

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Head: 30 Correctional Services Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Re-integration

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Correctional Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

- (a) Regarding the success rates of the re-integration programmes within the supervision period mentioned under the Indicators of this Programme, why was the actual percentage of success rate for inmates of training centre to remain non-convicted within 3 years after discharge in 2011 lower than that of 2010?
- (b) Under the Indicators of this Programme, why was the actual percentage of success rate for inmates of drug addiction treatment centre to remain non-convicted and free from drugs within 1 year after discharge in 2011 lower than that of 2010?
- (c) Regarding the extension of the coverage of the vocational training programme mentioned under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2012-13, please provide the details of the types of trade involved and the vocational training courses of the extended training programme.

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

- (a) Whether inmates of training centre programme can remain non-convicted within 3 years after discharge is affected by a number of personal and socio-economic factors, such as the family and social background of individual inmates, their responses to rehabilitative/counselling services, psychological factor of individuals, the acceptance and support of the community, as well as the prevailing economic conditions. Besides, the above factors may vary with time and circumstances, and all these will affect the success rate of training centre programme.
- (b) Whether inmates of Drug Addiction Treatment Centre (DATC) programme can remain non-convicted and free from drugs within 1 year after discharge is also affected by the above personal and socio-economic factors. Starting from 2010, the Correctional Services Department (CSD) has stepped up efforts to monitor the relapse problem for supervisees discharged from DATC, which include increasing the number of urine specimen tests and expediting the procedures of confirmatory tests with a view to facilitating early detection of drug-taking by supervisees and taking appropriate actions.

Following the implementation of the above enhanced supervisory measures on supervisees of DATC, the numbers of supervisees who were found to have violated supervision orders in 2010 and 2011 were higher than that of 2009. However, since their acts of deviation from the right course were detected at an early stage, there was a decrease in the number of supervisees reconvicted of criminal offence during the supervision period. Details of the figures are as follows:

| | No. of supervisees violating supervision orders | No. of supervisees reconvicted |
|------|---|--------------------------------|
| 2009 | 462 | 436 |
| 2010 | 1 266 | 397 |
| 2011 | 1 014 | 267 |

The Department will continue to monitor the success rates of the various re-integration programmes, and review their effectiveness and enhance their contents as necessary, with a view to rendering more effective assistance in rehabilitating persons in custody.

- (c) In 2012-13, CSD plans to provide some 1 310 training places for adult offenders, representing an increase of about 2.3% over that of 2011-12. The Department also plans to introduce new elements into vocational training by providing service industry training such as tourism and product promoter courses. Besides, we will make proactive efforts to increase and enhance training facilities and provide a more suitable training environment.

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