

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (30) Correctional Services Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Re-integration

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

With regard to the rehabilitation programmes of the Correctional Services Department (CSD), please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) Are there any statistics on the numbers of re-offenders who were sentenced to imprisonment again despite having attended various rehabilitation programmes in the past 3 years? If yes, what were the numbers of such re-offenders; if not, how does CSD assess the effectiveness of the rehabilitation programmes?
- (b) The establishment and estimated expenditure in 2021-22.

Asked by: Hon LAU Ip-keung, Kenneth (LegCo internal reference no.: 45)

Reply:

Recidivism rate refers to the percentage of re-admissions of local rehabilitated persons to correctional institutions following conviction of new offences within 2 years after discharge. The recidivism rate of rehabilitated persons has been on a downward trend in the recent 3 years, from 24.8% in both 2016 and 2017 to 22.5% in 2018. Besides, in the recent 10 years, such rate has even been reduced significantly from 33% in 2009 to 22.5% in 2018.

In 2021-22, the staff establishment of the Programme of Re-integration of the Correctional Services Department is 1 618 posts and the estimated expenditure is \$1.1923 billion.

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