

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**SB165****(Question Serial No. 2850)**

Head: (30) Correctional Services Department

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Question (Member Question No. 38):

In this year, the prime task of the Correctional Services Department is to continue revitalising the aged correctional facilities. The issue of ageing facilities at prisons and residential houses has existed for some time and the overcrowding problem in prisons is becoming more serious. Will the Administration provide the following:

1. What were the occupancy rates of training/detention/rehabilitation/drug addiction treatment centres in the past three years?
2. Are there long-term policy and maintenance schedule regarding correctional facilities improvement?

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Reply:

The occupancy rates of training centres/detention centres/rehabilitation centres/drug addiction treatment centres in the past three years are as follows:

Institution		Occupancy Rate (%)		
		2011	2012	2013
Training Centre	Cape Collinson Correctional Institution (Young males)	83.0	85.9	92.9
	Lai King Correctional Institution (Young females)	43.4	38.7	41.3
Detention Centre	Sha Tsui Correctional Institution (Young males)	53.6	45.9	39.3
Rehabilitation Centre	Lai Chi Rehabilitation Centre (Young males) (Initial detention period)	37.9	32.8	30.4
	Lai Hang Rehabilitation Centre (Young males) (Subsequent period of residence)	48.7	40.4	44.5
	Chi Lan Rehabilitation Centre (Young females) (Initial detention period)	47.5	30.6	33.5
	Wai Lan Rehabilitation Centre (Young females) (Subsequent period of residence)	40.3	32.8	31.4

Drug Addiction Treatment Centre	Hei Ling Chau Addiction Treatment Centre (Adult males)	61.0	69.3	69.7
	Lai Sun Correctional Institution (Young males)	71.0	65.1	53.5
	Nei Kwu Correctional Institution (Females)	90.6	83.6	90.3

The Correctional Services Department (CSD) has been adopting different measures to address the problem of ageing facilities in order to meet the needs of custodial and rehabilitation services. In terms of short-term solution, CSD regularly inspects and maintains the buildings and facilities and, having regard to the needs of individual institutions, carries out repairs and minor improvement/upgrading works. In terms of long-term solution, CSD will plan and implement redevelopment or partial redevelopment projects of individual correctional institutions in accordance with actual needs.

In recent years, the major redevelopment projects carried out by CSD include the completion of the Lo Wu Correctional Institution redevelopment project in 2010 and the commencement of the partial redevelopment project of Tai Lam Centre of Women in 2012, which is expected to be completed by the end of 2016.