

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:

It is mentioned in the reply that the Administration has not set any targets for the success rates of DATC. What are the reasons for not setting the targets?

Asked by: Hon. KWOK Wai-keung

Reply:

The success rates of Drug Addiction Treatment Centre (DATC) Programme are calculated on the basis of the number of successful cases in which the supervisees under statutory supervision are able to meet the requirements of “not relapsing to drug abuse” and “not having committed any offence against the laws of Hong Kong” during the supervision period. Whether the supervisees can comply with these two requirements of supervision is affected by a number of personal and social factors, which include the criminal conviction and drug abuse history of supervisees (such as the number of previous criminal convictions, the duration of drug abuse history and the nature of their offences, etc), the motivation and determination of supervisees to stay away from drugs, the support of the community and their family members, as well as the prevalence of drug problem in the community, etc. Therefore, the Correctional Services Department has not set any targets for the success rates of DATC Programme.