

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****SB131****(Question Serial No. 0920)**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:

Regarding the success rates of the re-integration programmes within the supervision period under Indicators, the percentage of detention centre (non-conviction in 1 year after discharge) decreased from 100% in 2021 to 95.9% in 2022. In this regard, would the Department inform this Committee of the following:

What are the reasons for a drop in the success rate?

What is the success rate of young persons in custody (PICs) involved in the black-clad violence in 2019?

What is the overall effectiveness of the rehabilitation work of the Correctional Services Department for young PICs involved in the black-clad violence in 2019?

Asked by: Hon LUK Hon-man, Benson (LegCo internal reference no.: 2)

Reply:

The effectiveness of rehabilitation programmes is affected by various personal and social factors, including the motivation and determination of supervisees to turn over a new leaf, community and family support, peer influence, etc.

In the past 10 years, the success rates of supervision cases under the Detention Centre Programme varied:

Year	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Success rate	96.5%	94.9%	96.0%	97.8%	94.1%	100%	100%	100%	100%	95.9%#

# Including 3 unsuccessful cases

Since the outbreak of the “black-clad violence” in 2019, a large number of radical people involved in serious offences have been admitted to correctional institutions. In order to help them re-establish correct values, the Correctional Services Department (CSD) has launched the “Project PATH”. From late 2021 to 28 February 2023, a total of 839 persons in custody joined the project on a voluntary basis, including 604 convicted persons involved in the “black-clad violence” (accounting for 74% of the convicted persons involved in the “black-

clad violence” since the launch of the project). According to the observation and assessment made by correctional officers, the “Project PATH” has yielded satisfactory results with positive response. Participants felt deep remorse for their unlawful acts committed in the past and actively participated in the activities under the project.

All re-integration programmes within the supervision period are conducted in accordance with the relevant legislation. At present, there are a total of 10 supervision programmes, including Detention Centre Programme, Drug Addiction Treatment Centre Programme, Training Centre Programme, Rehabilitation Centre Programme, etc., and success rates are compiled for each of these programmes. CSD does not maintain a breakdown of the success rate of cases “involved in the black-clad violence in 2019”.

CSD will continue to make good use of the resources to enhance the existing rehabilitation programmes, and strengthen collaboration with community stakeholders to create more rehabilitation opportunities to facilitate the re-integration of rehabilitated persons into society.

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