

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Head : 30 Correctional Services Department

Subhead (No & title) :

Programme : (1) Prison Management / (2) Re-integration

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Correctional Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

For meeting the requirements of the Race Discrimination Ordinance and the needs of ethnic minorities, how much funding and manpower will be deployed by the Correctional Services Department in 2009-10 for language support? What is the respective expenditure for the translation of information and simultaneous interpretation?

Asked by : Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply :

The Correctional Services Department (CSD) has all along been providing translation and interpretation services for prisoners by employing qualified part-time interpreters as and when necessary. For 2009-10, a sum of \$485,000 has been earmarked for this purpose. In addition, CSD will continue to keep the translation and interpretation services under review from time to time and improve them as appropriate.

Signature	_____
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Post Title	Commissioner of Correctional Services
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