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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

SV-SB001

(Question Serial No. SV041)

Head: (70) Immigration Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (-) Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Immigration (K W TSANG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Please explain the measures provided by the Immigration Department to facilitate application for entry into Hong Kong from eligible persons.

Asked by: Hon TAM Man-ho, Jeremy

Reply:

Regarding the Hon TAM Man-ho, Jeremy's question raised at the special meeting of the Finance Committee to examine the Estimates of Expenditure 2018-19 on 20 April 2018 in connection with the application process of Pre-arrival Registration (PAR) for Indian Nationals, the Immigration Department (ImmD)'s reply is as follows:

Since implementation of the Unified Screening Mechanism in March 2014, the number of non-ethnic Chinese illegal immigrants surged, and the number of non-refoulement claimants increased significantly. Against this background, the Government commenced a comprehensive review of the strategy of handling non-refoulement claims in early 2016. One of the priorities was to prevent or reduce potential non-refoulement claimants from entering Hong Kong as far as possible. By immigration status, of all the non-refoulement claimants in 2014 and 2015, 4 655 were illegal immigrants and 4 788 were overstayers or passengers refused by ImmD to land upon arrival, i.e. approximately half and half. Among the claimants who overstayed or were refused to land, almost half were visitors from visa-free countries, and about 70% of them came from India. Meanwhile, nearly 20% of all claims were made by claimants from India, which was then the second major source country of claimants (Vietnam ranked top).

Considering that India was a major source country of non-refoulement claimants and that 80% of claimants from India arrived in Hong Kong as visa-free visitors, ImmD implemented the PAR requirement for Indian nationals since January 2017. This new measure aims to strike a balance between providing convenience for bona fide visitors and conducting proper risk management relating to immigration control.

Under the requirement, Indian nationals still enjoy visa-free access to Hong Kong, but they must first apply for and successfully complete PAR online. Otherwise, they must apply to ImmD for an entry visa before visiting Hong Kong.

During PAR application, registrants will be asked to provide relevant information, including personal particulars and passport information, details of their planned visit to Hong Kong, records of previous travels to Hong Kong and other countries/places, etc. The system will conduct risk assessment based on the information provided by the registrant and return the application result instantly. The related risk assessment analysis is formulated based on the profile of past non-refoulement claimants and other overstayers from India. In general, the application process takes about 15 minutes to complete and no fee will be charged on the registrants.

Successful registrants may print the Notification Slip for Pre-arrival Registration for Indian Nationals (Notification Slip). The Notification Slip is valid for 6 months. Registrants may make multiple visa-free visits to Hong Kong during the validity period, and stay up to 14 days for each visit.

For Indian visitors who fail to successfully complete PAR, they must submit their visa application to ImmD direct for visiting Hong Kong. To shorten processing time, an applicant may first send his or her completed application form and the relevant supporting documents by fax before sending their originals by post or courier service to ImmD.

PAR has been implemented for over a year, and its operation has been smooth. While facilitation on entry of genuine visitors to Hong Kong remains unaffected, suspicious Indian visitors were successfully interdicted from entry to Hong Kong. As at the end of February 2018, about 310 000 visitors have successfully registered, representing a success rate of over 90%. Meanwhile, the number of Indian visitors overstaying in Hong Kong has decreased by 80%, and the number of non-refoulement claims lodged by Indian nationals has decreased by 74% (from 68 claims per month to 18 claims per month). Besides, immigration clearance for Indian visitors upon arrival in Hong Kong has become faster and smoother. The numbers of visitors who were subject to secondary examination and refused entry upon arrival have dropped by 90% and 65% respectively. Through the implementation of PAR, bona fide visitors have been provided with convenience and suspicious Indian visitors were interdicted from entry successfully.

To further improve the service, ImmD set up a dedicated email account for PAR in December 2017 to facilitate registrants to make PAR-related enquiries. In addition, ImmD introduced a new measure of including a two-dimensional barcode (QR code) on the Notification Slip in March 2018, so as to enable transport operators to access to information thereon (passport number, application number, etc.) with mobile device for instant verification of the validity of PAR. ImmD will continue to make use of various channels to enhance promotion of the PAR arrangement to Indian nationals, and to remind Indian nationals who intend to visit Hong Kong to complete PAR early.

ImmD will continue to closely monitor the implementation of PAR. Relevant measures will be fine-tuned as necessary so as to protect the overall benefits of Hong Kong.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

S-SB001

(Question Serial No. S0122)

Head: (151) Government Secretariat: Security Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Internal Security

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Security (Mrs Marion LAI)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Regarding the investigation into the causes of reportable deaths in accordance with coroners' decisions, please tabulate:

- a) the staff establishment;
- b) the ranks of staff; and
- c) the training and coaching

involved in each of the departments under the Security Bureau in the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon HUI Chi-fung

Reply:

a,b) Upon receiving a case involving the death of a person, the Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF) will assign an appropriate investigation unit to follow up on the case having regard to its nature and complexity. If the case has to be reported to the Coroner, the investigation unit will submit an investigation report to the Coroner upon completion of the investigation in order to assist the Coroner in deciding whether to hold an "inquest". Presently, the HKPF has set up Coroner's Office at the Coroner's Court to assist the Coroner in handling issues related to the death investigation report and holding an inquest. In the past 5 years (2013-14 to 2017-18), there were 7 posts under the establishment of the office of Coroner's Officers, including 3 Inspectors/Senior Inspectors.

Apart from investigating the causes of reportable deaths in accordance with the Coroners' decisions, the relevant staff of the other departments under the Security Bureau have to handle other duties. Therefore, figures on the staff establishment involved in handling the above death cases are not available. The ranks of staff responsible for handling the relevant reports include Senior Superintendent, Chief Officer and Principal Officer of the Health Care Section of the Correctional Services Department, Divisional Officer of the Fire Services Department, and Immigration Officer of the Immigration Department, etc.

c) The HKPF has been teaching new recruits and serving officers on how to investigate death cases through foundation training, continuous development training and criminal investigation training. The other departments will also make arrangements on a need basis for the staff concerned to receive relevant training/guidance, such as training on relevant legal knowledge, handling of emergencies and mock-up trials to meet operational needs.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

S-SB002

(Question Serial No. S0163)

Head: (151) Government Secretariat: Security Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

Programme: (3) Immigration Control

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Security (Mrs Marion LAI)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Over the past 5 years, the number of teenagers aged between 10 and 19 who have come to settle in Hong Kong doubled rapidly from 5 716 in 2012 to 10 538 in 2016. The staff providing services for new arrivals surmise that it is attributed to the relaxation of the Government policy on “overage children” coming to settle in Hong Kong 6 years ago, in which the next generation of “overage children” is also included.

