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Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2009-10

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

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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 :
The number of concerted acts of indiscipline increased from 21 cases in 2007 to 31 cases in 2008, representing an increase of nearly 50%. What is the nature of these concerted acts of indiscipline? Will the Administration provide a breakdown of the cases? How are those involved in the acts of indiscipline handled?

Asked by : Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply :

Concerted acts of indiscipline refer to incidents of indiscipline involving the collective behaviour of five or more prisoners. A breakdown of such incidents in 2007 and 2008 is as follows:

	Fighting / Assault	Food refusal	Refusal to proceed to assigned location	Collective request	Multiple concerted behaviour
2007	13	6	2	0	0
2008	11	13	0	1	6

After investigation, if prima facie evidence is established for an offence against Prison Rules (Cap. 234A), disciplinary action would be taken against the inmates involved.

Signature _____

Name in block letters KWOK LEUNG MING

Post Title Commissioner of Correctional Services

Date 16 March 2009