

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2008-09
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Question :

In 2008-09, the Administration will continue to work on the problems of outdated facilities and overcrowding in some of the penal institutions. What are the details? Has the Administration estimated when the programme will be completed? What is the estimated expenditure?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

The Correctional Services Department (CSD) has been implementing a series of measures to address the problems of outdated facilities and overcrowding in some penal institutions. These measures include:

- (a) construction of an extension block at Lai Chi Kok Reception Centre to provide 144 additional penal places for prisoners on remand. The project is scheduled for completion in mid-2008 at an estimated cost of \$13.8 million;
- (b) more rational utilisation of penal places by converting Lai King Training Centre (LKTC) into a penal facility for young female offenders to relieve overcrowding at Tai Tam Gap Correctional Institution. The conversion works at LKTC are scheduled for completion in mid-2008 at an estimated cost of \$9.95 million;
- (c) redevelopment of Lo Wu Correctional Institution into three new correctional institutions to provide 1 400 penal places. Construction works commenced in April 2007 and the project is scheduled for completion by early 2010 at an estimated cost of \$1,376.3 million; and
- (d) improvement works at existing institutions, including installation of CCTV systems and integrated security systems, and improvement to electricity supply

systems and workshop facilities, etc. The estimated expenditure in 2008-09 for such improvement works is about \$42 million.

CSD will continue to monitor the situation and consider other measures, including the option of redeveloping Chi Ma Wan prison area, to address the problem of overcrowding in some penal institutions.

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