At present, tens of thousands of “overage children” have already come to settle in Hong Kong. It is expected that they are gradually applying for reunion with their next generation. Thus, the number of Mainland youth coming to Hong Kong in the next few years will remain at a high level.

These youth are the most difficult ones to adapt to living in Hong Kong. They are in transition to adulthood and require peer support. However, they have no acquaintances in Hong Kong, coupled with the poor living environment and lack of appropriate support, some of them even need to regularly return to live in the Mainland to serve as a buffer.

According to the reply, the Government obviously lacks the data and information on persons entering Hong Kong with One-Way Permits. Without knowledge of their education level, it is difficult to plan for supportive measures accordingly. I advocate taking back the vetting and approval authority as soon as possible, and even if not taking back the said authority, relevant information (e.g. who the people are on the queue and when they will come to Hong Kong) should be made known as early as possible. The entire plan needs to be target-oriented (e.g. education support and youth employment support), otherwise it will give rise to more adaptation problems which finally to be borne by the society.

How will the Security Bureau help the Hong Kong Government assume more control over this issue?

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun

Reply:

A data collection mechanism has been set up by the Immigration Department (ImmD) to collect data on the demographic and social characteristics of holders of One-way Permits (OWPs) (i.e. Permits for Proceeding to Hong Kong and Macao) when they enter Hong Kong via the Lo Wu Control Point. Moreover, the Home Affairs Department conducts surveys on new arrivals from the Mainland who are aged 11 or above and have arrived in Hong Kong for less than one year when they apply for Hong Kong Identity Cards at ImmD's Registration of Persons-Kowloon Office in order to identify their profile and service needs. After analysing and consolidating the data collected from the two surveys on age, marital status, educational attainment and economic activity etc., the survey results are regularly uploaded to the Internet and distributed to relevant government departments (including the Education Bureau, the Labour Department and the Social Welfare Department, etc.) and non-government organisations in form of a quarterly report, so as to provide them with more useful information for planning their services for new arrivals.

Moreover, for a long time, the Census and Statistics Department has been updating population projections statistics every 2 to 3 years taking into account the latest developments of the population, so as to provide a common basis for reference by the Government for formulating policies in housing, healthcare, education, social welfare, etc., as well as in planning public services and facilities.

The HKSAR Government will take account of the views of various sectors and the overall interest of the community, and continue to exchange views on matters relating to the overall OWP scheme with the Mainland authorities.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**S-SB003****(Question Serial No. S0168)**

Head: (151) Government Secretariat: Security Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: ()

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Security (Mrs Marion LAI)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Regarding Reply Serial Nos. CEDB(CIT)007 and CEDB(CIT)003:

To prevent the abuse of non-refoulement claims, the Government announced earlier on that Indian passport holders are required to submit their personal information on an online pre-arrival registration system before they can visit Hong Kong visa-free. The procedure for Indian visitors to come to Hong Kong has thus become more complicated, which could possibly discourage visitors from coming to Hong Kong. In this connection, will the Government review the immigration measure concerned in future? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon TAM Man-ho, Jeremy

Reply:

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

S-SB004

(Question Serial No. S0127)

Head: (30) Correctional Services Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: ()

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Correctional Services (LAM Kwok-leung)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Why is the Transgender Unit, which serves transgendered persons, only set up in Siu Lam Psychiatric Centre?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

In general, transgendered persons in custody (PICs) will be arranged to serve their sentence in the Transgender Unit of Siu Lam Psychiatric Centre to receive the expert advice and follow-up services of medical officers, clinical psychologists or psychiatrists. The Correctional Services Department will make arrangements including searching, hairstyle, accommodation and other daily issues for the PICs concerned having regard to individual circumstances.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

S-SB005

(Question Serial No. S0128)

Head: (30) Correctional Services Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: ()

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Correctional Services (LAM Kwok-leung)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

What is the progress of the follow-up work on transgendered persons' complaints about their treatment from 2015 to 2017?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

In general, transgendered persons in custody (PICs) will be arranged to serve their sentence in the Transgender Unit (TU) of Siu Lam Psychiatric Centre. Having regard to individual circumstances and expert advice of medical officers, clinical psychologists or psychiatrists, the Correctional Services Department (CSD) will make arrangements including searching, hairstyle, accommodation and other daily issues for the PICs concerned. The aim of the TU is to protect transgendered PICs from harassment by other PICs.

From 2015 to 2017, CSD received a total of 2 complaints concerning the treatment of transgendered PICs. These cases were referred to the Complaints Investigation Unit or other law enforcement agencies for further investigation in accordance with established procedures. Due to the privacy of individuals, the Department is not in a position to provide information on individual cases.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

S-SB006

(Question Serial No. S0129)

Head: (30) Correctional Services Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: ()

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Correctional Services (LAM Kwok-leung)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Regarding the current 2017-18 ration contract, please provide details of the review on dietary scales conducted by the Correctional Services Department, the marking scheme adopted in the tendering exercise, especially details of the “non-price assessment”.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

Under section 24A of the Prisons Ordinance (Cap. 234), the Correctional Services Department (CSD) is required to provide plain and wholesome food to persons in custody (PICs). The various dietary scales currently provided by CSD are designed by dietitians and approved by the Department of Health. The scales meet the nutritional needs of PICs. Under the new ration contracts which came into effect in 2017-18, healthier food such as skinned chicken has been introduced. Also, the portions of side vegetables (such as onion, tomato and carrot) and natural spices (such as curry powder and ginger powder) have been increased to replace the food which contains high level of salt (such as preserved vegetables), etc.

As to the tendering exercise of the current 2017-18 ration contract, the Department accepted the tender which fully met the tender terms and conditions and specifications and was the lowest in tendered sum. A marking scheme was not adopted for tender evaluation.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**S-SB007****(Question Serial No. S0130)**Head: (30) Correctional Services DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ()Programme: ()Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Correctional Services (LAM Kwok-leung)Director of Bureau: Secretary for SecurityQuestion:

In respect of diets for persons in custody, please list the details of 11 supplementary diets.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, FernandoReply:

The Correctional Services Department (CSD) currently provides 4 main dietary scales, namely local staple rice diet (Dietary Scale 1), diet of curries and chapatti (Dietary Scale 2), diet of bread and potatoes (Dietary Scale 3) and vegetarian diet (Dietary Scale 4). Having regard to the specific needs of persons in custody, CSD also provides 13 supplementary diets. Details are as follows:

Main Dietary Scale	Supplementary Diet
Dietary Scale 1: Local staple rice diet	Non-pork diet Non-beef diet Children diet
Dietary Scale 2: Diet of curries and chapatti	Curries and rice diet Curries and chapatti vegetarian diet Curries and rice vegetarian diet
Dietary Scale 3: Diet of bread and potatoes	Diet with rice Non-pork diet Non-pork diet with rice Non-beef diet Non-beef diet with rice Vegetarian diet Vegetarian diet with rice
Dietary Scale 4: Vegetarian diet	-

