

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (30) Correctional Services Department

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Programme: (2) Re-integration

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

The Rehabilitation Division of the Correctional Services Department is responsible for the re-integration programme for persons in custody. This work involves providing education and vocational training to young persons in custody to enhance their opportunities of continuous education or gainful employment after release. What are the expenditure and manpower involved for such work in the coming year? How many young persons in custody sat for the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination in the past 5 years? What was their passing rate? Has the Department reviewed their prospects after they are released? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Dr Hon LAM Tai-fai (Member Question No. 30)

Reply:

In 2016-17, the total financial provision of the Correctional Services Department (CSD) for facilitating the rehabilitation and re-integration of persons in custody into society is about \$1.0128 billion. The establishment of the Rehabilitation Division is about 730 persons.

Since 2012, CSD has arranged eligible young persons in custody to sit for the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination. The number of candidates and their passing rate are as follows:

Year	Number of Candidates	Passing Rate
2012	10	62%
2013	13	84%
2014	15	99%
2015	20	94%

In accordance with the relevant laws, most of the young persons in custody are subject to statutory supervision by CSD after release and they have to observe the conditions of

supervision, including taking jobs recognised by the supervision staff. During supervision, the majority of the young supervisees go to work while a few of them pursue further studies.

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