

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2010-11

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

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Head : 30 Correctional Services Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (1) Prison Management

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Correctional Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

In the past two years (i.e. 2008 and 2009), what were the numbers of acts of indiscipline case by prisoners in each year? Of these cases, what were the breakdowns by nature of acts of indiscipline and the punishments awarded?

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Yiu-chung

Reply :

In 2008 and 2009, there were respectively 4 092 and 3 723 cases of acts of indiscipline by prisoners. The breakdowns by nature of disciplinary offences and by punishments are as follows:

<u>By Nature of Disciplinary Offence</u>	2008	2009
1. Disobey any order of the officers of the Correctional Services Department (CSD)	967	985
2. Treat with disrespect any officer of CSD	8	5
3. Being idle or negligent at work, or refuse to work	144	38
4. Use threatening, abusive or insulting words	237	207
5. Commit any assault	422	416
6. Communicate with another prisoner for an improper purpose	3	3
7. Leave the cell or place of work without permission	20	9
8. Disfigure or damage the prison or property	31	22
9. In possession of any article without authorisation	648	617
10. Without authority give to or receive from any person any article	75	57

11. Offend good order and discipline	989	786
12. Lose, damage or destroy any Government property	28	25
13. Being found to have traces of a dangerous drug in a sample of urine	10	79
14. Fight with any person	495	465
15. Obstruct an officer of CSD in the execution of his duty	1	0
16. Attempt to commit offence, or incite / assist another person to commit the same	14	9
Total	4 092	3 723

<u>By Punishment</u>	2008	2009
1. Issuing a caution	42	59
2. Demotion of grade	5	13
3. Deduction/Deprivation of earnings or part thereof	2 509	2 206
4. Forfeiture of privileges	3 179	3 175
5. Forfeiture of remission	2 438	2 519
6. Separate confinement	3 013	3 059

(Note: In accordance with the Prison Rules, the Superintendent may order a prisoner who commits any offence against discipline to be punished by one or more than one punishment.)

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