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Head : 30 Correctional Services Department

Subhead (No & title) :

Programme : (1) Prison Management

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Correctional Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :
Under the Indicators of this Programme, the actual number of concerted acts of indiscipline in 2006 was 17, a drastic increase of 41.6% from 12 in 2004 and 142.8% from 7 in 2005 respectively. Would the Administration advise this Committee of the reasons for such concerted acts of indiscipline and whether there are measures to prevent them from happening?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Wai-yip, Albert

Reply :

The number of concerted acts of indiscpline fluctuates from year to year. The number of such acts in the past five years is given below. No increasing or decreasing trend has been observed.

2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
17	9	12	7	17

Last year, the 17 cases of concerted acts of indiscipline mainly involved collective disobedience, delaying the daily operation of institutions, conflicts among prisoners and returning food. The major reasons for such acts were disputes among prisoners, and dissatisfaction with the detention condition/treatment. All cases were swiftly controlled and resolved by staff, and there was no need to deploy additional resources in the course of action. The Department will continue to deal with all concerted acts of indiscipline in accordance with the established response system to maintain proper order and discipline among prisoners.

Signature _____

Name in block letters KWOK LEUNG MING

Post Title Commissioner of Correctional Services

Date 14 March 2007