

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2010-11

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Question :

What are the numbers of places for education and vocational training provided to young prisoners and inmates and the expenditures involved from 2008-09 to 2010-11? What are the numbers of young prisoners and inmates who took up continuous learning or employment after release and their respective proportions?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Man-kwong

Reply :

In 2008 and 2009, the numbers of young offenders who had received education and vocational training provided by the Correctional Services Department (CSD) were as follows:

Year	Education	Vocational Training
2008	1 787	1 554
2009	1 743	1 363

In line with established practice, CSD will provide education and vocational training to young offenders in 2010 according to the actual number of admission.

We do not have separate breakdowns of the expenditure for providing education and vocational training to young offenders. The related expenditures for all prisoners from 2008-09 to 2010-11 are as follows:

Year	Expenditure on Education (\$m)	Expenditure on Vocational Training (\$m)
2008-09	26.4	18.0
2009-10	25.0 (Revised Estimates)	17.0 (Revised Estimates)
2010-11	27.6 (Estimates)	16.8 (Estimates)

In 2008, a total of 982 young offenders were put under supervision after release. Among them, 928 (94.5%) took up employment while 36 (3.7%) pursued education after release. In 2009, a total of 1 046 young offenders were put under supervision after release. Among them, 975 (93.2%) took up employment while 40 (3.8%) pursued education. We do not have the projected figures for 2010.

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