

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**SB409****(Question Serial No. 3980)**Head: (30) Correctional Services DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (000) Operational ExpensesProgramme: (1) Prison ManagementControlling Officer: Commissioner of Correctional Services (LAM Kwok-leung)Director of Bureau: Secretary for SecurityQuestion:

Please list the education courses provided for persons in custody at primary 6 level or below in the past 5 years and the current year by course names, durations and descriptions, as well as correctional facilities providing such courses.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 7214)Reply:

The Correctional Services Department (CSD) provides half-day compulsory education for young persons in custody (PICs) aged between 14 and 20, and arranges qualified teachers to teach the subjects. Teachers assess the academic levels of young PICs and help them learn in a progressive manner, having regard to the length of sentence. For PICs at primary level or below, correctional institutions provide them with appropriate guidance according to their ability.

The education courses currently provided by institutions for young PICs are similar to those provided in the past 5 years. Details are as follows:

Correctional Institution	Course Description	Course Duration
Pik Uk Correctional Institution	Secondary curriculum, including general and practical subjects such as Chinese, English, Mathematics, Liberal Studies and Computer Applications, etc., is provided.	Arrangements are made having regard to the length of sentence and individual cases.
Cape Collinson Correctional Institution		
Lai King Correctional Institution		
Tai Tam Gap Correctional Institution	The New Senior Secondary curriculum is also provided for PICs at Pik Uk Correctional Institution, Cape Collinson Correctional Institution and Lai King Correctional Institution.	
Lai Sun Correctional Institution		

Lai Chi Rehabilitation Centre	(1) The “Teen’s Programme” at the junior secondary level is provided. The curriculum covers basic education curriculum (including Chinese, English, Mathematics and Liberal Studies) and vocational training recognised by the Vocational Training Council.	(1) 120 hours of basic education curriculum and 180 hours of vocational training
Chi Lan Rehabilitation Centre	(2) Appropriate secondary curriculum is provided for PICs with higher academic qualifications.	(2) Arrangements are made having regard to individual cases.

As regards adult PICs, CSD has been encouraging them to pursue further studies in their spare time, enrol in distance learning courses according to their interests and abilities, and take public examinations under the users-pay principle. Correctional institutions provide appropriate assistance to PICs. For example, CSD has set up a number of education funds and subsidy schemes for PICs to apply for financial assistance if they want to pursue further studies but have difficulties in paying for public examination fees, the examination and tuition fees for distance learning courses or purchasing reference books. These funds and subsidy schemes are contributed by donations from charitable organisations and members of the public.

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