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Clerk to the Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene  
Legislative Council Secretariat  
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1 Legislative Council Road  
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(Attn: Miss Josephine SO)

Dear Miss SO,

**Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene  
Follow-Up Actions Arising from the Policy Briefing**

With respect to the Policy Briefing on 12 January 2021, our supplementary information is attached in Annex for Members' reference, please.

Yours sincerely,

[Signed]

(Gilford LAW)

for Secretary for Food and Health

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Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene

(Attn: Mr Eric TSAI)

Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation

(Attn: Dr Thomas SIT)

## Policy Briefing – Supplementary Information

### (a) Animal Welfare

The number of suspected animal cruelty reports received by the Police and the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department and relevant prosecutions made over the past three years are tabulated as follows:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of suspected animal cruelty reports received*</b>	<b>Number of prosecutions made</b>
2018	368	27
2019	288	29
2020 (As at 30 September)	199	10

\* Upon investigation, most of the cases were found to be related to nuisance and not animal cruelty.

### (b) Public Columbarium

The Government is determined to increase the supply of public niches. Under the district-based columbarium development scheme, a total of 24 potential sites have been identified in the 18 districts for columbarium development. Various factors are taken into account in seeking to build columbaria in individual districts, including topographical conditions, land use compatibility, infrastructural support, traffic and environmental implications, and the concerns of residents in the vicinity of the proposed sites. Regarding the development of funeral facilities in the North District, the Sandy Ridge Cemetery, which was established in Lo Wu, New Territories as early as in 1950, has long been providing funeral services for the public. The Sandy Ridge Cemetery is also one of the potential sites under the district-based columbarium development scheme. The plan to build facilities including columbarium, Garden of Remembrance, crematorium and funeral parlour in Sandy Ridge Cemetery only involves areas within the existing cemetery, and several rounds of district consultation have been conducted. The Government will incorporate greening elements in the cremation facilities and the funeral parlour to be built in the valley and utilise the topographical features and terrains to minimise the impacts of the facilities on the scenery.

The project is being implemented in phases. In particular, the site formation and associated infrastructure works for development of columbarium commenced in 2017 and will be completed in 2021, involving an investment of over \$1.8 billion. If the Sandy Ridge Project could not be implemented as planned, the short, medium and long-term funeral service supply in Hong Kong will be significantly affected.