

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:

Under this Programme, it is stated that short-term and long-term solutions will be sought to improve and upgrade ageing facilities. Please advise this Committee of the following:

- 1) In the First-term Work Report submitted by the Lantau Development Advisory Committee, it is stated that the Development Bureau will propose to consolidate the correctional facilities at Lantau to release suitable land for residential use. Please inform this Committee if the Correctional Services Department has conducted any studies on the proposal in the past 2 years. If yes, what are the details and expenditure involved?
- 2) What are the details of the follow-up work on the proposal in the next 24 months? What are the facilities and expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon WU Chi-wai (Member Question No. 32)

Reply:

As stated in the 2016 Policy Address, the Lantau Development Advisory Committee (the Committee) submitted a report on Lantau development to the Chief Executive. The report includes an idea of consolidating and relocating the correctional facilities on Lantau Island. Since the idea is only at a preliminary conceptual stage, the feasibility of the proposal and the actual details including the correctional facilities to be consolidated, consolidation arrangements, possible locations for re-provisioning, implementation timetable and the future uses of the vacated sites, etc, will require detailed technical studies. It is particularly important that the future development should meet the operational needs of the correctional facilities.

The Development Bureau is conducting public consultation on the report submitted by the Committee. The Correctional Services Department has not carried out any studies on the idea.