

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Question:

The improvement of ageing correctional facilities remained the priority task of prison management in the past few years, but the amounts of the estimates for the relevant expenditure have no significant increase. Please provide the following:

1. What are the details of the improvement projects in the past three years?
2. What is the breakdown of the relevant expenditure?
3. In this year, what are the details and estimated expenditures on the proposed improvements of correctional facilities?

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Reply:

As most of the correctional facilities have been in operation for a few decades since their completion, there are ageing problems in many of them. The Correctional Services Department (CSD) has been adopting various short-term measures including conducting regular inspection, maintenance and repair works to enhance the facilities. In terms of long-term measures, CSD is also committed to planning and implementing redevelopment or partial redevelopment projects of correctional institutions so as to thoroughly improve the ageing correctional facilities and meet the needs of custodial and rehabilitation work. As the resources required for the relevant redevelopment projects are allocated from the Capital Works Reserve Fund after funding approval by the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council, they are not included in CSD's estimated expenditure.

The major redevelopment projects for correctional facilities of CSD and the expenditures involved in the past 3 years are as follows:

Projects	Total project costs	Expenditures in the past 3 years			
		2012-13 Actual expenditure	2013-14 Actual expenditure	2014-15 Actual expenditure/ Estimate	Projects mainly involved
Redevelopment (Note 1) of Lo Wu Correctional Institution (LWCI)	\$1,524.5 million	\$18.29 million	\$34.24 million	\$49,440 (Actual expenditure)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Installation of Electric Locks Security System (ELSS) ● Purchase of furniture and equipment
Redevelopment of Tai Lam Centre for Women (TLCW)	\$946.6 million	\$40.631 million	\$84.951 million	\$195 million (Estimate)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Phase 1 of the project
Reconstruction of kitchen in Stanley Prison	\$11.89 million	\$2.73 million	\$5.91 million	\$1.58 million (Estimate)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reconstruction of kitchen
Upgrading of the security installations of main gate area in Siu Lam Psychiatric Centre	\$9.1 million	\$2.4 million	\$1.3 million	\$3.5 million (Estimate)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Upgrading the security system of main gate area and perimeter wall

All the redevelopment projects and upgrading works for the facilities in LWCI were completed. The redevelopment projects and upgrading works for institutional facilities that CSD plans to implement in 2015-16 and the estimated project costs are as follows:

Correctional facilities	Improvement works	Estimated Expenditure in 2015-16
Stanley Prison	Replacement and enhancement of the closed-circuit television system (Note 2)	\$14.01 million
Tai Lam Centre for Women	Partial redevelopment project (Note 3)	\$80 million
	Installation of ELSS (Note 4)	\$3.53 million
Tai Lam Correctional Institution	Enhancement of the closed-circuit television system (Note 5)	\$2.2 million
Hei Ling Chau Correctional Institution, Hei Ling Chau Addiction Treatment Centre,	Building a Central Visit Room Complex at Hei	\$3 million

Correctional facilities	Improvement works	Estimated Expenditure in 2015-16
Lai Sun Correctional Institution, Nei Kwu Correctional Institution	Ling Chau ^(Note 6)	

The major redevelopment project for CSD this year is to continue implementing Phase 2 of the partial redevelopment project of TLCW and the estimated project cost in 2015-16 is \$80 million.

- (Note 1) The major project in LWCI was completed in 2010 and the expenditures on the installation of ELSS, furniture and equipment etc. were settled in the financial years 2012-13 to 2014-15.
- (Note 2) The project is expected to be implemented between 2014 and 2019 with a total estimated cost of about \$160 million. The amount listed is included in the estimated expenditure in 2015-16.
- (Note 3) The project is expected to be implemented between 2012 and 2016 with a total estimated cost of about \$946.6 million. The amount listed is included in the estimated expenditure in 2015-16.
- (Note 4) The project is expected to be implemented between 2014 and 2018 with a total estimated cost of about \$25 million. The amount listed is included in the estimated expenditure in 2015-16.
- (Note 5) The project is expected to be implemented between 2011 and 2016 with a total estimated cost of about \$6 million. The amount listed is included in the estimated expenditure in 2015-16.
- (Note 6) The project is expected to be implemented between 2015 and 2017 with a total estimated cost of about \$22 million. The amount listed is included in the estimated expenditure in 2015-16.