

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****SB417****(Question Serial No. 3988)**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 inform this Committee how often the dietary scales of persons in custody (PICs) are updated. When was the last update conducted, and according to what standards are the dietary scales designed? Are there designated officers to examine the food quality of each meal? Please also provide the relevant expenditures in the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 7224)Reply:

Under section 24A of the Prisons Ordinance (Cap. 234), the Correctional Services Department (CSD) is required to provide plain and wholesome food to persons in custody (PICs). The various dietary scales currently provided by CSD are designed by dietitians and approved by the Department of Health. The scales meet the nutritional needs of PICs. Meals are prepared by PICs under the guidance of qualified Catering Instructors. To ensure food quality, the Day Order Officer and senior officer of the institution are required to inspect and taste the food daily before meals are distributed. Under the new 3-year ration contracts which came into effect in 2017-18, healthier food materials such as skinned chicken have been introduced. Also, the portions of side vegetables (such as onion, tomato and carrot) and natural spices (such as curry powder and ginger powder) have been increased to replace high salt food materials (such as preserved vegetables), etc.

CSD's actual expenditures on "Provisions for institutions" in the past 5 years are set out below:

Year	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Actual expenditure on "Provisions for institutions" (\$ million)	90.68	97.64	89.00	77.22	78.00