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Question: During 2012-13, the Correctional Services Department will extend the coverage of the vocational training programme to provide more market-oriented and socially recognised vocational training courses for inmates and prisoners. What are the details? How much additional resources and manpower are required? In the past 3 years, how many inmates and prisoners were able to join the labour force through the training programme? What types of work did they take up?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply: In 2012-13, the Correctional Services Department (CSD) plans to provide some 1 310 training places for adult persons in custody, representing an increase of about 2.3% over that of 2011-12. The Department also plans to introduce new vocational training elements such as tourism and product promoter courses. Besides, the Department will make proactive efforts to increase and enhance training facilities and provide a more suitable training environment. In 2012-13, the CSD's vocational training-related expenditure like outsourcing of vocational training courses, employment services, training equipment and materials is estimated at around \$13.48 million.

According to the statistics of CSD, some 2 080 young persons in custody and 2 670 adult persons in custody received vocational training at penal institutions before their release in the past 3 years. Among the persons in custody who received vocational training in the past 3 years, around 100 young persons in custody continued their education after release while the rest of the young persons in custody succeeded in securing employment within 1 month after release. Of the some 1 040 adult persons in custody who had completed vocational training and participated in voluntary employment follow-up services, around 870 (84%) succeeded in securing employment within 6 months after release. They mainly engaged in trades like catering, retail, logistics, cleansing, commerce and building maintenance.

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