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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (30) Correctional Services Department

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<u>Programme</u>: (2) Re-integration

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Correctional Services (WONG Kwok-hing)

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

Question:

Under Indicators, the success rate of the re-integration programme within the supervision period of training centre (non-conviction in 3 years after discharge) decreased from 81.5% in 2022 to 72.7% in 2023. In this regard, please inform this Committee of the following:

- a) What are the reasons for a substantial drop in the success rate?
- b) What are the reasons for training centre to attain a lower success rate as compared with those of detention centre and rehabilitation centre?
- c) What were the respective financial provisions for these 3 types of centres in the past 5 years?

Asked by: Hon LUK Hon-man, Benson (LegCo internal reference no.: 17)

Reply:

The effectiveness of rehabilitation programmes is affected by various personal and social factors, including the motivation and determination of supervisees to turn over a new leaf, community and family support, peer influence, etc.

In the past 10 years, the success rates of supervision cases under the Training Centre Programme varied:

Year	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Success										
rate (%)	67.3	74.7	74.2	77.8	79.2	76.9	77.8	76.7	81.5	72.7

As the criminal backgrounds and post-release supervision periods of young persons in custody (PICs) admitted to training centres, detention centre and rehabilitation centres vary, it is not appropriate to make a direct comparison of the success rates of the three programmes.

As the rehabilitation programmes are part of the work of the Correctional Services Department in assisting PICs to re-integrate into the community, the Department does not maintain a breakdown of the expenditure involved.