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

S-SB008

(Question Serial No. S0131)

Head: (30) Correctional Services Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: ()

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Correctional Services (LAM Kwok-leung)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

In the tendering exercises of ration contracts in 2004, 2008 and 2011, the Correctional Services Department (CSD) spent 3 to 9 months to review the dietary scales. Please advise the number of tendering exercises of ration contracts conducted by CSD after 2011. How long did the reviews on dietary scales last respectively? Had persons in custody been consulted when the reviews on dietary scales were conducted? If yes, please provide details of the consultation process. If not, please provide the reasons.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

Under section 24A of the Prisons Ordinance (Cap. 234), the Correctional Services Department (CSD) is required to provide plain and wholesome food to persons in custody (PICs). The various dietary scales currently provided by CSD are designed by dietitians and approved by the Department of Health (DH). The scales meet the nutritional needs of PICs.

CSD conducted 2 tendering exercises of ration contracts in 2014 and 2017. The concerned reviews on dietary scales lasted 7 months and 6 months respectively. CSD sought the professional advice from DH when the dietary scales were reviewed. PICs' personal preference or taste is not a factor for consideration in reviewing the dietary scales.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

S-SB009

(Question Serial No. S0132)

Head: (30) Correctional Services Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: ()

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Correctional Services (LAM Kwok-leung)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Regarding the previous and the current 2017-18 ration contracts, what mechanism does the Correctional Services Department adopt to ensure the standard of tests and the quality of food materials provided by suppliers?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The Correctional Services Department (CSD) sets out the standard requirements for all the food in the ration contracts, and suppliers are required to provide the food in compliance with the relevant legislations. Suppliers are also required to appoint a Hygiene Manager to ensure that the food provided complies with the relevant legislations.

All the food will be inspected by a qualified Catering Instructor according to the standard requirements upon delivery to the institutions. If the food is found not meeting the standard requirements, it will be returned and CSD will request for replacement according to contract provisions. CSD may also request the suppliers to provide health certificates and testing reports of relevant food.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

S-SB010

(Question Serial No. S0133)

Head: (30) Correctional Services Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Re-integration

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Correctional Services (LAM Kwok-leung)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Please list in detail the canteen items provided by contractors and the price for each item in previous and the current 2017-18 ration contracts.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

Canteen items available for purchase by persons in custody and the price for each item in 2014-2017 and 2017-2020 are listed in **Table 1** and **Table 2** respectively.

Table 1

Canteen Items available for purchase by persons in custody (Effective date: 1.8.2014 to 31.7.2017)					
Item	Description	Price (HK\$)	Item	Description	Price (HK\$)
1	Curry Beef Cube	9.81	37	Plastic Ruler	3.20
2	BBQ Fried Dough	9.60	38	Ball Pen (blue)	2.10
3	Dried Shredded Cuttlefish	7.30	39	Pencil	0.89
4	Dried Pork	8.50	40	Exercise Book	1.95
5	Salted Fried Peanuts	3.53	41	Envelope (5 pieces)	1.30
6	Nam Yue Peanuts	4.14	42	Writing Paper (10 sheets)	2.75
7	Mixed Nuts	2.90	43	Skin Lotion/Cream	13.90
8	Fried Broad Beans	7.15	44	Lip Balm	13.80
9	Corn Flakes	5.50	45	Baby Powder	12.70
10	Preserved Mandarin Orange Peel	6.42	46	Baby Oil	27.90
11	Liquoriced Red Ginger	2.62	47	Shampoo (400 ml)	24.60
12	Cream Sandwich Biscuits-Chocolate flavour	2.50	48	Shampoo (200 ml)	28.70
13	Cream Sandwich Biscuits-Peanuts flavour	2.50	49	Hair Conditioner	25.90
14	Crispy Fruit Slices/Biscuits	23.01	50	Plastic Hair Comb	1.95
15	Cream Wafers-Coconut flavour	8.00	51	Plastic Soap Box	6.80
16	Sesame Crackers/Soda Biscuits	4.75	52	Toilet Soap	4.83
17	Crisp Biscuits-Orange or Lemon flavour	13.20	53	Toothpaste	17.32
18	Saltine Soda Biscuits	7.60	54	Desensitising Toothpaste	44.99
19	Digestive Biscuits	14.80	55	Tooth Brush (Soft)	9.90
20	Spring Onion Crackers	14.80	56	Tooth Brush (Extra Soft)	9.90
21	Calcium Crackers	13.80	57	Facial Towel	5.35
22	BBQ Flavoured Potato Chips	3.00	58	Tissue Paper	9.96
23	Cheese Flavoured Snacks	1.40	59	Hair Brush	9.40
24	Shrimp Sticks/Prawn Crackers	2.87	60	Plastic Hair Clip (2 pieces)	8.70
25	Glucose Lemon Flavoured Candies	6.50	61	Sanitary Napkins (10 pieces)	21.80
26	Dairy Chocolate Bar	8.90	62	Ear Plugs (1 pair)	17.90
27	Chocolate Beans	7.92	63	Double-wall Plastic Cup with lid	25.50
28	Milk Naugat	22.70	64	Battery (AA) (2 pieces)	5.00
29	Coconut Candy	13.50	65	Battery (AAA) (2 pieces)	5.00
30	Soya Bean Drink	2.50	66	Photo Album (4R)	7.95
31	Malt Soya Bean Drink	3.15	67	Stamps(\$2.0x1+\$0.2x3 +\$0.1x3)	2.40
32	Orange Drink	2.75	68	Aerogrammes (2 pieces)	4.60
33	Herbal Tea	2.50	69	Cigarettes (Gentori)	46.45
34	Chrysanthemum Tea	2.50	70	Cigarettes (Wealth)	50.45
35	Lemon Tea	2.65			
36	High Calcium Low Fat Milk	5.05			

