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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2150)

Head: (30) Correctional Services Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

<u>Programme</u>: Not Specified

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Commissioner of Correctional Services (YAU Chi-chiu)

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Security

Question:

Please list out in a table the details in respect of overseas duty visits made by the Commissioner of Correctional Services in the past three years, including the number of such visits, the durations, destinations, reason(s) for the visits, posts and number of entourage members on each visit and expenses involved.

Asked by: Hon LAU Wai-hing, Emily (Member Question No. 45)

Reply:

Details of duty visits made by the Commissioner of Correctional Services from 2012-13 to 2014-15, including the number of such visits, the durations, destinations and reason(s) for the visits, etc., are set out in the following table:

| Date of duty visit (number of visits) | Total number of days of duty visits | Destinations | Reason(s) for duty visit | Number of entourage members from the Department* | Annual Expenditure ** (rounded to the nearest thousand) |
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| 2012-13 (7) | 19 | Brunei, Beijing, Sichuan Province, Guangdong Province (twice), Zhaoqing, Macao | Official visits and meetings | 0 - 11 | \$333,000 |
| 2013-14 (5) | 20 | France, India, Beijing, Guangdong Province, Yunnan Province | Official visits and meetings | 3 - 11 | \$412,000 |
| 2014-15 (4) | 13 | Canada, Beijing, Guangdong Province, Macao | Official visits and meetings | 1- 7 | \$345,000 |

- * The ranks of the entourage members include Assistant Commissioner, Chief Superintendent, Senior Superintendent, Superintendent, Chief Officer, Principal Officer, Officer, Assistant Officer I, Assistant Officer II, Senior Master, Technical Instructor, Leisure Services Manager and Assistant Leisure Services Manager.
- ** Including travelling expenses and subsistence allowance reimbursed to visiting staff according to the Civil Service Regulations.