



中華人民共和國香港特別行政區政府總部食物及衛生局  
Food and Health Bureau, Government Secretariat  
The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region  
The People's Republic of China

**By Fax and Email**

30 March 2017

Mr Colin CHUI  
Clerk to Bills Committee on Private Columbaria Bill  
Legislative Council  
Legislative Council Complex  
1 Legislative Council Road  
Central, Hong Kong

Dear Mr Chui,

**Bills Committee on Private Columbaria Bill  
Letter from Hon Alice MAK –  
supply of niches and related matters  
after passage of the Private Columbaria Bill**

Thank you for your letter of 30 March 2017.

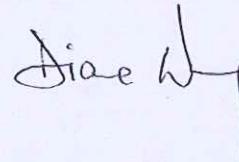
After we have issued our letter dated 13 March 2017, we have liaised with the Chairman of the Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene (“the Panel Chair”), who has kindly agreed to include an item on the captioned matter in the agenda of the Panel meeting on 11 April 2017.

However, it has subsequently transpired that the Panel meeting scheduled for 11 April 2017 already has a full agenda, comprising three time-critical items. The Panel Chair has then suggested to hold a special meeting on 24 April 2017; however, some official attendees are not available on that time slot and hence this option is not pursued further.

Notwithstanding the above, we will issue a paper on the captioned matter before 31 March 2017 and, subject to the agreement of the Panel, arrange for it to be discussed at the Panel meeting on 9 May 2017.

We should be grateful if you could help inform the BC Chair of the latest progress. Many thanks.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Diane W", with a long vertical stroke extending downwards from the end of the signature.

( Miss Diane WONG )  
for Secretary for Food and Health

- c.c. Hon CHAN Hak-kan, the Chairman of the Bills Committee on Private Columbaria Bill
- Dr Hon. Helena WONG, the Chairman of the Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene
- Clerk to the Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene
- Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene