

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**SB163****(Question Serial No. 2776)**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:

Please provide in tabular form the following information in the past 5 years:

1. the staff establishment of translation officers/staff members dedicated to assisting persons in custody (PICs) of other nationalities and the expenditures involved in various correctional facilities;
2. the respective proportions of local PICs, PICs from the Mainland and PICs of other nationalities in various correctional facilities; and
3. the respective proportions of local PICs by "nationality" as defined in the population census in various correctional facilities.

Asked by: Hon CHENG Chung-tai (LegCo internal reference no.:138)Reply:

1. As the management of persons in custody (PICs) of other nationalities is part of the daily management work of the Correctional Services Department, the Department does not maintain a breakdown of the staff establishment and expenditures involved.
2. The breakdown of penal population in the past 5 years (as at 31 December of the year) is as follows:

	Local PICs	PICs from the Mainland, Taiwan or Macao	PICs of other nationalities	Total number of PICs
2020	5 084 (72%)	740(10%)	1 283(18%)	7 107
2019	4 736 (67%)	910(13%)	1 377(20%)	7 023
2018	5 484 (67%)	1 044 (13%)	1 653 (20%)	8 181
2017	5 663 (67%)	1 026 (12%)	1 734 (21%)	8 423
2016	5 958 (69%)	927 (11%)	1 726 (20%)	8 611

3. The Department does not maintain any statistics on the proportion of local PICs by "nationality" as defined in the population census.

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