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Head: 30 Correctional Services DepartmentSubhead (No. & title):Programme: (1) Prison ManagementControlling Officer: Commissioner of Correctional ServicesDirector of Bureau: Secretary for SecurityQuestion:

What is the provision involved for minors in custody to receive formal secondary education (the "3-3-4" curriculum or the Hong Kong Certificate of Education Examination (HKCEE)) in 2013-14, and the number of minors in custody being subsidised for receiving secondary education (the "3-3-4" curriculum or HKCEE) and the provisions required in the past 5 years (up to 2012-13)? Please also provide the number of minors in custody who had not been arranged by the Department to receive formal secondary education (the "3-3-4" curriculum or HKCEE).

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hungReply:

The Correctional Services Department (CSD) provides secondary education for young persons in custody and the subjects are taught by qualified teachers. The estimated expenditure on education for persons in custody in 2013-14 is about \$26.7 million (mainly used on young persons in custody) and such expenditure in the past 5 years is as follows:

Year	Expenditure on Education
2008-09	\$26.4 million (Actual)
2009-10	\$26.4 million (Actual)
2010-11	\$26.4 million (Actual)
2011-12	\$29.6 million (Actual)
2012-13	\$27.0 million (Revised Estimates)

In 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012, the numbers of young persons in custody who received education provided by the Department are as follows:

Year	Number of young persons in custody who received education
2008	1 787

2009	1 743
2010	1 614
2011	1 269
2012	1 108

Given the drop in the overall young penal population in the past three years, there was a corresponding decrease in the number of young persons in custody receiving education. The above figures do not include the detainees of detention centre and young persons in custody under remand. The detainees of the detention centre have to receive other forms of training in accordance with the Detention Centres Ordinance (Cap. 239), and young persons in custody under remand have a shorter period of custody generally. Nevertheless, the CSD will provide suitable education services for them having regard to their individual needs.

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