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

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Question:

1. How does the Correctional Services Department (CSD) deal with transgendered persons who have undergone sex reassignment surgery (SRS) but still retain the male gender classification in their identity documents?
2. Regarding transgendered persons who have undergone SRS, does CSD decide to deploy male/female staff members to conduct body search according to their gender at birth (as appears on Birth Certificate) or the gender claimed by them subsequently?
3. How many male-to-female transgendered persons (i.e. those who have undergone breast augmentation operation with/without the SRS) are admitted into institutions for male persons in custody?
4. How many male-to-female transgendered persons are required to wear male uniform?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No.792)

Reply:

According to Section 8 of the Prisons Ordinance (Cap. 234), separate buildings shall be used for the male and female persons in custody (PICs) respectively.

As for transgendered PICs, the Correctional Services Department will consolidate the views of medical officers, clinical psychologists or psychiatrists and make suitable arrangements on their treatment in correctional institutions. Correctional officers of an appropriate gender will also be deployed to conduct the search process. In general, transgendered PICs will be arranged to serve their sentence with PICs of similar conditions in the Vulnerable Prisoner Unit of Siu Lam Psychiatric Centre. The purpose of this arrangement is to protect transgendered PICs from being harassed by other PICs.

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