

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****SB353****(Question Serial No. 5049)**

Head: (30) Correctional Services Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

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Question (Member Question No. 104):

Regarding quarters allocated to staff by the Department, please inform this Committee:

- 1) Whether there were idle departmental quarters in the past five years? If yes, please provide the details of each of these staff quarters, including the names, locations, floor areas, numbers of units and planned future uses of these quarters;
- 2) Whether there are quarters which have been left idle for over five years? If yes, please provide the details of each of these staff quarters, including the names, locations, site areas, numbers of units and the starting dates of idling of these quarters; and whether the Government Property Agency has been notified to resume these quarters;
- 3) Whether new government land has been allocated for the purpose of staff quarters in the past three years? If yes, please provide the details of these new staff quarters, including the names, locations, floor areas and numbers of units of these quarters.

Asked by: Hon. WU Chi-wai

Reply:

- 1) In the past five years, the Correctional Services Department (CSD) did not have any idle departmental quarters (i.e. vacant but without any planned use).
- 2) CSD did not have any departmental quarters that were left idle for more than five years (i.e. vacant but without any planned use).
- 3) The Government has not allocated any new government land for staff quarters in the past three years. The disciplined services quarters in Fu Tei, Tuen Mun, is a redevelopment project of the former Fire Services Married Quarters coordinated by CSD. It involves a site area of 3 390 m<sup>2</sup> and provides a total of 140 units. The project will be completed at the end of 2014. CSD is currently coordinating another redevelopment project of the ex-Housing Department staff quarters in Tin Wan, Aberdeen, Hong Kong, which is one of the projects being expedited as mentioned in the Policy Address 2014. It covers an area of 710 m<sup>2</sup> and provides a total of 55 units.