

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
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Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Correctional Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question: Under Matters Requiring Special Attention, it is stated that the Department will pursue the in-situ partial redevelopment of Tai Lam Centre for Women. What are the details of the redevelopment project, including the redevelopment timetable, the custodial arrangement for persons in custody during the redevelopment and the staffing arrangement?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Yiu-chung

Reply: The Correctional Services Department (CSD) proposes an in-situ partial redevelopment of Tai Lam Centre for Women (TLCW) to increase and enhance its facilities. The number of penal places of the institution will be increased to some 360 upon completion of the redevelopment. TLCW will operate as usual during the redevelopment period. The project is divided into two phases as follows:

Phase I	To construct a five to six-storey complex in TLCW to house nursing and health service facilities, rehabilitative facilities and Category A Prisoner (i.e. prisoners sentenced to 12 years or above) facilities, and to construct a new electric transformer room adjacent to the existing electric transformer room outside the perimeter wall to increase power supply.  Upon completion of the new complex, the number of beds for general patients in the institution will be increased from the existing 29 to 60 while the number of bedstead of maternity and baby will be increased from the existing 4 pairs to 10 pairs. Moreover, there will be a new X-ray room and a dental treatment room. On the custodial facilities for Category A prisoners, proposed improvements include the provision of a separate dining hall, a recreation room and a duty room. Additional rehabilitative facilities will include a multi-media training room, a religious service room and a counselling room, etc.
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Phase II	<p>To demolish the existing hospital block and a dormitory block, and construct a five to six-storey building for the remands so as to increase and enhance the custodial and rehabilitative facilities, including a separate dining hall, a recreation room and a duty room, a religious service room and a library, etc.</p> <p>To demolish the existing communication room, reception office, gate lodge and visit room, which are located in different locations of the institution, and construct a three-storey multi-purpose building for reprovisioning of these facilities to improve the management efficiency of the institution.</p>
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We plan to seek funding approval from the Public Works Subcommittee and the Finance Committee in mid-2012. Subject to funding approval, the project is expected to commence in the second half of 2012 and be completed by the end of 2016.

As TLCW is the only maximum security institution for female offenders under CSD, the maximum security persons in custody therein cannot be transferred to other institutions with lower level of security. The institution will therefore operate as usual during the redevelopment period. To ensure the security of the institution and prevent persons in custody from entering the construction site area during construction, CSD will enhance staff deployment and dog patrols.

A dedicated team will be set up for the supervision and co-ordination of the progress of and matters related to the project. CSD will redeploy its existing manpower to handle the work concerned and will not incur any additional staff cost.

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