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Question:

It is mandatory for persons in custody to keep savings to meet their living expenses after release. What were the average and median savings in the past 5 years?

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 280)

Reply:

Adult persons in custody (PICs) are required to save 10% of their earnings until the mandatory savings of \$500 are made. After meeting the above requirement, PICs may save their remaining earnings or spend them on purchasing canteen items (e.g. snacks and additional daily commodities, etc.). The Correctional Services Department does not maintain statistics on PICs' savings made from their earnings.

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