

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****SB339****(Question Serial No. 3448)**

Head: (30) Correctional Services Department

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Programme: (1) Prison Management

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Correctional Services (SIN Yat-kin)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

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Question (Member Question No. 123):

Please provide the budgets for prison management in the past five years and the coming financial year. What are the respective monthly unit costs for detaining a young offender in Training Centre, Detention Centre and Rehabilitation Centre?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The expenditure and estimates for Prison Management from 2009-10 to 2014-15 are set out below:

Year	\$ million
2009-10 (Actual Expenditure)	1,987.7
2010-11 (Actual Expenditure)	1,998.5
2011-12 (Actual Expenditure)	2,119.1
2012-13 (Actual Expenditure)	2,243.6
2013-14 (Revised Estimate)	2,383.6
2014-15 (Estimate)	2,460.1

Apart from detaining persons in custody, the daily operation of the Correctional Services Department includes other related work and services that are not institution-specific, e.g. escort of persons in custody to and from courts and hospitals, provision of medical, welfare and aftercare services, etc. As such, it is difficult to accurately calculate or estimate the cost of detaining a person in custody at a particular type of correctional facility. The average daily penal population at correctional facilities in the past five years were as follows:

Year	Average daily penal population (persons)
2009	10 325
2010	10 073
2011	9 658
2012	9 247
2013	9 206