Table 2

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Item	Description	Price (HK\$)	Item	Description	Price (HK\$)
1	Curry Beef Cube	9.81	37	Plastic Ruler	3.5
2	BBQ Fried Dough	9.6	38	Ball Pen (blue)	2.3
3	Dried Shredded Cuttlefish	7.3	39	Pencil	1.15
4	Dried Pork	8.5	40	Exercise Book	2
5	Salted Fried Peanuts	3.53	41	Envelope (5 pieces)	1.4
6	Nam Yue Peanuts	4.14	42	Writing Paper (10 sheets)	2.9
7	Mixed Nuts	2.9	43	Skin Lotion/Cream	13.9
8	Fried Broad Beans	7.15	44	Lip Balm	13.9
9	Corn Flakes	5.5	45	Baby Powder	13.3
10	Preserved Mandarin Orange Peel	6.42	46	Baby Oil	28.9
11	Liquoriced Red Ginger	2.62	47	Shampoo (400 ml)	25.2
12	Cream Sandwich Biscuits-Chocolate flavour	2.7	48	Shampoo (200 ml)	29.3
13	Cream Sandwich Biscuits-Peanuts flavour	2.7	49	Hair Conditioner	26.1
14	Crispy Fruit Slices/Biscuits	26.59	50	Plastic Hair Comb	2.2
15	Cream Wafers-Coconut flavour	8.6	51	Plastic Soap Box	7.8
16	Sesame Crackers/Soda Biscuits	5	52	Toilet Soap	4.94
17	Crisp Biscuits-Orange or Lemon flavour	14.19	53	Toothpaste	18.02
18	Saltine Soda Biscuits	8	54	Desensitising Toothpaste	44.99
19	Digestive Biscuits	16.8	55	Tooth Brush (Soft)	9.9
20	Spring Onion Crackers	15.8	56	Tooth Brush (Extra Soft)	14.3
21	Calcium Crackers	14.7	57	Facial Towel	5.9
22	BBQ Flavoured Potato Chips	3.1	58	Tissue Paper	5.46
23	Cheese Flavoured Snacks	1.4	59	Hair Brush	9.5
24	Shrimp Sticks/Prawn Crackers	2.97	60	Plastic Hair Clip (2 pieces)	8.8
25	Glucose Lemon Flavoured Candies	6.6	61	Sanitary Napkins (10 pieces)	23.2
26	Dairy Chocolate Bar	9.7	62	Ear Plugs (1 pair)	18.5
27	Chocolate Beans	8.8	63	Double-wall Plastic Cup with lid	27.5
28	Milk Naugat	24.51	64	Battery (AA) (2 pieces)	5.3
29	Coconut Candy	15	65	Battery (AAA) (2 pieces)	5.3
30	Soya Bean Drink	2.6	66	Photo Album (4R)	8.2
31	Malt Soya Bean Drink	3.25	67	Stamps(\$2.0x1+\$0.2x3 +\$0.1x3)	2.9
32	Orange Drink	2.8	68	Aerogrammes (2 pieces)	6.8
33	Herbal Tea	2.6	69	Cigarettes (Gentori)	46.45
34	Chrysanthemum Tea	2.6	70	Cigarettes (Wealth)	50.45
35	Lemon Tea	2.8	71	Antiperspirant	25
36	High Calcium Low Fat Milk	5.05	72	Mosquito Patches	21.9

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

S-SB011

(Question Serial No. S0134)

Head: (30) Correctional Services Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: ()

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Correctional Services (LAM Kwok-leung)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Please provide the justifications for the approval of earning rates by the Commissioner of Correctional Services as well as the criteria and mechanism for the adjustment of earning rates. Are persons in custody consulted prior to the adjustment of rates? If so, please provide information on the consultation process, if not, please give the reasons.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

According to Rule 38 of the Prison Rules (Cap. 234A), all convicted adult persons in custody (PICs) are required to engage in work (unless they have been certified by the Medical Officer seconded to the Correctional Services Department (CSD) as unfit for work on medical grounds). According to Rule 39 of the Prison Rules (Cap. 234A), a PIC who works and a PIC who, through no fault of his/her own, is unable to work may receive payment in accordance with the rates approved by the Commissioner of Correctional Services.

CSD reviews the earning rates annually and adjusts the earnings of PICs according to an established, objective and fact-based mechanism based on the changes in the contract prices of canteen items and the consumption pattern of each item. PICs are not consulted. The last review was conducted on 1 August 2017.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

S-SB012

(Question Serial No. S0135)

Head: (30) Correctional Services Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: ()

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Correctional Services (LAM Kwok-leung)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Please provide the numbers of persons in custody receiving earnings of different rate scales and earning grades under the earnings scheme for adult persons in custody and the expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

According to Rule 38 of the Prison Rules (Cap. 234A), all convicted adult persons in custody (PICs) are required to engage in work (unless they have been certified by the Medical Officer seconded to the Correctional Services Department (CSD) as unfit for work on medical grounds). According to Rule 39 of the Prison Rules (Cap. 234A), a PIC who works and a PIC who, through no fault of his/her own, is unable to work may receive payment in accordance with the rates approved by the Commissioner of Correctional Services.

The Work and Vocational Training Allocation Boards in correctional institutions of the CSD will raise the earning grades of PICs, having regard to the established earning scales of various positions, performance of PICs and their work skills attained. PICs who have been certified by the Medical Officer seconded to CSD as unfit for work on medical grounds may receive the basic rate of earnings. Please see **Table** for details of the current earning scales for adult PICs.

CSD does not maintain statistics on the numbers of PICs receiving earnings of different earning grades and the expenditure involved.

Earnings Scheme for PICs
Earnings per week for adult PICs (effective from 1 August 2017)

Rate scale	Earnings per week	
	Earning grade	(£)
Basic rate*	-	24.60
Apprentice	A	46.39
	B	54.93
	C	62.49
	D	79.54
	E	96.39
	F	112.71
Skilled	A	66.58
	B	83.16
	C	99.75
	D	132.67
	E	166.37
	F	199.77

* PICs who are unable to work due to medical reasons, or newly admitted convicted persons who are undergoing an induction programme and have not yet been assigned work are eligible for the basic earning grade.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

S-SB013

(Question Serial No. S0136)

Head: (30) Correctional Services Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: ()

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Correctional Services (LAM Kwok-leung)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Please state the types of work engaged by persons in custody under the earnings scheme for adult persons in custody and explain the purpose of the scheme.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

According to Rule 38 of the Prison Rules (Cap. 234A), all convicted adult persons in custody (PICs) are required to engage in work (unless they have been certified by the Medical Officer seconded to the Correctional Services Department (CSD) as unfit for work on medical grounds). According to Rule 39 of the Prison Rules (Cap. 234A), a PIC who works and a PIC who, through no fault of his/her own, is unable to work may receive payment in accordance with the rates approved by the Commissioner of Correctional Services. The earning rates are calculated on the basis of the earnings per week (see Table for details).

The correctional services industries cover 13 different trades, including garment making, carpentry, leather, precast concrete, printing and commercial laundry, etc. PICs can develop good work habits and enhance self-confidence and discipline through work. Moreover, they can acquire up-to-date skills and general knowledge, including quality management and relevant regulations on occupational safety and health, etc, thereby enhancing their employability and facilitating their reintegration into society after release.

