

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**SB170****(Question Serial No. 2213)**

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Question (Member Question No. 9):

Regarding the continuous revitalisation of the aged correctional facilities, please inform this Committee of the following:

1. What are the details of the facilities that the Correctional Services Department plans to revitalise in the coming five years?
2. What is the estimate for the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. KWOK, Dennis

Reply:

Among the 29 correctional facilities, 10 have been in operation for 40 years or more by 2014. CSD deploys resources every year for maintenance of buildings and facilities with various ageing problems. Considerable constraints are posed to the provision of rehabilitation services in the institutions that are rather 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). We have been adopting different measures to improve and replace the ageing facilities. 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 correctional institutions in accordance with actual needs.

Major improvement/redevelopment projects to be implemented by CSD in future include the following:

	Name of Institution	Improvement／Redevelopment Projects	Estimate
1	Stanley Prison	Replacement and enhancement of close-circuit television system (the Panel on Security will be consulted on the proposal in April this year and funding approval will be sought from the Finance Committee later this year.)	\$163 million
		Improvement works to some of the accommodation facilities will commence in mid-2014 and are expected to complete in mid-2016	\$17.86 million
		Reconstruction of kitchen which was commenced in 2012, is expected to complete at the end of this year	\$10.85 million
2	Tai Lam Centre for Women	Partial redevelopment project which was commenced in 2012, is expected to complete at the end of 2016	\$946.6 million
		Installation of electric locks security system (the Panel on Security was consulted on the proposal in February this year, funding approval will be sought from the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council later this year.)	\$25 million
3	Siu Lam Psychiatric Centre	Ongoing upgrading of the security installations of main gate area is expected to complete at the end of this year	\$16 million

Moreover, CSD will continue to study relevant improvement projects according to the actual situation and needs of other correctional institutions.