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Dear Ms LAM,

**Reprovisioning of Fu Shan Public Mortuary**

During the discussion on the above subject at the meeting of the Legislative Council Panel on Health Services held on 21 May 2018, Members requested the Administration to provide supplementary information. Our response is set out in the ensuing paragraphs.

**Utilisation rate of public mortuaries and average number of days each body stored**

2. Currently, the regular body storage capacity<sup>1</sup> of the three public mortuaries operated by the Department of Health, i.e. Fu Shan Public Mortuary (FSPM), Kwai Chung Public Mortuary (KCPM) and Victoria Public Mortuary (VPM), is 216, 220 and 70 respectively. The overall average utilisation rate<sup>2</sup> of the above three public mortuaries has reached 101% in 2017. Details are as follows –

<sup>1</sup> Refers to the capacity of regular body storage racks inside the cold rooms of the public mortuaries, on which bodies are stored on separate decks.

<sup>2</sup> Excluding the use of mobile body storage trolleys.

<b>Public Mortuary</b>	<b>Regular body storage capacity</b>	<b>Utilisation rate<sup>2</sup> in 2017</b>	<b>Average number of days of each body stored in the mortuary in 2017</b>
FSPM	216	110%	25.5
KCPM	220	98%	26.1
VPM	70	81%	13.6

3. Mobile body storage trolleys are deployed in the circulation areas inside the cold rooms of the above three public mortuaries when necessary to enhance the temporary body storage capacity. Each mobile body storage trolley can store two bodies (on separate decks) at the same time. The number of trolleys that can be deployed in the circulation areas inside the cold rooms of FSPM, KCPM and VPM are 58, 49 and 4 respectively, providing a maximum of 116, 98 and 8 additional body storage spaces. Apart from the above three public mortuaries, Kowloon Public Mortuary (KPM) at Hung Hom is reserved for storage of bodies during emergency situations (see paragraph 4 below).

4. The three public mortuaries will usually reach their critical storage limits after long holidays and during winter, whereby KPM will be opened to receive bodies overflowing from these three mortuaries. The regular body storage capacity of KPM is 132 and 24 mobile body storage trolleys can be deployed inside the cold rooms of KPM, providing a maximum of 48 additional body storage spaces. In 2017, KPM opened on 76 days. The average number of days of each body stored in KPM is 16.2.

5. Members are invited to note the above information.

Yours sincerely,



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