Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2015-16

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Question:				

Please list out the staff establishment of welfare officers in the Correctional Services Department and the financial resources required in the past 5 years. Is the manpower sufficient for handling the existing number of cases? What is the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No.784)

<u>Reply</u>:

The Correctional Services Department (CSD), having regard to different needs of persons in custody, provides them with appropriate rehabilitation programmes such as welfare, counselling and pre-release preparation as well as post-release supervision conducted according to relevant legislations. In addition, CSD will review the needs on resources and manpower from time to time in order to provide continuous and comprehensive support.

In the past 5 years, the number of staff engaged and the respective salaries for the above rehabilitation work of CSD are as follows:

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Number of Staff	About 270	About 280	About 280	About 280	About 280
Salaries Expenses	About \$198 million	About \$113 million	About \$120 million	About \$127 million	About \$132 million