

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2009-10
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

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Head : 30 Correctional Services Department

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Question :

Under the indicator of “no. of concerted acts of indiscipline”, the 2008 figure is higher than that of 2007 by ten. What are the details and reasons for the increase? For the most serious case, how many days did it last? Has the handling of the incidents by the Administration led to the injury of any prisoners or correctional services staff? Has there been a review on the adequacy of manpower?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

Concerted acts of indiscipline refer to incidents of indiscipline involving the collective behaviour of five or more prisoners. The increase in the number of such incidents (i.e. from 21 in 2007 to 31 in 2008) was mainly due to an increase in the number of incidents at the Castle Peak Bay Immigration Centre.

The longest incident spanned over a period of 11 days. In that incident, a number of detainees refused to take meals intermittently.

The Correctional Services Department has sufficient manpower to handle these incidents. No staff or prisoners suffered any injuries.

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