

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (30) Correctional Services Department

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

On addressing the problem of ageing correctional facilities:

1. what are the respective years of service of the existing facilities in operation? Please set out the details by individual facilities;
2. how much money will be allocated to upgrade individual facilities? What is the manpower requirement? Please set out the details by individual facilities; and
3. is there a plan to reduce, increase or relocate the existing facilities? If so, what are the details and what are the expenses to be incurred and the manpower requirements involved? Please set out the details by individual facilities.

Asked by: Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN Ka-lok (Member Question No. 74)

Reply:

At the end of 2015, of the 29 correctional facilities in operation, 13 have been in operation for 40 years or above. The Correctional Services Department (CSD) has been adopting different measures to improve and replace the ageing facilities. In terms of short-term measures, CSD regularly inspects, maintains and repairs the relevant facilities. In terms of long-term measures, CSD plans and implements improvement and redevelopment (including partial redevelopment) projects of correctional institutions, having regard to actual needs.

The number of years of operation of the above 29 correctional facilities as well as the timetable of the major improvement / redevelopment projects under the Capital Works Reserve Fund and the project estimates are set out at Annex.

CSD will continue to closely monitor the changes in the size and composition of the penal population, and deploy resources flexibly to cater for the custodial and rehabilitation needs of persons in custody. The measures will include, among others, the swapping of functions of individual institutions where practicable. The Department will deploy existing manpower and resources to undertake the work concerned.

The number of years of operation and major improvement/redevelopment projects of the correctional facilities under the Capital Works Reserve Fund, and project estimates

	Correctional Facilities	No. of years since completion/of operation (as at 31.12.2015)	Major Improvement/Redevelopment Projects	Project Estimates
Prisons/Drug Addiction Treatment Centres/Training Centre/Detention Centre/Rehabilitation Centres/Half-way Houses/Psychiatric Centre				
1	Stanley Prison	79	Replacement and enhancement of the closed-circuit television system	\$162.68 million
			Installation of electric locks security system	\$765.4 million
2	Hei Ling Chau Addiction Treatment Centre (converted from buildings that were not purpose-built for prisons)	64	(Note 1)	\$22 million
3	Tai Lam Correctional Institution (converted from buildings that were not purpose-built for prisons)	57	(Note 2)	-
4	Cape Collinson Correctional Institution (converted from buildings that were not purpose-built for prisons)	57		
5/ 6	Sha Tsui Correctional Institution/ Lai Chi Rehabilitation Centre (converted from buildings that were not purpose-built for prisons)	51		
7	Tong Fuk Correctional Institution	49		
8	Tai Lam Centre for Women (converted from buildings that were not purpose-built for prisons)	46	Partial redevelopment project commenced in 2012 and is expected to be completed at the end of 2016	\$946.6 million
			Installation of electric locks security system in non-redevelopment area	\$25 million
9	Siu Lam Psychiatric Centre	43	Replacement and enhancement of the closed-circuit television system	\$12.4 million

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10	Tai Tam Gap Correctional Institution	43	(Note 2)	-
11	Pik Uk Correctional Institution	40		
12	Pik Uk Prison	40		
13	Nei Kwu Correctional Institution	40	(Note 1)	-
14	Lai Chi Kok Reception Centre	38	Building an X-ray body scanner room	\$4 million
15/ 16	Lai King Correctional Institution/ Chi Lan Rehabilitation Centre	37	(Note 2)	-
17	Tung Tau Correctional Institution	33		
18	Hei Ling Chau Correctional Institution (converted from buildings that were not purpose-built for prisons)	32	(Note 1)	-
19/ 20/ 21	Lai Hang Rehabilitation Centre/ Phoenix House/ Pelican House	32	(Note 2)	-
22	Shek Pik Prison	31		
23	Lai Sun Correctional Institution	31	(Note 1)	-
24	Pak Sha Wan Correctional Institution	16	Replacement and enhancement of the closed-circuit television system	\$39.146 million
25/ 26	Wai Lan Rehabilitation Centre/ Bauhinia House	13	(Note 2)	-
27	Lo Wu Correctional Institution	5		
Custodial Wards				
28	Queen Mary Hospital Custodial Ward	24	(Note 2)	-
29	Queen Elizabeth Hospital Custodial Ward	23		

(Note 1) : Setting up a Central Visit Room Complex at Hei Ling Chau for the use of Hei Ling Chau Addiction Treatment Centre, Nei Kwu Correctional Institution, Hei Ling Chau Correctional Institution and Lai Sun Correctional Institution.

(Note 2) : CSD will carry out various small-scale improvement and replacement projects to meet operational needs, having regard to the actual circumstances of the institutions concerned.