

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Question (Member Question No. ):

In Reply SB173, the Administration mentioned that the Drug Addiction Treatment Centre (DATC) supervisees have to receive 12-month supervision after release and those who completed the post release supervision period will be included as successful cases. In this connection, the Administration please advise this Committee:

Are there any existing follow-up measures to investigate whether the successful cases have relapsed to drug abuse within five years and record the proportions of those who reoffended and received drug addiction treatment services?

Asked by: Hon. KWOK Wai-keung

Reply:

According to the law, the statutory supervision period for supervisees of Drug Addiction Treatment Centre after release is one year. Generally, the supervisees will not maintain contact with the supervising officers after the supervision period. The Correctional Services Department is therefore unable to follow up and obtain concrete information such as whether the successful cases have relapsed to drug abuse within the subsequent five years.