CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Head: 30 Correctional Services Department   Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (1) Prison Management

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Correctional Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Please provide the budgets for prison management of the past five years (i.e. 2008-2009 to 2012-2013) and the 2013-2014 financial year.   What are the respective monthly unit costs for detaining each young offender in Training Centre, Detention Centre and Rehabilitation Centre?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The expenditure and estimates for Prison Management from 2008-09 to 2013-14 are set out below:

Year	$million
2008-09 (Actual Expenditure)	2,104.7 §
2009-10 (Actual Expenditure)	1,987.7 §
2010-11 (Actual Expenditure)	1,998.5
2011-12 (Actual Expenditure)	2,119.1
2012-13 (Revised Estimate)	2,255.9
2013-14 (Estimate)	2,336.2

§ Following the reorganisation of the Correctional Services Industries (CSI) Section, the financial provision attributable to the CSI Section was transferred from Programme (1) "Prison Management" to Programme (2) "Re-integration" with effect from February 2009.

Apart from detaining persons in custody, the daily operation of the Correctional Services Department includes other related work and services that are not institution-specific, e.g. escort of persons in custody to and from courts and hospitals, provision of medical, welfare and aftercare services, etc.   As such, it is difficult to calculate or estimate the cost of detaining a person in custody at a particular type of correctional facility.   The average daily penal population at correctional facilities in the past five years was as follows:

Year	Average daily penal population (persons)
2008	10 510
2009	10 325
2010	10 073
2011	9 658
2012	9 247

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