

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**SB167****(Question Serial No. 3451)**Head: (30) Correctional Services DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ()Programme: (1) Prison ManagementControlling Officer: Commissioner of Correctional Services (WONG Kwok-hing)Director of Bureau: Secretary for SecurityQuestion:

Please provide the numbers of “individual acts of indiscipline” and “concerted acts of indiscipline” in the past 5 years. What were the losses and expenditures involved? Please list the causes of the above cases of acts of indiscipline and the ways these cases were handled by the Department.

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 223)Reply:

The respective numbers of individual acts of indiscipline and concerted acts of indiscipline of persons in custody (PICs) in the past 5 years are tabulated below:

Year	Individual acts of indiscipline (No. of acts of indiscipline)	Concerted acts of indiscipline (No. of cases)
2023	5 335	4
2022	4 564	5
2021	5 269	8
2020	4 332	10
2019	3 905	7

Since the handling of acts of indiscipline forms part of the daily management work of the Correctional Services Department (CSD), the Department does not maintain a breakdown of the expenditure involved. Besides, CSD does not maintain a breakdown of the losses incurred due to acts of indiscipline of PICs.

The causes of acts of indiscipline of individual PICs vary, and CSD does not maintain any statistics in this regard. For cases of concerted acts of indiscipline, most of the PICs involved had triad backgrounds, records of drug abuse or repeated imprisonment. They usually incited other PICs to get involved in collective actions or fighting in an attempt to establish their sphere of influence or resist the management measures or actions taken by the management to combat illicit activities.

CSD handles acts of indiscipline of PICs in accordance with the established mechanism. Apart from continuously strengthening intelligence collection and conducting special searching operations to ensure that all illicit activities are nipped in the bud, CSD also tackles illicit or indiscipline acts decisively and promptly so as to prevent situations from deteriorating. CSD may take disciplinary actions against the persons involved or report the cases to the Police for follow-up, having regard to the nature and gravity of the cases. CSD may also order individual PICs involved to be removed from association in accordance with the law for the maintenance of good order and discipline in the institutions. Besides, in case an emergency incident occurs in a correctional facility, the Regional Response Team will arrive at the institution promptly to provide immediate tactical support to the institutional management in a bid to bring the situation under control and prevent it from deteriorating.

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