Earnings Scheme for PICs
Earnings per week for adult PICs (effective from 1 August 2017)

Rate scale	Earnings per week	
	Earning grade	(£)
Basic rate*	-	24.60
Apprentice	A	46.39
	B	54.93
	C	62.49
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	E	96.39
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* PICs who are unable to work due to medical reasons, or newly admitted convicted persons who are undergoing an induction programme and have not yet been assigned work are eligible for the basic earning grade.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

S-SB014

(Question Serial No. S0137)

Head: (30) Correctional Services Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Re-integration

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Correctional Services (LAM Kwok-leung)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Please provide the Manual of the Industries and Vocational Training Section.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The Correctional Services Department (CSD) does not have the “Manual of the Industries and Vocational Training Section”. The “Manual of Earnings for Persons in Custody, Work and Vocational Training Allocation” of CSD serves as internal guidelines. As the content of the Manual involves issues of institutional operations, it cannot be provided.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

S-SB015

(Question Serial No. S0138)

Head: (30) Correctional Services Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

Programme: (1) Prison Management

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Correctional Services (LAM Kwok-leung)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Please provide the details and expenditures on strategic reviews on the trade mix conducted by the Correctional Services Department in the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The Correctional Services Department conducts a strategic review of correctional industries each year according to factors such as order forecasts from various government departments, production capacity of relevant workshops, industrial and technological development etc. The review includes development and improvement of various relevant products for different government departments, and introduction of the industry's advanced production equipment and technology for workshops to enable persons in custody to acquire up-to-date production techniques. The above strategic review is undertaken by existing manpower. No breakdown of the relevant expenditure is available.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**S-SB016****(Question Serial No. S0139)**Head: (30) Correctional Services DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (000) Operational ExpensesProgramme: (1) Prison ManagementControlling Officer: Commissioner of Correctional Services (LAM Kwok-leung)Director of Bureau: Secretary for SecurityQuestion:

Please provide the expenditures on stocks of the Industries Units, and the stocks of the stocktaking exercises conducted twice a year and the expenditures involved in the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, FernandoReply:

The Correctional Services Industries (CSI) operates on a suspense account. In general, CSI will recover all costs for providing goods and services to government departments. The relevant expenditure is not included in the recurrent expenditures of the Correctional Services Department under Head 30.

In the past 5 years, the values of stocks of CSI including raw materials and finished goods are as follows:

Year (As at the end of March)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Values of stocks of CSI (\$ million)	29.66	27.96	23.36	27.02	24.92

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**S-SB017****(Question Serial No. S0140)**Head: (30) Correctional Services DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ()Programme: ()Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Correctional Services (LAM Kwok-leung)Director of Bureau: Secretary for SecurityQuestion:

Please tabulate the numbers of places offered by the 40 vocational training courses, course contents, organisations providing such courses, numbers of participants, the expenditure involved and trainees' satisfaction rate in the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, FernandoReply:

The Correctional Services Department (CSD), having regard to the situation of the local employment market, has been working with various training bodies such as the Employees Retraining Board, the Construction Industry Council and the Vocational Training Council to provide vocational training for eligible adult persons in custody (PICs) with remaining sentences from 3 to 24 months. In the past 5 years, more than 1 400 training places of 40 full-time and part-time vocational training courses were provided for their enrolment on a voluntary basis. These courses cover construction, business, food and beverage, retail, beauty care, transport, logistics, laundry services, computer application and environmental services, etc. (see **Table** for details).

CSD has been conducting surveys on trainees' satisfaction with vocational training courses since 2016.

In 2016-17, the satisfaction rate of the 1 106 PICs responding to the survey on a voluntary basis is tabulated as follows:

Satisfied or very satisfied	98.5%
Average	1.4%
Dissatisfied or very dissatisfied	0.1%

As to 2017-18, since some of the courses are still in progress, the survey has not yet been completed.

Table

	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018
Training Course (Training body)	Wall Papering Course(2)	Wall Papering Course(2)	Wall Papering Course(2)	Wall Papering Course(2)	Foundation Certificate in Pet Sitter (4)
	Overhead Crane Operator Certificate Course(6)	Overhead Crane Operator Certificate Course(6)	Overhead Crane Operator Certificate Course(6)	Overhead Crane Operator Certificate Course(6)	Wall Papering Course(2)
	Bar Bending & Fixing Skill(2)	Bar Bending & Fixing Skill(2)	Bar Bending & Fixing Skill(2)	Bar Bending & Fixing Skill(2)	Overhead Crane Operator Certificate Course(6)
	Leading to Independence & Vocational Enhancement (LIVE project)(4)	Digital Film Editing(5)	Digital Film Editing(8)	Digital Film Editing(8)	Bar Bending & Fixing Skill(2)
	Digital Film Editing(8)	Certificate in Computer Multi-media Production and Programming (5)	Certificate in Computer Multi-media Production and Programming (5)	Certificate in Computer Multi-media Production and Programming (5)	Digital Film Editing(8)
	Module Certificate in Webpage Design and Basic Programming (5)	Computer Application(4)	Electrical Installation(5)	Electrical Installation(5)	Certificate in Computer Multi-media Production and Programming (5)
	Computer Application(4)	Electrical Installation(5)	Cleaning Skill Training(5)	Cleaning Skill Training(5)	Electrical Installation(5)
	Electrical Installation(5)	Retail & Shop Operation(5)	Elementary Dim Sum Making(1)	Elementary Dim Sum Making(1)	Cleaning Skill Training(5)
	Retail and Product Promotion(5)	RPL Scheme of QF: Printing Industry(1)	Pest Control Training(5)	Pest Control Training(5)	Elementary Dim Sum Making(1)
	Retail & Shop Operation(5)	Hong Kong Style Cafe Operations Course(1)	Food Hygiene Certificate for Hygiene Manager(1)	Food Hygiene Certificate for Hygiene Manager(1)	Pest Control Training(5)
	RPL Scheme of QF: Printing Industry(1)	Certificate in Travel Agent Assistant Course (1)	Painting Skill Course(2)	Painting Skill Course(2)	Food Hygiene Certificate for Hygiene Manager(1)
	Hong Kong Style Cafe Operations	Food Hygiene Certificate for Hygiene	Sewing Skill Recognition(3)	Coffee House Operations(1)&(5)	Painting Skill Course(2)

