

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (30) Correctional Services Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Prison Management

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Please provide information on:

The total numbers of persons in custody in maximum-security prisons, medium-security prisons, minimum-security prisons, training centres, detention centres, drug addiction treatment centres and other types of facility respectively in each of the years from 2010 to 2016 inclusive, disaggregated by ethnicity; and

The amount of funding spent on cultural sensitivity training of the staff of the Correctional Services Department in each of the years from 2010 to 2016 inclusive.

Asked by: Hon Claudia MO (Member Question No. 17)

Reply:

The breakdown of the number of persons in custody (PICs) in the past 5 years is set out below:

Overall Statistics ^[Note 1]

	Local PICs	PICs from the Mainland, Taiwan or Macao	PICs of other nationalities	Total number of PICs
2015	5 904	1 009	1 525	8 438
2014	6 014	1 016	1 267	8 297
2013	6 653	1 161	1 225	9 039
2012	6 714	1 299	1 284	9 297
2011	6 709	1 299	1 059	9 067

Note 1: Number of PICs as at 31 December of the year

Maximum Security Correctional Institutions ^[Note 1]

	Local PICs	PICs from the Mainland, Taiwan or Macao	PICs of other nationalities	Total number of PICs
2015	2 756	408	674	3 838
2014	2 589	448	535	3 572
2013	3 002	506	581	4 089
2012	2 865	551	588	4 004
2011	2 772	544	460	3 776

Note 1: Number of PICs as at 31 December of the year

Medium Security Correctional Institutions ^[Note 1]

	Local PICs	PICs from the Mainland, Taiwan or Macao	PICs of other nationalities	Total number of PICs
2015	1 529	427	639	2 595
2014	1 599	412	534	2 545
2013	1 560	441	440	2 441
2012	1 638	450	473	2 561
2011	1 653	444	397	2 494

Note 1: Number of PICs as at 31 December of the year

Minimum Security Correctional Institutions ^{[Note 1] [Note 2]}

	Local PICs	PICs from the Mainland, Taiwan or Macao	PICs of other nationalities	Total number of PICs
2015	1 619	174	212	2 005
2014	1 826	156	198	2 180
2013	2 091	214	204	2 509
2012	2 211	298	223	2 732
2011	2 284	311	202	2 797

Note 1: Number of PICs as at 31 December of the year

Note 2: also including training centres, detention centre, drug addiction treatment centres and rehabilitation centres.

As at 31 December 2015, 1,525 PICs of other nationalities came from 65 countries. Over 60% of them were from Asia (including Vietnam, Indonesia, Pakistan etc). The remaining PICs were from Africa and other regions.

The Correctional Services Department (CSD) has put in place appropriate measures, including but not limited to, organizing a number of non-Chinese language classes for CSD officers to facilitate management of PICs of other nationalities. The actual expenditure for such classes between 2011 and 2015 is set out below: -

Year	Actual Expenditure (\$)
2015	236,300
2014	264,440
2013	302,400
2012	216,000
2011	216,000

In addition, consuls from various consular offices are invited to deliver cultural talks to CSD staff to better equip them with the knowledge on the culture and customs of PICs from other nationalities. Lectures on the awareness of the principles of human rights and equal opportunities respectively prescribed in the Hong Kong Bill of Rights Ordinance (Cap 383) and the Race Discrimination Ordinance (Cap 602) have also been incorporated into various staff training programmes. These talks and lectures did not incur additional cost.

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