

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2011-12

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Question :

What are the reasons for the actual number of sessions and visits of various psychological counselling and welfare services provided in 2010 being fewer than those in 2009? Also, what are the reasons for the estimated number of such service sessions in 2011 being fewer than those in 2010?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

The Correctional Services Department (CSD) provides various psychological counselling and welfare services sessions and visits for individual persons in custody and supervisees under statutory supervision according to their rehabilitative needs and progress of their cases. The number of such service sessions/visits provided depends on the number of persons in custody requiring such services. In 2010, both the overall number of persons in custody and supervisees under statutory supervision decreased as compared with those in 2009. As a result, the actual number of psychological counselling and welfare services sessions and visits in 2010 was fewer than those in 2009.

CSD mainly relies on the estimated overall number of persons in custody and supervisees under statutory supervision to estimate the number of psychological counselling and welfare services sessions and visits required in the coming year. In estimating the demand for such services in 2011, the Department has taken into account the assessment that there may be slight decrease in the overall number of persons in custody and supervisees under statutory supervision in the year.

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