

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2011-12

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Head : 30 Correctional Services Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (2) Re-integration

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Correctional Services

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Question :

Under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2011-12, it is stated that the Department will monitor the implementation of programme matching for inmates and prisoners. Will the Government inform this Committee of the details and the estimated expenditure of this matter?

Asked by : Hon. LAM Tai-fai

Reply :

As part of the "Risks and Needs Assessment and Management Protocol for Offenders" implemented by the Correctional Services Department (CSD), programme matching aims to provide more suitable rehabilitative services for persons in custody in accordance with their re-offending risks and rehabilitative needs, with a view to reducing their recidivism more effectively. The targets of programme matching service are inmates of Training Centres, Detention Centre, Rehabilitation Centres, Drug Addiction Treatment Centres and local persons in custody with sentences of 12 months or above. Basing on assessment on the re-offending risks and rehabilitative needs of the target recipients, CSD provides programme matching service by allocating them to different domains of counselling or treatment groups. It will help them to enhance their education level and vocational skills, quit drug abuse habit, rebuild family relationship, improve social skills, rectify criminal thinking, manage emotions and increase their understanding of the community support available. The provision for programme matching forms part of the rehabilitative services of CSD under its "Re-integration" Programme. The estimated expenditure for the Programme is \$799.4 million in 2011-12.

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