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Legislative Council Secretariat
Legislative Council Building
8 Jackson Road
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Hong Kong
(Attn: Mr Raymond Lam)

Dear Mr Lam,

List of Follow-up Actions

I refer to the list of follow-up actions as at 30 April 2008 and would like to provide the Administration's response to Item 7 on the list.

(a) Reports of the Consultancy Study

The Risks and Needs Assessment and Management Protocol for Offenders is developed on the basis of a number of studies commissioned by the Correctional Services Department (CSD). The full reports will be sent to your office separately.

(b) Assessment of Re-offending Risks and Rehabilitative Needs

Local Inmates and Prisoners who have Undergone Assessment of Re-offending Risks and Rehabilitative Needs

Since October 2006, CSD has started conducting re-offending risks and rehabilitative needs assessments for all local young prisoners, local inmates (i.e. persons admitted to Training Centre, Detention Centre, Rehabilitation Centre and Drug Addiction Treatment Centre) and local adult prisoners with sentences of two years or above. The table below shows the number and percentage of local inmates and prisoners in the respective groups who have undergone such assessments as at the end of 2007.

<i>Local inmates and prisoners who have undergone assessment of re-offending risks and rehabilitative needs</i>		
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percentage</i>
(a) Local young prisoners and inmates	2 756	100%
(b) Local adult prisoners with sentences of two years or above	1 058	35%

For local adult prisoners with sentences of two years or above, assessments are currently conducted upon their admission to correctional institutions. CSD will gradually extend the assessments to serving local adult prisoners with remaining sentences of two years or above later this year.

Case Managers / Case Load of CSD's Officers

CSD has started implementing rehabilitative programme matching for inmates and young prisoners since January 2007. By adopting the through-care concept, supervision services for inmates and young prisoners will commence immediately upon their admission to correctional institutions. As at 31 December 2007, CSD has 52 supervision teams providing services to 3 523 inmates and young prisoners. Each team, headed by an Officer as the case manager and assisted by an Assistant Officer I, covers an average of about 68 inmates and young prisoners. These supervision teams are supported by clinical psychologists, psychiatrists, medical officers, vocational training managers, education personnel and custodial staff in handling the cases.

Questionnaire

Instead of using questionnaires, predication tables are used for conducting the risks assessments. A sample of the prediction tables is at Annex.

(c) & (d) Use of Computer and Plans to Update Facilities for Providing Rehabilitative Services

Use of Computer and Computer Training for Offenders

To facilitate their reintegration into society after release, CSD strives to promote computer literacy of prisoners and inmates through the provision of computer facilities and computer training courses. Young offenders, i.e. those under the age of 21, receive half-day compulsory education which includes computer literacy as a core subject. Depending on whether they have enrolled in public examinations on computer-related subjects, young offenders use computers and/or receive computer training for around four to six hours per week on average.

For adult prisoners, they are required to engage in useful work in accordance with the Prison Rules (Cap. 234A) unless excused on medical grounds. Computer training for adult prisoners is mainly offered in the

form of hobby classes with volunteers serving as instructors and prisoners joining on a voluntary basis after work. Statistics on the number of computer hobby classes organised for adult prisoners, the number of volunteer instructors involved, the number of applicants for and participants in such classes held from 2005 to 2007 are set out below -

	2005	2006	2007
(a) Number of computer classes organized for adult prisoners	35	65	83
(b) Number of volunteer instructors involved	28	59	61
(c) Number of adult prisoners who applied for computer classes	555	860	1 150
(d) Number of adult prisoners attended the computer classes	412	675	942
(f) Total computer training time (in person-hours)	6 592	10 800	15 072

Plans to Update the Facilities for Providing Rehabilitative Services in Old Penal Institutions

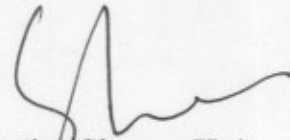
CSD is committed to providing comprehensive rehabilitative services to offenders notwithstanding the outdated facilities in some penal institutions. To facilitate the further development of more and better rehabilitative programmes, CSD will continue to carry out refurbishment and improvement works to upgrade the relevant penal facilities for such programmes. For example, a library-cum-computer room was constructed at the Cape Collinson Correctional Institution, and multi-media equipment was installed in its group counselling room in 2007. CSD is also planning to add counselling and multi-function rooms at the Hei Ling Chau Addiction Treatment Centre.

