

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**FHB(FE)156****(Question Serial No. 2444)**

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Question:

With regard to overseeing private columbaria, please advise this Committee of the number of prosecutions instituted and the number of convictions recorded for contravention of the Private Columbaria Ordinance (Cap. 630) in the past 5 years, with a breakdown by the type of offence.

Asked by: Hon OR Chong-shing, Wilson (LegCo internal reference no.: 83)

Reply:

The number of prosecutions instituted and the number of convictions recorded for contravention of the Private Columbaria Ordinance (Cap. 630) (the Ordinance) since its commencement on 30 June 2017 are tabulated as follows:

Type of offence	Number of prosecutions (from 30 June 2017 to 28 February 2021)	Number of convictions (from 30 June 2017 to 28 February 2021)
Contravention of section 10 of the Ordinance	6	6

All convicted cases were in breach of section 10 of the Ordinance, i.e. operating and managing a private columbarium without a licence obtained in accordance with the Ordinance.

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