

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

What are the respective expenditures for providing education and vocational training to young prisoners and inmates in 2008-09? Has the Administration evaluated the effectiveness of the education and vocational training so provided? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. SHEK Lai-him, Abraham

Reply :

The estimated expenditure for providing education and vocational training to young prisoners and inmates ("young offenders") in 2008-09 is \$26.3 million and \$15.5 million respectively.

The objective of the education and vocational training programmes for young offenders is to improve their academic standards and enhance their opportunities of gainful employment on release. In 2007, young offenders attempted a total of 1 125 public examination papers and trade tests with an overall passing rate of 77.2%. In the same year, 95% of young offenders discharged under supervision had successfully secured gainful employment within one month of their discharge.

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