

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

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Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Correctional Services

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Question: What is the provision involved for minors in custody to receive formal secondary education (the "3-3-4" curriculum or the Hong Kong Certificate of Education Examination (HKCEE)) in 2012-13? Please provide the number of minors in custody being subsidised for receiving secondary education (the "3-3-4" curriculum or HKCEE) and the provisions required in the past 3 years. Please also provide the number of minors in custody who had not been arranged by CSD to receive formal secondary education (the "3-3-4" curriculum or HKCEE).

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: The education courses provided for young persons in custody by the Correctional Services Department (CSD) include junior secondary education, the Hong Kong Certificate of Education Examination and the New Senior Secondary Curriculum, and they are taught by qualified teachers. The expenditure on education is calculated on the basis of the related expenditure for all persons in custody and we do not have a separate breakdown of the expenditure on education for young persons in custody. In 2012-13, the estimated expenditure on education for persons in custody is about \$27.1 million while the related expenditures for all persons in custody in the past 3 years are as follows:

Year	Expenditure on Education
2009-10	\$26.4 million (Actual)
2010-11	\$26.4 million (Actual)
2011-12	\$25.9 million (Revised Estimates)

In 2009, 2010 and 2011, the numbers of young persons in custody who had received education provided by the Department are as follows:

Year	Education
2009	1 743
2010	1 614
2011	1 269

The above figures of inmates receiving formal secondary education do not include the detainees of detention centre and young persons in custody under remand. Since the detainees of the detention centre must receive other forms of training in accordance with the Detention Centres Ordinance (Cap. 239) and the young persons in custody under remand generally have a shorter period of custody, CSD will provide suitable education services for them having regard to their individual needs.

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