

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2008-09
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Head : 30 Correctional Services Department

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Programme : (2) Re-integration

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Question :

Please detail the specific work of and expenditure involved in the integrated risks and needs assessment and management protocol for offenders. Has the Administration evaluated the effectiveness of the integrated protocol? If yes, what are the details? Whether any prisoners with two years' sentence or above are covered by the integrated protocol?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply :

Under the Risks and Needs Assessment and Management Protocol (the Protocol), the Correctional Services Department (CSD) conducts a systematic evaluation of offenders' custodial risks, re-offending risks and rehabilitative needs to facilitate their safe detention and the provision of matching rehabilitative programmes to them. Offenders will be first assessed on their risks and needs level, and tailor-made rehabilitative programmes will be arranged for them accordingly. The programmes 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 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.

The Risks and Needs Assessment and Management Protocol has only been implemented for about a year. It is premature to evaluate and determine the effectiveness of the Protocol 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.

Since October 2006, CSD has started conducting custodial risks assessment for all local inmates (i.e. persons admitted to Training Centres, Detention Centre, Rehabilitation Centres and Drug Addiction Treatment Centres), prisoners and persons on remand. Assessment of re-offending risks and rehabilitative needs has also been conducted for all local inmates and local prisoners with sentences of two years or above. In addition, CSD has implemented rehabilitative programme matching for inmates and young offenders in January 2007 and April 2007 respectively.

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