

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**FHB(FE)097****(Question Serial No. 2766)**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 Diane WONG)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and HealthQuestion:

Please provide the number of licence applications processed and the number of licence applications approved by the Private Columbaria Licensing Board in the past year. Please set out the names of the private columbaria which are currently granted a licence.

Asked by: Hon CHENG Chung-tai (LegCo internal reference no.: 126)Reply:

As at 28 February 2021, the Private Columbaria Licensing Board (PCLB) was processing 237 applications for specified instruments submitted by 99 private columbaria. The figures are summarised as follows:

Types of applications	Approved	Approved in principle	Refused	Withdrawn	Being processed
Application for a licence	6	2	21	11	87
Application for an exemption	1	1	12	9	39
Application for a temporary suspension of liability (TSOL)	0	11	29	13	111
Total number of applications	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	237
Number of private columbaria	7	13 ^{Note 1}	26	14	99 ^{Note 2}

Note 1: "Approval-in-principle" has been given to the application for a TSOL and the application for an exemption submitted by one columbarium.

Note 2: Including 13 columbaria of which "approval-in-principle" had been given to their applications for a licence/an exemption/a TSOL.

The private columbaria which have been granted the licence include Filial Park; Pu Tong Ta, Chi Lin Nunnery; Shan Yuan; Shatin Po Fook Hill (excluding Miu King Tong); Tung Wah Coffin Home; and Lung Shan Temple. The PCLB has also given “approval-in-principle” to the licence applications submitted by Fung Ying Seen Koon and by Po Tung Tower, Lo Hon Monastery.

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