

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Head: (30) Correctional Services Department

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Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Correctional Services (WOO Ying-ming)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

In the coming financial year, what are the estimated expenditure and work plan for the new item "Replacement and enhancement of the closed circuit television system for Cape Collinson Correctional Institution"? Why is the funding for this item sought in the context of the Appropriation Bill 2019, instead of separately sought from the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 2026)

Reply:

The Correctional Services Department proposes to replace and enhance the closed circuit television (CCTV) system for Cape Collinson Correctional Institution, including the installation of a new and enhanced digital CCTV system and about 300 high resolution cameras (some of which will be equipped with video analytic function to help enhance institutional security). The relevant system will be installed with servers, a video storage system, network equipment and uninterrupted power supply etc. It is expected to come into operation by the end of 2024. The proposed commitment for this item is \$55,450,000 and the estimated cash flow is as follows:

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>Total</b>
Estimated Expenditure (\$ million)	2.772	4.436	6.654	8.317	11.090	22.181	55.450

It is not a new arrangement to include in the draft Estimates funding proposals for creating commitments or increasing approved commitments under the General Revenue Account, for consideration by the Legislative Council in the context of the Appropriation Bill. The Government explained the relevant arrangements to the Finance Committee in early 2015. We have also included the necessary provision for this proposal under the respective head and sub-head of expenditure for Members' consideration.