

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (30) Correctional Services Department

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Programme: (1) Prison Management

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Correctional Services (YAU Chi-chiu)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

In respect of Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2016-17, it is stated that the Correctional Services Department will continue to explore the application of technology and other measures for enhancing daily operation of correctional institutions. Will the Government advise this Committee of:

1. the specific details of the studies;
2. the expenditure involved; and
3. the expected life span?

Asked by: Hon Dennis KWOK (Member Question No. 13)

Reply:

1. The Correctional Services Department (CSD) completed an Information Systems Strategy Study in November 2013. The Department also completed feasibility studies on the information systems and IT infrastructure upgrade in 2015. The studies recommended that the existing 8 core operational systems of CSD be replaced by an Integrated Custodial and Rehabilitation Management System (iCRMS). The studies also recommended that the existing data centre be enhanced to host the proposed iCRMS, and that the intranet coverage in all correctional institutions be extended so as to cater for the implementation of iCRMS and the long-term business needs of CSD.
2. The estimated expenditure involved for the proposed project includes -
 - (a) Non-recurrent Expenditure (Capital Works Reserve Fund Head 710- Computerisation)
It is estimated that the implementation of the proposed iCRMS project will incur a total non-recurrent expenditure of \$353 million over 7 financial years from 2016-17 to 2022-23;

(b) Other Non-recurrent Expenditure (Head 30 - Correctional Services Department)

It is necessary to form a project team for the implementation of the proposed iCRMS project. This will entail a non-recurrent staff cost of some \$84 million from 2016-17 to 2022-23;

(c) Recurrent Expenditure (Head 30 - Correctional Services Department)

The proposal is estimated to incur an annual recurrent expenditure of \$48.27 million from 2023-24 and onwards.

3. If the funding approval for the project can be obtained in mid 2016 as scheduled, CSD will commence the preparation work immediately. The project is expected to be completed in mid 2022. The expected life span of the whole system is at least 10 years.

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