

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Programme: (1) Prison Management

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Correctional Services (YAU Chi-chiu)

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Question:

With regard to addressing the problem of ageing correctional facilities,

- a) How long have the various correctional facilities been in operation? Please list out the periods by institution;
- b) What are the estimated expenditure and human resources that the Government plans to allocate in future to revitalise the ageing facilities? Please list out the details by institution; and
- c) Are there any plans to reduce or increase the number of existing facilities or to relocate them? If yes, what are the details and the estimated expenditure and human resources involved? Please list out the details by institution.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth (Member Question No. 184)

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.

The number of years in operation and major improvement/redevelopment projects of the 29 correctional facilities (Note 1) currently in use, and the estimated expenditures involved are as follows:

Correctional Facilities	No. of years since completed/ in operation (as at 31.12.2014)	Major Improvement/ Redevelopment Projects	Estimated Expenditure
Prisons			
Stanley Prison	78	Replacement and enhancement of the closed-circuit television system	\$162.68 million
Tai Lam Correctional Institution (Note 2)	56	(Note 3)	-
Tong Fuk Correctional Institution	48	(Note 3)	-
Tai Lam Centre for Women (Note 2)	45	Partial redevelopment project commenced in 2012 and is expected to complete at the end of 2016	\$946.6 million
		Installation of electric locks security system in non-redevelopment area	\$25 million
Tai Tam Gap Correctional Institution	42	(Note 3)	-
Pik Uk Correctional Institution	39		-
Pik Uk Prison	39		-
Lai Chi Kok Reception Centre	37		-
Lai King Correctional Institution	36		-
Tung Tau Correctional Institution	32		-
Hei Ling Chau Correctional Institution (Note 2)	31	Building a Central Visit Room Complex at Hei Ling Chau	\$22 million
Shek Pik Prison	30	(Note 3)	-
Pak Sha Wan Correctional Institution	15		-
Lo Wu Correctional Institution	4		-
Drug Addiction Treatment Centres			
Hei Ling Chau Addiction Treatment Centre (Note 2)	63	Building a Central Visit Room Complex at Hei Ling Chau	\$22 million
Nei Kwu Correctional Institution	39		
Lai Sun Correctional Institution	30		
Training Centre			
Cape Collinson Correctional Institution (Note 2)	56	(Note 3)	-

Correctional Facilities	No. of years since completed/ in operation (as at 31.12.2014)	Major Improvement/ Redevelopment Projects	Estimated Expenditure
Detention Centre/Rehabilitation Centres/Half-way Houses			
Sha Tsui Correctional Institution/ Lai Chi Rehabilitation Centre (Note 2)	50	(Note 3)	-
Chi Lan Rehabilitation Centre	36	(Note 3)	-
Lai Hang Rehabilitation Centre/ Phoenix House/Pelican House	31		-
Wai Lan Rehabilitation Centre/ Bauhinia House	12		-
Psychiatric Centre			
Siu Lam Psychiatric Centre	42	(Note 3)	-
Custodial Wards			
Queen Mary Hospital Custodial Ward	23	(Note 3)	-
Queen Elizabeth Hospital Custodial Ward	22		-

Note 1 : It does not include Ma Hang Prison which was used to accommodate mainly elderly male persons in custody. In order to provide more appropriate custodial and rehabilitative arrangements for them, CSD transferred these persons in custody from Ma Hang Prison to Tai Lam Correctional Institution in January 2015.

Note 2 : Converted from buildings that were not purpose-built for prisons

Note 3 : CSD will carry out various small-scale improvement and upgrading projects in accordance with the actual situation of the institutions concerned to meet operational needs.

CSD will continue to closely monitor the changes in the size and composition of the penal population, and maintain flexible deployment of resources to cater for the custodial and rehabilitative needs of persons in custody. The measures will include the swapping of functions between individual institutions whenever feasible. The Department will deploy existing manpower and resources to take up the work concerned.