(e) Vocational Training for Prisoners

Vocational training is generally provided for inmates and prisoners under the age of 21. For adult prisoners, apart from providing them the opportunity to learn working skills and gain employment-related experiences through compulsory work, CSD has enhanced formal vocational training for this group of prisoners in recent years, through the provision of pre-release vocational training which can be taken up by local adult prisoners with remaining sentences of three to 24 months on a voluntary basis. In 2007-08, around 10% of the targeted prisoners volunteered for and received such pre-release vocational training. According to information obtained by CSD from selected overseas correctional agencies, the percentage of prisoners who have been provided with vocational training ranges from less than 5% in Japan and Singapore to

around 20% in Canada and New Zealand. However, these figures are not directly comparable, as different correctional agencies adopt different penal systems and provide different types of vocational training to prisoners, and that different bases have been used to calculate the percentages.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Sharon Ko', written in a cursive style.

(Miss Sharon Ko)
for Secretary for Security

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Hong Kong Correctional Services Department



Prediction Table --- Female Adult Offenders

CIN:	NAME:	DATE COMPLETED			INSTITUTION
	Family Given	7	4	2008	CCCI
		DD	MM	YYYY	
					Readmission (general) [Circle Score]
1	Age at admission				
	a. 21-29				0
	b. 30-39				+1
	c. 40 or above				-3
2	Previous convictions				
	a. 0				-1
	b. 1-2				0
	c. 3 or more				+2
3	Previous institutions				
	a. 0				-1
	b. 1-2				0
	c. 3 or more				+4
4	Act of escape / attempted escape / abscond				
	a. No				0
	b. Yes				+6
5	Previous breach of aftercare supervision				
	a. No				0
	b. Yes				+3
6	Court for current sentence				
	a. High Court				-6
	b. District Court				-5
	c. Magistrates' Court / Juvenile Court				+1
7	Marital status at admission				
	a. Single				0
	b. Separated / divorced / widowed				0
	c. Co-habited / married				-1
8	Level of education at admission				
	a. No formal schooling / kindergarden & P.1 - P.6				+1
	b. F.1 - F.3				0
	c. F.4 or above				-2
9	Gang / triad membership				
	a. No				0
	b. Yes				+2
10	Drug abuse prior to admission				
	a. No				-6
	b. Yes				0
11	Interval of risk since last release				
	a. No previous admission				-1
	b. More than 2 years				0
	c. 1-2 year				+3
	d. Less than 1 year				+4
12	Employment status at admission				
	a. Unemployed				0
	b. Employed / Student/ Homemaker				0
	c. Prostitute				+3
13	History of Physical or Sexual Abuse				
	a. No				0
	b. Yes				0
14	Age at 1st Conviction				
	a. Age				0

Risk of Readmission (general)

Total Score	-3 or below	-2 to 2	3 or above
Risk Category	Low	Moderate	High
Risk Rate	2 in 10	4 in 10	6 in 10

COMPLETED BY:

ADMINISTRATOR

Family Name

Given Name

Signature

PO/O

Rank/No



CIN:	NAME:	DATE COMPLETED	INSTITUTION
	Family Given	7 4 2008	CCCI
		DD MM YYYY	
			Readmission (general) <i>[Circle Score]</i>
15	Single Mother		
	a. No		0
	b. Yes		0
16	Whether Spouse / Cohabitant is Drug Abuser		
	a. No		0
	b. Yes		0
<i>[Please circle the risk category accordingly]</i>			Total Score:
			0

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Family Name	Given Name	Signature	Rank/No