	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018
	Course(1)	Manager(1)			
	Certificate in Travel Agent Assistant Course (1)	Painting Skill Course(2)	Timber Formwork Skill Course (2)	Sewing Skill Recognition(3)	Coffee House Operations(1)&(5)
	Food Hygiene Certificate for Hygiene Manager(1)	Clothing Marketing Course(3)	Chinese Cookery and Chinese Restaurant Service (1)	Timber Formwork Skill Course (2)	Sewing Skill Recognition(3)
	Painting Skill Course(2)	Timber Formwork Skill Course (2)	Intermediate Trade Test - Joiner(2)	Chinese Cookery and Chinese Restaurant Service (1)	Timber Formwork Skill Course (2)
	Clothing Marketing Course(3)	Chinese Cookery and Chinese Restaurant Service (1)	Intermediate Trade Test - Concretor(2)	Intermediate Trade Test - Joiner(2)	Chinese Cookery and Chinese Restaurant Service (1)
	Timber Formwork Skill Course(2)	Intermediate Trade Test - Joiner(2)	Intermediate Trade Test - Metal Worker(2)	Intermediate Trade Test - Concretor(2)	Intermediate Trade Test - Joiner(2)
	Chinese Cookery and Chinese Restaurant Service(1)	Intermediate Trade Test - Concretor(2)	Forklift Truck Operator Training(5)&(7)	Intermediate Trade Test - Metal Worker(2)	Intermediate Trade Test - Concretor(2)
	Intermediate Trade Test - Joiner(2)	Intermediate Trade Test - Metal Worker(2)	ERB Certificate in Care Worker Training(4)	Forklift Truck Operator Training(5)	Intermediate Trade Test - Metal Worker(2)
	Intermediate Trade Test - Concretor(2)	Forklift Truck Operator Training(5)&(7)	ERB Foundation Certificate in Pet Groomer and Shop Assistant Training(4)	ERB Foundation Certificate in Care Worker Training(4)	Forklift Truck Operator Training(5)
	Intermediate Trade Test - Metal Worker(2)	ERB Certificate in Care Worker Training(4)	ERB Foundation Certificate in Vocational Putonghua I(4)	ERB Foundation Certificate in Pet Groomer and Shop Assistant Training(4)	ERB Foundation Certificate in Pet Groomer and Shop Assistant Training(4)
	Forklift Truck Operator Training(5)	ERB Foundation Certificate in Vocational Putonghua I(4)	ERB Certificate in Environmental Hygiene & Cleaning	ERB Foundation Certificate in Vocational Putonghua(4)	ERB Foundation Certificate in Vocational Putonghua(4)

	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018
			Worker Training(4)		
	ERB Certificate in Care Worker Training(4)	ERB Certificate in Environmental Hygiene & Cleaning Worker Training(4)	ERB Certificate in Professional Taxi Driver Training (Taxi Written Test) (4)	ERB Certificate in Environmental Hygiene & Cleaning Worker Training(4)	ERB Certificate in Environmental Hygiene & Cleaning Worker Training(4)
	ERB Foundation Certificate in Vocational Putonghua I(4)	ERB Certificate in Professional Taxi Driver Training (Taxi Written Test) (4)	ERB Certificate in Catering & Banquet Attendant Training(4)	ERB Foundation Certificate in Professional Taxi Driver Training (Taxi Written Test)(4)	ERB Foundation Certificate in Professional Taxi Driver Training (Taxi Written Test)(4)
	ERB Certificate in Environmental Hygiene & Cleaning Worker Training(4)	ERB Certificate in Catering & Banquet Attendant Training(4)	ERB Certificate in Chef Assistant Training(4)	ERB Foundation Certificate in Catering & Banquet Attendant Training(4)	ERB Foundation Certificate in Catering & Banquet Attendant Training(4)
	ERB Certificate in Professional Taxi Driver Training (Taxi Written Test) (4)	ERB Certificate in Chef Assistant Training(4)	ERB Certificate in Computer Drawing and Drawings Management Assistant Technician(4)	ERB Foundation Certificate in Chef Assistant Training(4)	ERB Foundation Certificate in Presentation Software Application(4)
	ERB Certificate in Catering & Banquet Attendant Training(4)	ERB Certificate in Retail Salesperson Training(4)	ERB Certificate in Retail Salesperson Training(4)	ERB Foundation Certificate in Presentation Software Application(4)	ERB Foundation Certificate in Computer Drawing and Drawings Management Assistant Technician(4)
	ERB Certificate in Chef Assistant Training(4)	ERB Foundation Certificate in Spreadsheet Processing I(4)	ERB Foundation Certificate in Spreadsheet Processing I(4)	ERB Foundation Certificate in Computer Drawing and Drawings Management Assistant Technician(4)	ERB Foundation Certificate in Spreadsheet Processing(4)
	ERB Certificate in Retail	ERB Certificate in Removal &	ERB Certificate in Removal &	ERB Certificate in Retail	ERB Foundation Certificate in

	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018
	Salesperson Training(4)	Logistics Training(4)	Logistics Training(4)	Salesperson Training(4)	Decorative Waterproof Worker Training(4)
	ERB Certificate in Removal & Logistics Training(4)	ERB Certificate in Horticulture Assistant Training(4)	ERB Certificate in Horticulture Assistant Training(4)	ERB Foundation Certificate in Spreadsheet Processing(4)	ERB Foundation Certificate in Plumber Training for Interior Renovation (Intermediate Trade Test)(4)
	ERB Certificate in Horticulture Assistant Training(4)	ERB Certificate in Nail Technician Training(4)	ERB Certificate in Nail Technician Training(4)	ERB Foundation Certificate in Decorative Waterproof Worker Training(4)	ERB Foundation Certificate in Removal & Logistics Training(4)
	ERB Certificate in Nail Technician Training(4)	ERB Module Certificate in Fundamental Computer Concepts & Keyboard Operation(4)	ERB Module Certificate in Fundamental Computer Concepts & Keyboard Operation(4)	ERB Foundation Certificate in Removal & Logistics Training(4)	ERB Foundation Certificate in Horticulture Assistant Training(4)
	ERB Module Certificate in Fundamental Computer Concepts & Keyboard Operation(4)	ERB Certificate in Exhibition Booth Setting & Decoration Training(4)	ERB Certificate in Exhibition Booth Setting & Decoration Training(4)	ERB Foundation Certificate in Horticulture Assistant Training(4)	ERB Foundation Certificate in Computer Concepts and Keyboard Operation(4)
	ERB Certificate in Exhibition Booth Setting & Decoration Training(4)	ERB Certificate in Changjie Chinese Input Method (4)	ERB Certificate in Warehouse Keeper Training(4)	ERB Foundation Certificate in Computer Concepts and Keyboard Operation(4)	ERB Foundation Certificate in Exhibition Booth Setting & Decoration Training(4)
	ERB Certificate in Changjie Chinese Input Method (4)	ERB Certificate in Warehouse Keeper Training(4)	ERB Certificate in Laundry Assistant Training(4)	ERB Foundation Certificate in Exhibition Booth Setting & Decoration Training(4)	ERB Foundation Certificate in Warehouse Keeper Training(4)

