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Question: During 2012-13, the Correctional Services Department will “upgrade fire services installations in industrial workshops, cells and dormitories”. What are the reasons for this? And what are the details of the plan, including the estimated expenditure and timetable of individual projects?

Asked by: Hon. LAM Tai-fai

Reply: Among the existing 29 correctional facilities under the management of the Correctional Services Department (CSD), many of them were built in the 1970s or earlier. As such, it is necessary to upgrade the fire services installations of the institutions in order to meet the prevailing standards. Working with the Architectural Services Department, CSD has been proactively conducting fire services installation upgrading works in institutions. They mainly include the installation of automatic sprinkler systems and enhancement of fire hydrants and fire hoses in industrial workshops, cells and dormitories, and the installation of fire alarm systems in the main buildings.

Among the existing 29 correctional facilities, the fire services installations of the 3 relatively new institutions have already met the prevailing fire safety standards during the design stage while another 10 facilities have completed the relevant upgrading works. During 2012-13, CSD plans to continue with the upgrading of fire services installations at 8 institutions, including Cape Collinson Correctional Institution, Hei Ling Chau Correctional Institution, Hei Ling Chau Addiction Treatment Centre, Lai Chi Kok Reception Centre, Lai King Correctional Institution, Stanley Prison, Tong Fuk Correctional Institution and Siu Lam Psychiatric Centre. It is expected that all the works in these institutions will be completed in 2014 and the total cost is estimated to be around \$21 million. For the remaining 8 institutions, including Nei Kwu Correctional Institution, Pik Uk Correctional Institution, Pik Uk Prison, Sha Tsui Correctional Institution, Shek Pik Prison, Lai Sun Correctional Institution, Tai Lam Centre for Women and Tai Lam Correctional Institution, CSD is seeking funding to complete the upgrading works of fire services installations.

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