

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**SB410****(Question Serial No. 3981)**Head: (30) Correctional Services DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (000) Operational ExpensesProgramme: (1) Prison Management (2) Re-integrationControlling Officer: Commissioner of Correctional Services (LAM Kwok-leung)Director of Bureau: Secretary for SecurityQuestion:

Please list the education courses provided for persons in custody of other nationalities who do not speak English or Chinese in the past 5 years and the current year by course names, durations and descriptions, as well as correctional facilities providing such courses and the expenditures involved.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 7215)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 of other nationalities who need help, correctional institutions, having regard to individual circumstances, provide them with appropriate assistance as far as practicable.

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 Application, etc., is provided. The New Senior Secondary curriculum is also provided for PICs at Pik Uk Correctional Institution, Cape Collinson	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		
Lai Sun Correctional Institution		

	Correctional Institution and Lai King 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. (2) Appropriate secondary curriculum is provided for PICs with higher academic qualifications.	(1) 120 hours of basic education curriculum and 180 hours of vocational training (2) Arrangements are made having regard to individual cases.
Chi Lan Rehabilitation Centre		

CSD’s expenditure on education is mainly used on education provided for young PICs. The relevant expenditures in the past 5 years are as follows:

Year	2013-14 (Actual expenditure)	2014-15 (Actual expenditure)	2015-16 (Actual expenditure)	2016-17 (Actual expenditure)	2017-18 (Revised estimate)
Expenditure on education (\$ million)	31.70	34.30	34.33	34.89	35.78

The Department encourages adult PICs, including PICs of other nationalities, to enrol in distance learning courses in their spare time according to their interests and abilities, and take public examinations under the users-pay principle. The courses and examinations include distance learning courses of the Open University of Hong Kong, the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination, the London Chamber of Commerce and Industry International Qualifications Examinations, the City and Guilds of London Institute Examinations and Cambridge English Examination, etc. The areas of study cover business, education, languages and social science, etc. Correctional institutions provide appropriate assistance to meet the needs of individual 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.