	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018
	ERB Certificate in Warehouse Keeper Training(4)	ERB Certificate in Laundry Assistant Training(4)	ERB Module Certificate in Word Processing(4)	ERB Foundation Certificate in Warehouse Keeper Training(4)	ERB Foundation Certificate in Nail Technician Training(4)
	ERB Certificate in Laundry Assistant Training(4)	ERB Module Certificate in Word Processing(4)	ERB Certificate in Cosmetician Assistant Training(4)	ERB Foundation Certificate in Nail Technician Training(4)	ERB Foundation Certificate in Laundry Assistant Training(4)
	ERB Module Certificate in Word Processing(4)	ERB Certificate in Cosmetician Assistant Training(4)	ERB Foundation Certificate in Presentation Software Application(4)	ERB Foundation Certificate in Laundry Assistant Training(4)	ERB Foundation Certificate in Florist and Floriculture Assistant Training(4)
	ERB Certificate in Cosmetician Assistant Training(4)			ERB Foundation Certificate in Florist and Floriculture Assistant Training(4)	ERB Foundation Certificate in Word Processing(4)
				ERB Foundation Certificate in Word Processing(4)	ERB Foundation Certificate in Cosmetician Assistant Training(4)
				ERB Foundation Certificate in Cosmetician Assistant Training(4)	
Number of places	1 411	1 443	1 445	1 409	1 442
Number of participants	1 356	1 413	1 402	1 278	1 362
Expenditure (\$ million)	29.86	30.05	31.01	28.07	29.51

The number inside () denotes the following training body:

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| (1) Vocational Training Council | (5) Christian Action | ERB: Employees Retraining Board |
| (2) Construction Industry Council | (6) The Hong Kong Safety Training Association | |
| (3) Clothing Industry Training Authority | (7) Occupational Safety & Health Council | |
| (4) The Society of Rehabilitation and Crime Prevention, Hong Kong | (8) FevaUCOM | |

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

S-SB018

(Question Serial No. S0141)

Head: (30) Correctional Services Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: ()

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Correctional Services (LAM Kwok-leung)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Please tabulate the numbers of job fairs organised under the pre-release employment service, the expenditure involved and the information of participating organisations in the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The Correctional Services Department (CSD) provides systematic job matching for interested persons in custody who will be released within 3 months and rehabilitated persons undergoing statutory supervision, with a view to helping them engage in gainful employment after they leave the institution. This includes organising job fairs to appeal to employers in the business sector to employ rehabilitated persons and enhance the community's understanding of their employment needs. In addition, more than 600 employers have participated in the "Caring Employer" Scheme under CSD to provide diversified job vacancies for application by rehabilitated persons.

In the past 5 years, CSD organised 3 video conferencing job fairs with the Chinese Manufacturers' Association of Hong Kong and Merchants Support for Rehabilitated Offenders Committee. The expenditures involved are \$60,000, \$35,000 and \$89,000 respectively.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**S-SB019****(Question Serial No. S0142)**Head: (30) Correctional Services DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ()Programme: ()Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Correctional Services (LAM Kwok-leung)Director of Bureau: Secretary for SecurityQuestion:

Please provide recidivism rates of discharged persons, reported 1 and 2 years after discharge respectively, in the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, FernandoReply:

Recidivism rate is defined as the percentage of re-admission of local persons in custody (PICs) to correctional institutions following conviction of a new offence within two years after discharge. It is influenced by various factors, such as the individual PIC's determination to turn over a new leaf and the degree of his/her adjustment to and acceptance of rehabilitation programmes, family and social background, and the overall economic climate. The recidivism rates of discharged persons in the past 5 years are as follows:

PICs' year of discharge	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Recidivism rate of discharged persons	29.2%	29.0%	27.1%	25.9%	27.1%

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

S-SB020

(Question Serial No. S0143)

Head: (30) Correctional Services Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: ()

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Correctional Services (LAM Kwok-leung)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Please provide the expenditures and ratios on procurement of goods and services in the past 5 years in the format of tables and charts? (Please list by category of A) raw materials for industrial operations, B) staff uniforms, C) clothing of persons in custody, D) hire of services, E) professional fees, F) stores and equipment, and G) provisions for correctional institutions) and provide explanations on all categories concerned.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

The Correctional Services Industries (CSI) operates on a suspense account. In general, CSI will recover all costs for providing goods and services to government departments. The relevant expenditure is not included in the recurrent expenditures of the Correctional Services Department (CSD) under Head 30.

The relevant expenditures on procurement of goods and services concerning the other categories mentioned above (i.e. categories B to G) are included in the recurrent expenditures under Head 30 of CSD. Relevant expenditures of CSD in the past 5 years are listed in the following table. The annual expenditures for these categories will be adjusted to meet operational needs, having regard to factors such as actual circumstances, relevant contract prices of suppliers and price inflation etc.

Financial Year	2013-14 (\$ million)	2014-15 (\$ million)	2015-16 (\$ million)	2016-17 (\$ million)	2017-18 (\$ million)
Expenditure on staff uniforms	11.3	7.1	6.7	8.9	8.7
Expenditure on clothing of persons in custody	10.1	15.4	15.9	16.2	16.6
Expenditure on other stores and equipment	28.6	39.6	36.8	40.6	50.3
Expenditure on hire of services and professional fees	45.8	52.2	57.4	69.1	59.3
Expenditure on provisions for correctional institutions	97.6	89.0	77.2	78.0	78.8

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**S-SB021****(Question Serial No. S0150)**Head: (122) Hong Kong Police ForceSubhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expensesProgramme: (1) Maintenance of Law and Order in the Community
(4) OperationsControlling Officer: Commissioner of Police (LO Wai-chung)Director of Bureau: Secretary for SecurityQuestion:

Further to SB066:

1) Please provide the amounts of and the numbers of payments of publicly offered police rewards by the Police in the past 5 years.

2) According to the Police, the "Subhead Rewards and special services covers expenditures involving police operations of a confidential nature, including the fight against serious crimes, narcotics offences and security matters, such as rewards and information money, expenses for the procurement and maintenance of equipment and other operational expenses for use of a confidential nature." In this connection, please inform this Committee whether the expenditures on the following fall under "Rewards and special services":

- a) the additional payment for overtime work of the Police;
- b) the police equipment for day-to-day use such as anti-riot shields and batons;
- c) the procurement of crowd management equipment such as mills barriers.

If the above expenditures fall under Subhead "Rewards and special services", please state the reasons why these expenditures do not fall under "Specialist supplies and equipment" instead.

