

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2007-08  
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
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Question :

What are the details of drug addiction treatment services provided for addicted inmates in 2007-08 and what is the estimated expenditure in this respect?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

The Correctional Services Department's Drug Addiction Treatment Centre (DATC) programme is a detoxification programme which aims to wean addicts from drug dependence and restore their physical health through the application of therapeutic and rehabilitative treatment. DATC inmates are assigned work commensurate with their capabilities, skills and fitness with a view to improving their health, developing good working habits and establishing self-confidence and a sense of responsibility. Those who are medically unfit for a full work programme will receive special occupational therapy. In addition, DATC inmates will receive individual and group counselling on relapse prevention, and are subject to one year's statutory supervision upon discharge.

To further enhance the rehabilitative services for offenders in custody, including those receiving treatment in DATCs, the Department has started to implement the Risks and Needs Assessment and Management Protocol for Offenders since October 2006. The Protocol provides a scientific and evidence-based approach to custodial management and offender rehabilitation. Among other things, the Department has embarked on rehabilitative programme matching for target offenders in DATCs since January 2007. These initiatives will help strengthen the DATC inmates' determination in drug abstinence and in leading a drug-free life after discharge.

The estimated total expenditure for operating the DATC programme in 2007-08 is \$102.6 million.

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