

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2007-08
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

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Head : 30 Correctional Services Department

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Question :

The Administration undertook to provide a comparison on the overcrowding situation in the penal institutions in Hong Kong and advise whether any changes have been made to their standards, in terms of living space per prisoner, over the past 10 years. (follow-up to reply serial no. SB011)

Asked by : Hon. LEE Wing-tat

Reply :

A comparison of the occupancy rate of different penal institutions in Hong Kong as at 16 March 2007 is as follows -

	Male	Female	Overall
All Penal Institutions	95.4%	105.7%	97.2%
Prisons	101.6%	110.6%	103.2%
- maximum security	112.0%	177.4%	116.5%
- medium security	93.1%	93.7%	93.3%
- minimum security	91.0%	106.3%	93.8%
Inmate Centres*	62.6%	67.7%	63.3%

*Drug Addiction Treatment Centres, Training Centres, Detention Centre and Rehabilitation Centres.

We have not made any changes to the planning standards on penal accommodation in the past 10 years.

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