Asked by: Hon AU Nok-hinReply:

- (1) The amounts of the Police Force's publicly offered police rewards in the past 5 years are as follows:

Year	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Total amount of police rewards (\$)	12,100,000	12,800,000	12,900,000	10,300,000	4,700,000

However, the Force has not actually paid any rewards during the above periods.

- (2) The provision under Rewards and special services is for expenditure on rewards and services of a confidential nature, including those for the fight against terrorist activities, serious crimes, narcotics offences and security matters. As the expenditures on Rewards and special services involve the Force's operations of a confidential nature, disclosing the components under this Subhead may reveal the Force's operational details and law enforcement capabilities to criminals, who may be able to elude justice, thus jeopardising public interest. Therefore, the information cannot be provided.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

S-SB022

(Question Serial No. S0151)

Head: (122) Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses

Programme: (1) Maintenance of Law and Order in the Community
(4) Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police (LO Wai-chung)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

In the coming year, the provision of \$216 million for “specialist supplies and equipment” of the Police Force is mainly for the procurement of 3 types of equipment, namely operational gear and supplies for supporting the front line; protection gear; and equipment for law enforcement and gathering evidence. The provision is \$64 million (42.1%) higher than the revised estimate for 2017-18. In this connection, will the Government explain the reasons for the increase of over 40% for “specialist supplies and equipment”, and list the respective estimates for “operational gear and supplies for supporting the front line”, “protection gear” and “equipment for law enforcement and gathering evidence”.

Asked by: Hon AU Nok-hin

Reply:

The provision for “specialist supplies and equipment” of the Police Force is mainly for the procurement of the following 3 types of equipment:

- (1) operational gear and supplies for supporting the front line, including firearms and ammunition, handcuffs, shields, communications equipment, mills barrier, and food and supplies for police dogs;
- (2) protection gear, including life jackets, safety helmets, medicines and equipment for sea rescue emergency operations; and
- (3) equipment for law enforcement and gathering evidence, including traffic cones, forensic equipment, and printing pads and ink for collecting fingerprints.

The Force has formulated detailed internal approval and supervision procedures, including vetting each item of expense by designated senior officers, to ensure the proper use of public funds. The Force does not maintain a specific breakdown by the above types of equipment.

The estimated expenditure for 2018-19 is about 40% higher than the revised estimate for 2017-18. This is mainly due to the increased provision for meeting actual operational needs of the department, and the increased cash flow for the coming financial year resulting from the prolonged procurement process for certain equipment in the past financial year.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**S-SB023****(Question Serial No. S0152)**Head: (122) Hong Kong Police ForceSubhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expensesProgramme: (1) Maintenance of Law and Order in the Community
(4) OperationsControlling Officer: Commissioner of Police (LO Wai-chung)Director of Bureau: Secretary for SecurityQuestion:

Further to SB107, please provide the numbers of persons prosecuted and those convicted for illegal behaviour related to processions and assemblies in the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon AU Nok-hinReply:

The requested information is provided below:

Year	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Number of persons prosecuted for alleged illegal acts related to public order events during that year	43	273	71	90	13

The Police Force does not maintain other figures requested in the question.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

S-SB024

(Question Serial No. S0153)

Head: (122) Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses

Programme: (1) Maintenance of Law and Order in the Community
(4) Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police (LO Wai-chung)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

After a major conflict between the Police and the public in Mong Kok in 2016, the Force established a review committee to examine 3 areas of concern, namely, “operations”, “arms, equipment and training” and “support”. However, the review report has never been published. It is reported that subsequent to the review, the Force has decided to establish a “Major Incidents Bureau” under the Operations Wing, and will study the day-to-day requirement of arms, equipment and training, etc. and arrange overseas visits when necessary. In this regard, please inform this Committee of the following:

- 1) What is the work progress of the review committee? If the review has been completed, please provide the full text of the report of the review committee.
- 2) Have the Police established the “Major Incidents Bureau”? If so, please provide its functions, establishment, organisation chart and the expenditure involved in this year.
- 3) Has the “Major Incidents Bureau” organised any overseas visits? If so, please provide the relevant expenditure.

Asked by: Hon AU Nok-hin

Reply:

- (1) Subsequent to the Mong Kok riot in 2016, the Police Force established a review committee chaired by the Deputy Commissioner (Management) to examine 3 areas of concern, namely “operations”, “arms, equipment and training” and “support”. The aim is to enhance the Force’s operational effectiveness, thereby ensuring public safety and the safety of police officers.

The review committee has completed its task and the recommendations have been relayed to major formations concerned for follow-ups. As the review and recommendations involve operational deployment details, relevant information cannot

be disclosed in case the operational effectiveness of the Force in handling major incidents and the safety of the officers concerned will be affected.

- (2) The Force established the Major Incidents Bureau (MIB) under the Operations Wing in mid-2017. There are a total of 39 police officers ranked from Police Constable to Senior Superintendent of Police in the establishment of the MIB, who are responsible for co-ordinating the efforts in examining the overall strategy, policy and response capability of the Force for major incidents, including disasters, terrorist attacks, large-scale emergencies and public security incidents.

The expenditure involved in the above work falls under the Force's Programme of "Operations". The Force does not maintain a specific breakdown.

- (3) The Force always strives to provide different training and learning opportunities, including overseas duty visits to enrich officers' policing experience and promote the partnership between the Force and relevant international organisations. The Force does not maintain a breakdown of the expenditure on the visits by officers in different formations under the Operations Wing.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

S-SB025

(Question Serial No. S0106)

Head: (122) Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not specified

Programme: (2) Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police (LO Wai-chung)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

The Police Force stated in its reply that it had never obtained a restriction or confiscation order for virtual currencies from the court. Please inform this Committee how the Force generally handles the virtual currencies in cases involving virtual currencies.

Asked by: Hon MOK Charles Peter

Reply:

Unlike the exhibits or property involved in ordinary cases, virtual currencies are unique in nature. At present, virtual currencies do not come under the regulation of Hong Kong's monetary system. If it is necessary to "restrict" or "confiscate" the virtual currencies involved in the handling of cases, the Police Force will make reference to international practices in handling similar cases carefully and seek legal advice from the Secretary of Justice in the light of circumstances.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

S-SB026

(Question Serial No. S0112)

Head: (122) Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Road Safety

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police (LO Wai-chung)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

[Note: The question below concerns matters under the policy purview of the Transport and Housing Bureau (THB). The reply was prepared by the Hong Kong Police Force and vetted by the THB.]

Question:

Regarding the numbers of traffic accidents in the past 5 years provided in the reply to Question Serial No. 0504 (or Reply Serial No. SB120), can the Government set out the numbers of traffic accidents involving occupational injuries by type of vehicle?

Asked by: Hon POON Siu-ping

Reply:

The Police Force does not maintain figures on traffic accidents regarding whether occupational injuries are involved.

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