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Question :

What is the current expenditure on subsidising the management of cremation facilities? How much in percentage terms does it account for the total management expenses?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Yung-kan

Reply :

In 2008-09, the estimated total expenditure in providing crematorium and columbarium services is \$143 million, and the estimated revenue collected is \$53 million. The estimated deficit is therefore \$90 million, or 63% of the total expenditure. It is not possible to provide a breakdown of the expenditure on the management of cremation facilities alone.

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