

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

Under this programme, the Correctional Services Department (CSD) started in 2007 to implement programme matching for inmates (i.e. persons admitted to Training Centres, Detention Centre, Rehabilitation Centres and Drug Addiction Treatment CentreS) and young prisoners as part of the integrated risks and needs assessment and management protocol for offenders. Are all inmates required to join the programme matching? If not, what are the reasons? What are the specific details of the programme and the expenditure involved? Has the Administration evaluated the effectiveness of the programme matching? If yes, what are the details?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply :

Under the Risks and Needs Assessment and Management Protocol (the Protocol), the Correctional Services Department (CSD) will, on the basis of the offenders' risks and needs level, recommend suitable rehabilitative programmes to them. Since the effectiveness of rehabilitative programmes depends very much on the offenders' self-motivation and determination, their participation in programme matching is voluntary.

There are various programmes offered under programme matching, which cover education/employment/ vocational training, counselling, family/community support, substance abuse treatment, recidivism prevention, offender behaviour, violence prevention, sex offender treatment and mental health treatment.

The Protocol, including programme matching, is part of CSD's rehabilitative services under its "Re-integration" programme. The financial provision for this programme for 2008-09 is \$473.1 million.

Since the Protocol has only been implemented for about a year, it is premature to evaluate and determine its effectiveness on the rehabilitation of offenders at this time. CSD will closely monitor the performance of discharged offenders in the next three years and conduct a full review in 2011.

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