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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
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Question :

Regarding the “success rates of the re-integration programmes within the supervision period”, four of the indicators show that the 2008 figures are lower than those in 2007. What are the reasons and the details?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

The success rates of the training centre programme, detention centre programme, rehabilitation centre programme and young prisoners programme in 2008 were slightly lower than those in 2007 (i.e. a decrease in success rates ranging from 1.7 to 5.1 percentage points).

The success rates of the re-integration programmes are contingent upon a number of factors. Apart from the effectiveness of the programmes themselves, 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 are considered not unusual, having regard to the changing socio-economic circumstances every year. CSD will continue to keep in view the success rate of its re-integration programmes, and make further improvement as appropriate to facilitate offender rehabilitation.

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