

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 : (1) Prison Management

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Correctional Services

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Question :

Please provide information about the members of the Correctional Services Department Complaints Committee. What resources and measures have been made in last year to ensure the independence of the committee?

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Yiu-chung

Reply :

The Correctional Services Department Complaints Committee (CSDCC) is chaired by a civilian staff (at the rank of Administrative Officer Staff Grade C) of the Department, who is independent of the uniform stream. Members of the Committee include an Assistant Commissioner of Correctional Services, four senior officers of the Department and a Prison Chaplain. Prison Chaplains are independent clergymen appointed by the Chief Executive in accordance with the Prisons Ordinance (Cap. 234). They are entitled to have access to prisoners at all reasonable times, and have the duty to report irregularities in prisons that come to their knowledge. Such composition of CSDCC has given due regard to the requirement of its independence.

Signature	
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