

**Bills Committee on
Juvenile Offenders (Amendments) Bill 2001**

Statistics on Recidivism Rate

Introduction

At the Bills Committee meeting held on 13 November 2002, Members requested to have further information on recidivism rate among young persons who were prosecuted in 1997 and 1999 by types of sentences.

Detailed Information

2. The recidivism rate among young persons aged 7 to 17 convicted from 1997 to 2001, broken down by custodial and non-custodial sentences, are at Annex. For years 1997 to 1999, the average recidivism rate among defendants who were sentenced to custodial institution is 13.6%, and that among defendants who were imposed with non-custodial sentence is 17.8%.

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**Recidivism Rate of defendants aged 7 to 17
convicted of criminal offence in 1997 to 2001 by types of sentences**

Sentences	Year of Sentence				
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
24-hour residential institutions	15.8%	12.4%	12.6%	8.7%	5.9%
Non-institution	16.1%	17.6%	19.6%	13.7%	6.5%
Others	16.2%	18.8%	16.2%	15.7%	5.1%
Total	16.1%	16.4%	16.9%	12.5%	6.2%

Note:

- (a) A defendant is regarded as a recidivist if he/she is convicted for another criminal offences within 2 years from the date of last sentence. Due to the 2-year rule, the recidivism rate for defendants convicted of criminal offences in 2000 and 2001 are provisions figures as at 31.5.2002.
- (b) "24-hour residential institutions" include immediate imprisonment, training centre, CSD detention centre, drug addiction treatment centre, institutional probation and SWD detention order.
- (c) "Non-institutions" include school order, open probation community service order and suspended imprisonment.
- (d) "Others" include fine, bind over, conditional discharge, caution/absolute discharge and hospital order, etc..