

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****SB374****(Question Serial No. 6408)**Head: (30) Correctional Services DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (000) Operational ExpensesProgramme: (1) Prison ManagementControlling Officer: Commissioner of Correctional Services (WOO Ying-ming)Director of Bureau: Secretary for SecurityQuestion:

1. Please provide the figures on "Individual Acts of Indiscipline" and "Concerted Acts of Indiscipline" in the past 5 years. What were the losses and expenditures involved?
2. Please list the causes of the above acts of indiscipline cases.
3. Please list the ways these cases were handled by the Department.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.:356)Reply:

The numbers of individual acts of indiscipline and concerted acts of indiscipline of persons in custody (PICs) in the past 5 years are tabulated below:

Year	Number of individual acts of indiscipline	Concerted acts of indiscipline (number of cases)
2018	4 265	8
2017	4 521	5
2016	4 104	8
2015	3 671	6
2014	3 592	4

Since the handling of acts of indiscipline forms part of the daily management work of the Correctional Services Department (CSD), the Department does not maintain a breakdown of the expenditure involved. Besides, CSD does not maintain a breakdown of the losses incurred by acts of indiscipline of PICs.

As the background and causes of acts of indiscipline of individual PICs vary, CSD does not maintain the relevant statistics. For cases of concerted acts of indiscipline, most of the

PICs involved were drug abusers, had backgrounds associated with triads or record of repeated imprisonment. They usually incited other PICs to get involved in collective actions or fighting for the purpose of resisting actions taken by the Department to combat illicit activities or attempting to establish their sphere of influence.

CSD handles acts of indiscipline of PICs in accordance with the established mechanism. Apart from strengthening intelligence collection and stepping up special searching operations to ensure that all illicit activities are curbed at an early stage, CSD also tackles illicit or indiscipline acts decisively and promptly so as to prevent situations from deteriorating. CSD may take disciplinary actions against the persons involved or report to the Police for follow-up, having regard to the nature and gravity of the cases. If necessary, CSD also allocates resources appropriately and enhances the training for regional crisis management in handling these cases.

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