

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

Programme: (1) Prison Management

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Correctional Services

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Question: Persons in custody often reflect that the Department only provides a chicken drumstick to each non-vegetarian inmate in their evening meal on major festivals. Will the Administration increase the provision in 2012-13 so that all persons in custody may have a chicken drumstick in their evening meal once every week?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply: Under Section 24A of the Prisons Ordinance (Cap. 234), plain and wholesome food should be supplied to persons in custody. The various dietary scales of persons in custody currently provided by the Correctional Services Department (CSD) are designed by dietitians and approved by the Department of Health, and they meet the nutritional needs of persons in custody. Non-vegetarian inmates are provided with an appropriate amount of meat in their daily meals. During the three major festivals of Hong Kong, namely the Mid-Autumn Festival, Christmas and Lunar New Year, CSD will provide persons in custody with "festive food supplements" as a token of care of the community. Both vegetarian and non-vegetarian inmates will be provided with "festive food supplements", such as chicken drumsticks and vegetarian food items.

Signature: _____

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Post Title: Commissioner of Correctional Services

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