

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2010-11

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

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

Programme : (2) Re-integration

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Correctional Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

In Reply SB124, it is mentioned that for those prisoners who pursue further studies, they would be provided with advice and guidance and given assistance to apply for relevant subsidies. However, for these prisoners with relatively higher academic qualifications, will the Administration consider providing them with special employment schemes to enable them to find jobs matching their specific knowledge upon release, so that they will not end up engaging in elementary-level jobs only because of their past identity?

Asked by : Hon. IP Wai-ming

Reply :

The Correctional Services Department (CSD) will arrange all local prisoners to take part in the "Pre-release Re-integration Orientation Course" before discharge. The course covers general information on social services and organisations which are of particular relevance to rehabilitated persons. It includes a brief introduction on social welfare services and community service facilities, information on government and voluntary agencies which offer assistance to rehabilitated persons in finding jobs, as well as job interview skills and labour legislation. Employment counselling and information on the labour market are also provided to prepare them for employment after release. For those prisoners who need assistance in finding jobs, CSD will refer them to participate in relevant employment schemes operated by government departments or non-government organisations (NGOs). CSD will also arrange NGOs to provide voluntary employment counselling and follow-up services for those prisoners who have received vocational training in correctional institutions. For individual rehabilitated persons under CSD's statutory supervision, employment counselling will be provided by their supervising officers. The above support is not confined to finding elementary-level jobs. Rehabilitated persons with relatively higher academic qualifications will also receive similar support and assistance in

finding suitable jobs which match with their specific ability and knowledge upon release.

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