

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

**SB210**

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1862

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 "Specialist supplies and equipment" under Departmental Expenses, there is a substantial increase in the 2013-14 estimate as compared with the last three financial years. Please list out the detailed contents of the item and account for the substantial increase in expenditure.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Wah-fung, Christopher

Reply:

"Departmental Expenses - Specialist supplies and equipment" under Subhead 000 is mainly for the procurement of medical equipment, security equipment and facilities, and items for use by persons in custody, etc. The estimated expenditure for 2013-14 is about \$44.39 million, which is higher than the annual expenditure in the last three financial years. The increase is mainly due to the Department's plan to procure the necessary supplies, such as rapid urine testing cups, to support its enhancement on the collection and testing procedures of urine samples of persons in custody and supervisees.

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