

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****EEB(F)091****(Question Serial No. 0141)**Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not specifiedProgramme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related ServicesControlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Ms Irene YOUNG)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Environment and EcologyQuestion:

In connection with the 6 government crematoria under the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, please advise this Committee of:

- (1) the number of cremation sessions released, the number of sessions booked and the utilisation rates of each of the 6 crematoria in the past 3 years; and
- (2) the actual expenditure or revised estimate of the 6 crematoria in each of the past 3 years.

Asked by: Hon LAI Tung-kwok (LegCo internal reference no.: 28)Reply:

- (1) Information on the number of cremation sessions released, the number of sessions booked and the utilisation rates of the 6 crematoria operated by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department in the past 3 calendar years is as follows:

Name of Crematorium	2021			2022			2023		
	Number of cremation sessions released	Number of cremation sessions booked	Percentage of cremation sessions booked	Number of cremation sessions released	Number of cremation sessions booked	Percentage of cremation sessions booked	Number of cremation sessions released	Number of cremation sessions booked	Percentage of cremation sessions booked
Cape Collinson	16 888	16 654	98.6%	19 400	17 893	92.2%	16 607	16 498	99.3%
Diamond Hill	8 406	8 390	99.8%	11 759	11 661	99.2%	8 347	8 334	99.8%
Fu Shan	5 517	5 510	99.9%	7 643	7 591	99.3%	6 198	6 182	99.7%
Kwai Chung	7 166	7 145	99.7%	8 445	8 415	99.6%	7 908	7 885	99.7%
Cheung Chau	1 334	118	8.8%	1 294	125	9.7%	1 340	137	10.2%
Wo Hop Shek	10 397	10 289	99.0%	15 308	14 000	91.5%	13 897	13 759	99.0%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>49 708</b>	<b>48 106</b>	<b>96.8%</b>	<b>63 849</b>	<b>59 685</b>	<b>93.5%</b>	<b>54 297</b>	<b>52 795</b>	<b>97.2%</b>

- (2) The overall expenditures incurred by the Department in providing cemeteries and crematoria services in the financial years of 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24 were

\$490.8 million, \$558.8 million and \$509.0 million (revised estimate) respectively. There is no separate breakdown of the expenditure by crematorium.

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