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Question:

In 2013-14, the Correctional Services Department will seek short-term and long-term solutions to improve/upgrade ageing facilities and pursue the in-situ partial redevelopment of Tai Lam Centre for Women. What are the relevant details and the expenditures that will be involved?

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Reply:

Among the 29 correctional facilities, 10 have been in operation for 40 years or more by 2013. The Correctional Services Department (CSD) deploys resources every year on maintenance of buildings and facilities with various ageing problems. Besides, considerable limits are posed to the provision of rehabilitation services in the institutions that are relatively old or converted from buildings for other purposes because there is a lack of the facilities serving the rehabilitation needs of the modern days (such as classrooms and activity rooms).

The CSD has been adopting different measures to improve and revitalize the ageing facilities. In terms of short-term solution, the Department regularly inspects and maintains the buildings and facilities and, having regard to the needs of individual institutions, carries out repairs as appropriate. In terms of long-term solution, the CSD will plan and implement redevelopment or partial redevelopment projects of correctional institutions in accordance with actual needs.

In 2011-12, the total maintenance cost of the 29 correctional facilities was around \$193 million, of which \$132 million (about 68%) was incurred by the 10 correctional institutions in operation for 40 years or more. The major redevelopment projects in recent years include:

- (i) The redeveloped Lo Wu Correctional Institution came into operation in 2010. The project cost was \$1,525 million;
- (ii) The partial redevelopment project of Tai Lam Centre for Women commenced in mid-2012 and is expected to be completed at the end of 2016. The estimated project cost is around \$947 million. Details of the works are as follows:

Phase 1

- (a) construction of a new complex block to house the following facilities –

- (i) a hospital unit with 60 beds for general patients in the institution (3 wards with 20 beds each) and 10 pairs of bedstead of maternity and baby. There will also be an out-patient clinic, a dental treatment room, a dispensary, an x-ray room, and other supporting facilities;
- (ii) a rehabilitation unit including a counselling room for inmates, an activity room, a religious service room, a parent-child centre, a multi-media learning centre-cum-classroom, a library and other supporting facilities;
- (iii) a Category A prisoner unit including 44 cells, day rooms, workshops, a dining hall and other supporting facilities;

Phase 2

- (b) demolition of the existing hospital block and a dormitory block to make way for construction of a new block providing 240 penal places for remands. The major facilities to be provided at the new remand block will include day rooms, dining halls, workshops, a religious service room, a library and other supporting facilities; and
- (c) demolition of the existing block accommodating the communication room, reception office, gate lodge and visit room and in-situ reprovisioning of these facilities in a new multi-purpose block to be constructed.

The Department will continue to consider redevelopment plans for other penal institutions and implement upgrading works according to the actual needs.

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