

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

The success rates of Drug Addiction Treatment Centre (non-conviction and free from drugs in one year after discharge) as indicated in 2005 and 2006 are quite low, while that in 2006 is lower than that in 2005 by 3%. Please list the expenditure for this programme in 2007, including the expenditure to be incurred to raise its success rate.

Asked by : Hon. NG Margaret

Reply :

As in the case of other re-integration programmes, the success rate of the Drug Addiction Treatment Centre (DATC) programme is affected by various personal and socio-economic factors, such as individual inmates' family and social background, their response to rehabilitation/counselling services and the prevailing economic condition. For offenders with drug problem, their successful re-integration also hinges on the complexity of the addictive problems faced by them.

The Department will continue to make every effort to rehabilitate offenders with drug problem by providing them with timely and suitable support to help them lead a drug-free life after 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 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, including an additional provision of about \$960,000 for deploying additional staff to run rehabilitative programmes for DATC inmates.

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