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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**(Question Serial No. 0182)**Head: (30) Correctional Services DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (000) Operational ExpensesProgramme: (1) Prison ManagementControlling Officer: Commissioner of Correctional Services (YAU Chi-chiu)Director of Bureau: Secretary for SecurityQuestion:

As the monthly wages of persons in custody are currently paid by the Correctional Services Department according to their earning grades, what are the wages of different grades? What criteria will the Department adopt in adjusting the wages this year?

Asked by: Hon WONG Yuk-man (Member Question No. 40)Reply:

According to Rule 39 of the Prison Rules (Cap. 234A), a person in custody who works and a person in custody who, through no fault of his own, is unable to work may receive payment in accordance with the rates approved by the Commissioner of Correctional Services. Persons in custody may keep such earnings as savings or use the earnings to buy canteen items. The Correctional Services Department has all along adopted an established mechanism in adjusting the earnings of persons in custody annually or when necessary, according to the changes in the contract prices of canteen items and the consumption patterns of persons in custody. The current earning grades and rates are tabulated below.

Earnings per week (\$)		
Basic rate*		23.64
Earning grades	Apprentice labour	Skilled labour
A	44.59	63.99
B	52.80	79.93
C	60.06	95.88
D	76.45	127.52
E	92.65	159.91
F	108.33	192.01

*Persons in custody who are unable to work due to medical reasons, or newly admitted convicted persons who are undergoing an induction programme and have not yet been assigned work belong to the basic earning grade.

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