

Statistics on Cases Reviewed
by the Long-term Prison Sentences Review Board (the Review Board)
from January 2004 to March 2014

Year	(i)&(ii) Number of cases reviewed (number of cases of indeterminate sentences therein)	(iii) Number of cases for which remission of determinate sentences was recommended by the Review Board and approved by the Chief Executive (CE)	(iv)&(v) Number of cases for which the Review Board recommended to CE the substitution of indeterminate sentences by determinate ones (Note)
2004	504(136)	0	12
2005	508(119)	0	5
2006	512(125)	0	9
2007	449(106)	0	5
2008	420(121)	0	12
2009	389(106)	1	5
2010	398(124)	1	6
2011	428(118)	2	2
2012	459(124)	1	6
2013	446(126)	2	13
2014 (As at end of March)	98(25)	0	1

Note: The above cases in which the Review Board recommended to CE the substitution of indeterminate sentences by determinate ones were all approved by CE.

- (vi) The Review Board never informs any prisoner that it will recommend to CE some years later the substitution of indeterminate sentence by a determinate one. As mentioned in the main text of this reply, in deciding whether to make a recommendation to CE, the Review Board takes into account a series of relevant factors for each individual case, including the nature of the offence, length of the sentence already served by the prisoner, rehabilitation of the prisoner, and the impact on public safety caused by the prisoner, etc. Therefore, the Review Board cannot ascertain which cases it will make recommendations to CE some years later.

- (vii) In general, some prisoners may make written representations to the Review Board with respect to their cases, or with supporting letters from their families, prison chaplains, religious bodies, voluntary workers, etc. The Review Board will carefully consider these representations when reviewing the prisoners' sentences. If considered necessary, prisoners may also make applications to the Review Board to attend the review hearings, either personally or by appointed representatives for making oral representations, etc. The Review Board shall decide whether such an application should be approved in light of the circumstances and requirements of individual cases. None of the cases listed above involves the attendance of the prisoner or prisoner's appointed representative attending the review hearing.