

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

What are the reasons for the increase in the number of concerted acts of indiscipline from 7 in 2005 to 17 in 2006? What measures will be taken by the Administration to prevent such incidents? What will be the expenditure involved in implementing these measures?

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Yiu-chung

Reply :

The number of concerted acts of indiscipline 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.

<u>2002</u> 17	<u>2003</u> 9	<u>2004</u> 12	<u>2005</u> 7	<u>2006</u> 17
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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. 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.

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