

**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:

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.: 264)

Reply:

The respective 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	Individual acts of indiscipline (No. of acts of indiscipline)	Concerted acts of indiscipline (No. of cases)
2019	3 905	7
2018	4 265	8
2017	4 521	5
2016	4 104	8
2015	3 671	6

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 due to acts of indiscipline of PICs.

The causes of acts of indiscipline of individual PICs vary, and CSD does not maintain the relevant statistics. For cases of concerted acts of indiscipline, most of the PICs involved had backgrounds associated with triads, record of drug abuse or repeated imprisonment.

They usually incited other PICs to get involved in collective actions or fighting for the purpose of resisting actions taken by CSD 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 nipped in the bud, 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.

Besides, to more effectively tackle cases of concerted acts of indiscipline in correctional institutions, CSD established the Regional Response Teams (RRTs) in 2016 to provide swift support to institutions in addressing emergency incidents. In case an emergency incident occurs in a correctional facility within a particular region, the respective RRT will arrive at the institution promptly to provide immediate tactical support to the institutional management in a bid to bring the situation under control and prevent it from further deteriorating.

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