

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**SB126****(Question Serial No. 1757)**Head: (30) Correctional Services DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ()Programme: (2) Re-integrationControlling Officer: Commissioner of Correctional Services (WONG Kwok-hing)Director of Bureau: Secretary for SecurityQuestion:

It is mentioned under this Programme that the Correctional Services Department aims to facilitate the re-integration of persons in custody (PICs) into the community as law-abiding citizens and will provide support for PICs to continue their studies. In this regard, please inform this Committee of:

- a) the numbers of PICs having completed programmes for Bachelor's Degree, Sub-degree, Higher Diploma, Diploma Yi Jin, etc., and the qualifications attained in the past 5 years;
- b) the details of expenditures incurred on providing support for PICs to continue their studies in the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ling-lai, Lillian (LegCo internal reference no.:20)Reply:

a) In the past 5 years, a total of 53 young persons in custody (PICs) (i.e. those aged below 21) took the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination (HKDSE) and 36 adult PICs were awarded 34 bachelor's degrees and 2 master's degrees. The numbers of the relevant PICs and the qualifications attained are tabulated below:

Year	Qualifications attained ^{Note 3}		
	HKDSE	Bachelor's degree	Master's degree
2022	12	5	-
2021	7	5	-
2020	9	9	-
2019	14	5	1
2018	16	10	1
Total	58 ^{Note 1 Note 2}	34	2
	(involving a total of 53 young PICs)	(involving a total of 36 adult PICs)	

^{Note 1:} In the past 5 years, a total of 5 young PICs sat for HKDSE more than once.

Note 2: In the past 5 years, a total of 5 young PICs met the general admission requirements for local universities.

Note 3: The Correctional Services Department (CSD) does not maintain a breakdown of PICs taking other individual programmes.

b) CSD has set up a number of education funds and subsidy schemes for PICs to apply for financial assistance if they want to pursue further studies but have difficulties in paying for public examinations and the tuition fees for university distance learning courses. These funds and subsidy schemes are contributed by donations from charitable organisations and the community. In the past 5 years, the amounts of subsidy granted to PICs are as follows:

Year	Amount of subsidy granted (HK\$)
2022	\$2,355,929
2021	\$2,558,496
2020	\$3,504,835
2019	\$3,092,146
2018	\$2,275,593

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