

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

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Head: 30 Correctional Services Department

Subhead (No. & title): 000 Operational Expenses

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Correctional Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question: Regarding the item of "Prisoners' welfare" under Subhead 000 Operational Expenses, the revised estimate for 2011-12 is \$1,783,000 (+49.8%) higher than the original provision for the same year while the estimated provision for 2012-13 is \$3,733,000, which is \$1,630,000 (-30%) less than the revised estimate for 2011-12. Please advise on the details about the changes of the above figures.

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Yiu-chung

Reply: The revised estimate of "Prisoners' welfare" for 2011-12 is \$1,783,000 higher than the original provision. This is mainly due to the conversion of some vacant non-graduate teacher posts to graduate teacher posts to tie in with the introduction of the New Senior Secondary Curriculum into correctional institutions. Before the assumption of duty by the graduate teachers, the Department had to hire part-time contract teachers to take up the teaching duties in 2011-12 and the one-off expenditure involved was included under "Prisoners' welfare". When the graduate teachers concerned assume duty in end-2012, their salaries will be included under "Personal Emoluments" of Subhead 000.

The estimated provision for 2012-13 is \$3,733,000, which is \$1,630,000 less than the revised estimate for 2011-12. This is mainly because the Department no longer has to reserve provision to meet the above-mentioned one-off expenditure.

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