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Question:

Complaints are often received from persons in custody that dental filling service is not provided in correctional institutions. Will the Department provide additional dental service to persons in custody in correctional institutions? If yes, when will the service be provided? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 298)

Reply:

The Correctional Services Department (CSD) ensures that necessary and appropriate medical services are provided to all persons in custody in accordance with the Prison Rules (Cap 234A). Every correctional institution has a hospital or sick bay where 24-hour basic medical services are provided by Medical Officers from the Department of Health (DH) and correctional staff with nursing qualifications. Dental Officers from DH will also visit the institutions to provide dental treatments to persons in custody on a regular basis. If necessary, persons in custody will be referred by Dental Officers to public hospitals for further treatment.

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