

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 :

What are the resources and manpower deployed and planned for the provision of psychological counselling and welfare services sessions and visits by the Correctional Services Department in 2009, 2010 and 2011?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

As part of the rehabilitative services provided by the Correctional Services Department (CSD), the psychological counselling and welfare services sessions and visits aim to help persons in custody to tackle their adaptation, emotional or psychological problems during the custodial period. These services also aim to prepare them for future re-integration into the society so as to reduce their recidivism more effectively, and to ensure that supervisees who are subject to statutory supervision will receive appropriate care and guidance. In 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12, the resources and manpower deployed or planned by CSD for the provision of psychological counselling, assessment, welfare and counselling, as well as supervision services are as follows:

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Post	Number		
Clinical Psychologist	15	16	18
Officer	138	145	152
Assitant Officer I	80	81	86
Assitant Officer II	18	20	20

Expenditure (including the relevant staff cost and operational expenses)	\$100.51 million (Actual)	\$105.13 million (Revised Estimate)	\$111.17 million (Estimate)
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Apart from providing psychological counselling and welfare services sessions and visits, the above-mentioned resources also cover other rehabilitative duties. They include preparing psychological assessments or background reports on offenders for the courts and relevant committees, liaising with family members of persons in custody and encouraging them to pay more visits, co-ordinating with non-government organisations to arrange various religious, cultural, leisure and recreational activities and interest groups for persons in custody so as to facilitate their re-integration into community, as well as organising various publicity activities to promote rehabilitation for offenders.

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