

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2008-09  
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

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Head : 30 Correctional Services Department

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Programme : (2) Re-integration

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Correctional Services

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Question :

Regarding the psychological counselling and welfare services sessions provided and visits paid outside the institutions, have any discharged prisoners been deprived of these services due to a reduced number of services provided in the past? If yes, what are the details?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply :

Variation in the number of out-centre service sessions and outreach visits for discharged offenders under statutory supervision is mainly due to changes in the number of discharged offenders under supervision, individual differences in their need for such services, and their actual performance while under supervision. Discharged offenders under statutory supervision would be interviewed by officers of the Correctional Services Department at least once a month. Additional service sessions and / or outreach visits would be arranged depending on the individual needs of the discharged offenders. The number of service sessions and outreach visits provided in 2007 was about 3.2% lower than that provided in 2006. It was mainly due to a change in complexity and nature of the cases in that year which leads to a slight drop in service demand. All discharged offenders under statutory supervision in need of such services were provided with the services.

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