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Question:

It is mentioned under the Programme that the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department will continue to promote green burial, particularly in respect of the promotion of a central registration scheme. In this connection, please advise this Committee of:

- a) the percentage of green burial cases out of the total number of deaths in the past 5 years; and
- b) the number of registrants of the Green Burial Central Register in each of the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon HO Chun-yin, Steven (LegCo internal reference no.: 76)

Reply:

- a) The numbers of green burial cases and their percentages out of the total number of deaths in the past 5 years are provided as follows:

Year	Scattering of ashes			Percentage out of the total number of deaths
	In Gardens of Remembrance*	At sea	Total	
2018	6 074	972	7 046	14.8%
2019	7 010	899	7 909	16.2%
2020	6 822	854	7 676	15.2%
2021	7 112	906	8 018	15.6%
2022	8 437	1 012	9 449	15.4%

*Including cases handled by private cemeteries.

b) The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department launched the Green Burial Central Register in January 2019. The number of registrants in each year is provided as follows:

Year	Number of Registrants
2019	3 401
2020	2 333
2021	2 346
2022	1 492

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