

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

Please provide the number of Mainland offenders in Hong Kong's prisons by length of sentence (5-10 years, 11-15 years, 16-20 years and over 20 years). What is the total expenditure for such prisoners?

Asked by : Hon. NG Margaret

Reply :

As at 7 March 2008, the number of Mainland offenders in Hong Kong's penal institutions broken down by length of sentence is as follows:

Length of Sentence	Number of Mainland Offenders
Less than 5 years	2 015
5 - 10 years	116
11 - 15 years	10
16 - 20 years	6
Over 20 years	7
Indeterminate Sentence	17
Total:	2 171

The Correctional Services Department does not collate expenditure figures on the basis of nationality or ethnicity. We cannot therefore provide the total expenditure incurred by the Department on Mainland offenders.

Signature	_____
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