

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Head: 30 Correctional Services Department

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Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Correctional Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Under this Programme, the Correctional Services Department will in the 2013-14 financial year extend the coverage of the vocational training programme to provide more market-oriented and socially recognised vocational training for persons in custody. Please advise this Committee of the details of the programme, the new types of trade to be included, and the estimated expenditure and manpower requirement.

Asked by: Hon. CHUNG Kwok-pan

Reply:

In 2013-14, the Correctional Services Department (CSD) plans to provide some 1 400 training places for adult persons in custody. Having regard to the situation of local employment market, CSD will enhance cooperation with various training bodies such as the Employees Retraining Board, the Construction Industry Council and the Vocational Training Council to provide eligible adult persons in custody with remaining sentences from 3 to 24 months with more than 30 full-time and part-time vocational courses for enrolment on a voluntary basis. These courses cover the construction, technical, business, food and beverage, retailing, tourism, beauty care and logistics sectors. Trainees will be arranged to sit for the relevant examinations so as to obtain recognised qualifications, thereby enhancing their employability and facilitating their smooth reintegration into society upon discharge.

In 2013-14, the Department plans to introduce new vocational training courses for eligible adult persons in custody, including courses on Bar-Bender and Fixer Skill and Hong Kong Style Cafe Operation.

In 2013-14, CSD's vocational training-related expenditure on vocational training, like vocational training courses provided by recognised training bodies, employment counselling services, training equipment and materials, etc. is estimated to be about \$12.62 million. Besides, the Department will recruit Technical Instructors to provide some of the vocational training for persons in custody. The Vocational Training Unit of the Department has an establishment of 36 staff. Apart from coordinating the vocational training courses for persons in custody, the staff concerned need to undertake other duties.

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