

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)173****(Question Serial No. 1174)**Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not specifiedProgramme: (4) Public Education and Community InvolvementControlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Diane WONG)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and HealthQuestion:

With regard to “promoting green burial as a more sustainable form of disposal of cremated human ashes”,

- please set out the number of registrations made in the past 2 years since the setting up of the central registration scheme in January 2019, with a breakdown by year and registration method as per the table below; and

Year	Online	By post	By fax	By email	Total
2019					
2020					

- please set out the number of registered cases under the central registration scheme in the past 2 years in which the ashes of the deceased were not disposed of by green burial eventually, with a breakdown by year and final means of burial.

Asked by: Hon WONG Kwok-kin (LegCo internal reference no.: 58)Reply:

1. The breakdown of the number of registered cases of the Green Burial Central Register by registration method in the past 2 years is as follows:

Year	Online	By post	By fax	By email	On-site registration	Total
2019	3 101	214	19	14	53	3 401
2020	2 065	183	17	16	52	2 333

2. The breakdown of the number of deceased registrants and their final means of burial by year is as follows:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of deceased registrants</b>	<b>Number of cases that the ashes of the deceased are disposed of by green burial*</b>	<b>Number of cases that the ashes of the deceased are interred in public or private columbaria</b>	<b>Number of cases that the family of the deceased has not yet decided or is not willing to disclose the means of burial</b>
2019	55	41	11	3
2020	95	60	14	21

\*Inclusive of cases handled by private cemeteries

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