

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2010-11

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Question :

What are the numbers, gender and offences involved respectively of young persons sentenced to different institutions from 2008-09 to 2010-11? Of these, how many are involved in offences related to psychotropic substance and what are their respective proportions?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Man-kwong

Reply :

The Correctional Services Department (CSD) admitted 1 681 (male: 1 230 and female: 451) and 1 552 (male: 1 166 and female: 386) young inmates respectively in 2008 and 2009. The breakdowns by major types of offences and by institutions are as follows:

Breakdown by major types of offences:

Year	2008	2009
Against Lawful Authority	91	75
Against Public Morality	55	60
Against Person	136	99
Against Property	283	256
Against the Penal Code	94	53
Against Local Laws	499	439
Narcotics Offences	523	570
Total	1 681	1 552

Breakdown by institutions:

Year	2008	2009
Prison	684	613
Drug Addiction Treatment Centre	206	329
Training Centre	147	122
Detention Centre	226	187
Rehabilitation Centre	418	301
Total	1 681	1 552

In 2008, among the 1 681 young inmates, 259 reported that they had abused psychotropic substances or other drugs within the four weeks before their admission to CSD's institutions, representing 15.4% of the total. The corresponding number in 2009 was 435, representing 28% of the 1 552 young inmates in total. There are no projected figures for 2010.

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