Tai O	101	420	24.0%	102	420	24.3%	98	420	23.3%
Lai Chi Yuen	127	276	46.0%	115	276	41.7%	111	276	40.2%
Total:	8 033	16 435	48.9%	7 512	16 435	45.7%	7 142	16 435	43.5%

Legend: (i) No. of allocated coffin burial spaces
(ii) Total no. of coffin burial spaces
(iii) Percentage of coffin burial spaces allocated

The usage rates of the urn burial spaces at public cemeteries managed by the Department in the last 3 years are as follows -

Name of Cemetery	2016			2017			2018		
	(iv)	(v)	(vi)	(iv)	(v)	(vi)	(iv)	(v)	(vi)
Wo Hop Shek	82 839	112 954	73.3%	83 256	112 984	73.7%	83 827	113 071	74.1%
Sandy Ridge	31 838	37 717	84.4%	31 842	37 719	84.4%	31 798	37 697	84.4%
Cheung Chau	12 172	13 462	90.4%	12 195	13 462	90.6%	12 215	13 462	90.7%
Tai O	108	274	39.4%	111	274	40.5%	116	274	42.3%
Lai Chi Yuen	250	332	75.3%	263	332	79.2%	272	332	81.9%
Diamond Hill Urn Cemetery (declared closed since 1961)	52 600	52 600	100.0%	52 579	52 579	100.0%	52 551	52 551	100.0%
Total:	179 807	217 339	82.7%	180 246	217 350	82.9%	180 779	217 387	83.2%

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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