

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2009-10  
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
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Head : 30 Correctional Services Department

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Programme : (2) Re-integration

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Correctional Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

In 2008, the success rates of the re-integration programmes within the supervision period of the inmates in relation to training centre, detention centre, rehabilitation centre and young prisoners have decreased, by 1.7 percentage points to 5.1 percentage points, as compared with those in 2007. The success rate of the release under supervision scheme has decreased from 75% in 2007 to 66.7% in 2008. Has the Administration conducted a review in this respect and identified the reasons for the decrease?

Asked by : Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply :

The success rates of the re-integration programmes of the Correctional Services Department (CSD) are contingent upon a number of factors. Apart from the effectiveness of the re-integration programmes, other factors include the prisoners' family and social background, their response to rehabilitation/counselling services, community acceptance and support, the prevailing economic conditions, etc. Slight fluctuations in the success rates of the programmes are considered not unusual, having regard to the changing socio-economic circumstances every year. Nevertheless, CSD will continue to keep in view the success rates of its re-integration programmes, and further improve the programmes as appropriate to facilitate offender rehabilitation.

As for the Release Under Supervision Scheme, the 8.3 percentage points drop in success rate was not due to an increase in the number of failure cases from 2007 to

2008. The 8.3 percentage points drop in success rate was due to the small base for calculation. In fact, out of the 4 expired cases in 2007, there was only one failure case, and out of the 3 expired cases in 2008, there was also only one failure case.

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