

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (30) Correctional Services Department

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Programme: (1) Prison Management

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Please provide in tabular form the ageing facilities for which the Department will seek solutions to improve/upgrade in the future with the following information:

Correctional institution	Daily operation of correctional institutions requiring improvement	Current condition of the facilities	Estimated expenditure (\$)	Estimated year of completion

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Reply:

The Correctional Services Department (CSD) has been planning and implementing various measures to improve and upgrade ageing facilities to optimise the daily operation, having regard to actual operational needs. In terms of short-term measures, CSD regularly inspects, maintains and repairs the relevant facilities. In terms of long-term measures, CSD plans and implements improvement and redevelopment projects of correctional facilities.

In 2020-21, CSD proposes to install an electric locks security system in Shek Pik Prison, and replace and enhance the closed circuit television (CCTV) systems for Pik Uk Correctional Institution and Lo Wu Correctional Institution. The above proposed projects will be funded by the provisions under Subhead 603 Plant, vehicles and equipment of the Capital Account of Head 30 Correctional Services Department. The funding of the relevant projects is sought in the context of the Appropriation Bill 2020. The details of the projects are tabulated below:

Correctional institution	Ageing facilities that need to be improved/ upgraded	Current condition of the facilities	Estimated expenditure (\$ million)	Estimated year of completion
Installation of electric locks security system in Shek Pik Prison	Modification of server rooms and installation of about 700 gates with electric locks, about 1 400 CCTV cameras (some of which will be equipped with facial recognition function), around 700 intercoms, electro-mechanical locking devices, server and associated parts, uninterrupted power supply system and charging devices, etc.	Currently, gates in the correctional institution are locked/unlocked with an old system of manually-operated mechanical locks, which involve complicated and extensive procedures of safe keeping, collection, return and distribution of keys etc. for security reason. Moreover, the manual locking or unlocking processes are more time-consuming. CSD proposes to install an electric locks security system, with facial recognition function to verify the identity of staff, with a view to enhancing the efficiency of prison management and level of security.	449.550	End of 2026
Replacement and enhancement of CCTV system for Pik Uk Correctional Institution	Installation of a new and enhanced digital CCTV system and about 255 high resolution cameras. *	Most of the existing cameras in the institution have been operating for over 10 years. The resolution of the cameras is low and the video recordings are not clear enough; the	13.507	Mid-2023

Correctional institution	Ageing facilities that need to be improved/ upgraded	Current condition of the facilities	Estimated expenditure (\$ million)	Estimated year of completion
		images are displayed at a comparatively slow rate resulting in the video being unable to be played smoothly. CSD proposes to replace and enhance the CCTV system with video analytic function to enhance the level of security in the prison.		
Replacement and enhancement of CCTV system for Lo Wu Correctional Institution	Installation of a new and enhanced digital CCTV system and about 3 699 high resolution cameras.*	Same as above	241.330	End of 2026

* The relevant system will be installed with servers, video storage systems, network equipment and uninterrupted power supply etc. Some of the cameras will be equipped with video analytic function to help enhance institutional security.