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Question:

What is the provision involved for persons in custody taking university courses in 2013-14? What are the numbers of persons in custody being subsidised for taking university courses and the provisions required in the past 3 years (up to 2012-13)?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The Correctional Services Department provides secondary education for persons in custody under 21. For other persons in custody who are interested in pursuing further studies, we also encourage them to undertake self-learning, take public examinations or enroll in university distance learning courses. To assist those persons in custody who want to pursue further studies but have difficulties in paying for public examination fees, and examination and tuition fees for university distance learning courses or purchasing reference books, the Department has set up a number of education funds for them to apply for financial assistance. These funds are contributed by donations from charitable organisations and members of the public.

The numbers of persons in custody who took university courses in the past 3 years are set out below:

Year	No. of persons in custody who took university courses
2010	136
2011	139
2012	127

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