

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2011-12

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN 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 :

Regarding the rehabilitative work to help sex offenders re-integrate into the society, please provide:

1. the number of sex offenders participating in the re-integration programme and the success rates over the past three years;
2. the number of sex offenders who have been provided with psychological counselling and welfare services sessions and visits, as well as the number of such sessions and visits attended/received by each offender over the past three years.

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

1. To help convicted sex offenders in correctional institutions to re-integrate into the society, the Correctional Services Department (CSD) provides psychological counselling and welfare services sessions for them during their custody. CSD staff also conduct visits and provide counselling service and supervision under various re-integration programmes for sex offenders who are subject to statutory supervision after discharge. Those who are not subject to statutory supervision after discharge will be referred to receive counselling services available in local

communities. The number of sex offenders who are subject to statutory supervision after discharge and have completed the related re-integration programme and the success rates over the past three years are as follows:

Year	Number of sex offenders who are subject to statutory supervision after discharge and have completed the related re-integration programme	Success rate (%) ¹
2008	25	96.0%
2009	28	96.4%
2010	37	97.3%

2. 518, 529 and 559 convicted sex offenders in custody participated in psychological counselling and welfare services sessions in 2008, 2009 and 2010 respectively. Of the 559 sex offenders in custody in 2010, 163 voluntarily received special treatment. The average number of relevant sessions they participated in during the treatment period was 24 per month. As for the remaining sex offenders (close to 400 in number), CSD does not keep statistics on the number of service sessions attended by them. On the other hand, the average number of psychological counselling and welfare services sessions and visits provided for each sex offender subject to statutory supervision after discharge was 2.5 per month.

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¹ Non-conviction during the supervision period