

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2008-09  
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

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Head : 30 Correctional Services Department

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Question :

Regarding “continue to explore the application of advanced technology for enhancement of daily operation at penal institutions”, please inform this Council of:

1. the present scope of study and its progress, and whether there is an implementation timetable in this respect?
2. the resources invested in the preceding year and to be invested in 2008-09?
3. how to apply advanced technology to improve the operation modes at correctional institutions to relieve the burden among frontline staff?

Asked by: Hon. SIN Chung-kai

Reply :

1. The Correctional Services Department has been exploring the application of advanced technology to improve the efficiency of prison management and strengthen security control. A number of enhancement projects have been carried out. For example, a video-electric gate system was installed in Lai King Training Centre in 2007-08, and similar systems will be installed in Shek Pik Prison and Tai Tam Gap Correctional Institution in 2008-09; a CCTV system was installed in Tai Lam Correctional Institution in 2007-08 and the existing CCTV system in Lai Chi Kok Reception Centre and Pik Uk Correctional Institution will be upgraded in 2008-09. This is an on-going initiative and the Department will continue to explore the feasibility of such projects in penal institutions in the years to come.
2. The estimated expenditure for introducing advanced technological devices in various institutions is about \$9.5 million in 2007-08 and \$25.3 million in 2008-09.
3. The introduction of advanced technology would enhance the efficiency of prison operation. For example, the video-electric gate system will relieve staff from operating the gates manually.

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