

**Question on the proposed public columbarium development
in Sham Shui Kok East and Sham Shui Kok West
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Written reply of Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

The engineering feasibility studies for the two projects at Sham Shui Kok East and Sham Shui Kok West, including the traffic impact assessments, are nearing completion. Since the two sites are located within Tsuen Wan District, upon completion of the relevant studies, the Government will consult the Tsuen Wan District Council (TWDC) before deciding on developing the sites for columbarium use. Given that the said sites are geographically close to Tung Chung in Islands District, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD), apart from soliciting the views of TWDC members, will specially arrange for the relevant consultation paper to be circulated to members of the Islands District Council (IsDC). FEHD will try its best to answer any questions which IsDC members may have after reading the consultation paper.

The construction of columbaria involves complicated procedures. The Government will continue its rigorous efforts to increase the supply of public niches. We hope to enlist the support of the community to facilitate the Government to implement the columbarium projects expeditiously.

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