

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****SB411****(Question Serial No. 3982 )**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 (PICs) in the past 5 years and the current year by course names, target PICs, course 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): 7216 )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. 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.	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		

CSD also encourages adult PICs to pursue further studies, enrol in distance learning courses in their spare time according to their interests and abilities, and take public examinations under the users-pay principle. They are provided with appropriate assistance. 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. 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.

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:

	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

On vocational training, CSD, having regard to the situation of the local employment market, has been working with various training bodies such as the Employees Retraining Board, the Construction Industry Council and the Vocational Training Council to provide eligible adult PICs with remaining sentences from 3 to 24 months with more than 1 400 training places of 40 full-time and part-time vocational training courses. Duration of courses vary from 16 to 600 hours. These courses cover construction, business, food and beverage, retail, beauty

care, transport, logistics, laundry services, computer application and environmental services, etc. The above courses are conducted at 11 correctional institutions including Stanley Prison, Tung Tau Correctional Institution, Pak Sha Wan Correctional Institution, Pik Uk Prison, Tai Lam Correctional Institution, Lo Wu Correctional Institution, Tong Fuk Correctional Institution, Shek Pik Prison, Hei Ling Chau Addiction Treatment Centre, Hei Ling Chau Correctional Institution and Nei Kwu Correctional Institution. Eligible adult PICs could enrol in these courses and sit for the relevant examinations so as to obtain recognised qualifications, thereby enhancing their employability and facilitating their smooth re-integration into society after release.

For young PICs, CSD provides 20 half-day vocational training courses on a compulsory basis apart from half-day compulsory education. The courses, with duration from 2 to 6 months, cover construction, business, food and beverage, retail, beauty care, laundry services and service industries, etc. Arrangements are made to facilitate the trainees to sit for the examinations held by the accreditation bodies, such as the certification examinations of the City and Guilds of London Institute and the intermediate trade tests of the Construction Industry Council, and take certificate courses offered by various training bodies.

CSD's expenditures on vocational training are as follows:

	2013-14 (Actual expenditure)	2014-15 (Actual expenditure)	2015-16 (Actual expenditure)	2016-17 (Actual expenditure)	2017-18 (Revised estimate)
Expenditure on vocational training (\$ million)	29.86	30.05	31.01	28.07	29.51

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