

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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Question :

The number of psychological counselling and welfare services sessions and visits in inmate centres in 2007 is 3 216 less than that in 2006. What are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. NG Margaret

Reply :

There was a reduction in the number of psychological counselling and welfare services sessions in inmate centres in 2007. It was mainly due to a change in the mode of service delivery. Since the implementation of programme matching for inmates in January 2007 under the Risks and Needs Assessment and Management Protocol for Offenders, the Correctional Services Department has been making greater use of group counselling activities, as some inmates are found to be more motivated to participate in a group setting. Although fewer sessions were conducted in 2007, the total number of attendance remained more or less the same as that in 2006.

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