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Question:

Regarding prison management, the prime tasks of the Correctional Services Department in this year are to improve and revitalise ageing correctional facilities. What are the facilities to be revitalised? How will the Department enhance and improve the hygiene condition of the reception centres and prisons?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Yuk-man

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

In 2013-14, the major task of the CSD in revitalising institutional facilities is to continue the following up on the partial redevelopment project of Tai Lam Centre for Women. The works involve the improvement of institutional medical and health service facilities (including increasing the number of beds and provision of X-ray room and a dental treatment room, etc) and rehabilitation facilities (including provision of counselling room, activities room, religious service room, and multi-media training room cum classroom for persons in custody), as well as upgrading the custodial facilities of the institution through the adoption of enhanced design and introduction of an integrated security system. The redevelopment project commenced in mid-2012 and is scheduled for completion at end of 2016.

The CSD will also conduct improvement/upgrading works of smaller scale in other penal institutions, for example, revamping the kitchen facilities in Stanley Prison, enhancing the security facilities at the entrance of Siu Lam Psychiatric Centre, and upgrading security related facilities in Lai Chi Kok Reception Centre, etc.

CSD is committed to providing a decent and healthy custodial environment. To ensure satisfactory hygiene condition in correctional facilities, the Department attaches importance to keeping all indoor areas well ventilated and carrying out cleaning work in the institutions on a regular basis. All Heads of Institutions will inspect the hygiene condition of the institutional environment daily. Medical Officers of the Department of Health stationed at the CSD also inspects the overall environmental cleanliness in the institutions regularly. On personal hygiene, apart from reminding staff and persons in custody from time to

time to maintain good personal hygiene, the Department also provides sufficient hand-washing, ablution and disinfection facilities for use by persons in custody and on-duty staff.

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