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Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene

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Provision of columbarium at Wo Hop Shek Cemetery - Phase I

According to the Administration's paper on potential capital works items for submission to the Public Works Subcommittee ("PWSC") in the 2015-2016 legislative session (LC Paper No. PWSCI(2015-16)7), the proposed project is for the provision of columbarium at Kiu Tau Road, Wo Hop Shek Cemetery. The proposed project scope comprises -

- (a) construction of two columbarium blocks with about 44 000 niches (the overwhelming majority being standard niches), a leisure area, a pick-up/drop-off area and other ancillary facilities;
- (b) road enhancement works at Kiu Tau Road;
- (c) widening of an existing footbridge linking the MTR Fanling Station and Pak Wo Road from 5.5 to 11 metres;
- (d) extension of the existing bus layby on Pak Wo Road southbound from 34 to 52 metres and widening of the associated footpath; and
- (e) reprovisioning of two retail kiosks and a store room in the MTR Fanling Station that will be affected by the footbridge widening and associated works.

2. The construction is tentatively scheduled to commence in the fourth quarter of 2016 for completion in the fourth quarter of 2019.

3. According to the Administration, it has over the years endeavoured to identify sites suitable for possible expansion of columbarium development in order to meet the increasing demand for public niches. Under the District-based Columbarium Development Scheme ("the Scheme"), 24 potential sites have been identified in 18 districts for columbarium development. According to the information provided to the Bills Committee on Private Columbaria Bill by the Food and Health Bureau in December 2015, the proposed project is one of the eight columbarium projects under the Scheme for which support from the relevant District Councils has been obtained.

4. The Administration plans to brief members on this works project at the Panel meeting on 12 April 2016, before funding proposal is submitted to PWSC and the Finance Committee for approval.

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