

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 201.—The Honourable Mr. C. G. ALABASTER, O.B.E., gave notice, on the 26th April, 1919, of the following questions:—

1. Will the Colonial Secretary lay on the table a return showing how many juvenile offenders under the age of 16 are at the date of the return confined in Victoria Gaol, with the age, date of conviction, term of imprisonment, and offence of each prisoner?
2. What provision is made in the Gaol for keeping juvenile offenders apart from adult prisoners in accordance with Prison Regulation No. 210?
3. Are juvenile offenders—
 - (a) allowed special library books and books of instruction throughout their sentence,
 - (b) employed with other juvenile offenders in workshops,
 - (c) instructed in a trade, and
 - (d) exercised twice daily with a view to their physical development, in accordance with Regulation 211?

The replies thereto are as follows:—

1. The return is as follows:—

Juveniles in Victoria Gaol on 30th April, 1919.

Regd. No.	Name.	Age.	Crime.	Date of sentence.	Years.	Months.	Days.
2102	Mak Fat.....	14	Stealing from person.	7.4.19	...	...	42
2052	Cheng Kau <i>alias</i> Ho Yan-tsoi	14	Do.	2.4.19	...	...	42
1894	Fung Sam	13	Do.	22.3.19	...	6	...
2185	She Po	15	Do.	12.4.19	...	...	42
1551	Chan Ying.....	15	Do.	22.2.19	...	6	...
2355	Li Fuk	14	Do.	24.4.19	...	...	42
2318	Ho Chun	12	Opium Ordinance ...	23.4.19	...	\$10,000 or 12 months.	...
2384	Chan Yan	15	Stealing	26.4.19	...	1	...
2412	Tse Chung.....	15	Unlicensed hawking..	28.4.19	...	...	14

2. Juvenile offenders work in their cells and are exercised separately.

- 3.—(a.) The reply is in the negative.
- (b.) Juvenile offenders are not employed in the workshops.
- (c.) The reply is in the negative.
- (d.) The reply is in the affirmative.

The number of juvenile offenders in gaol at the present time is unusually high. In the ordinary course only one or two such offenders are in gaol at any one time.

A. D. BALL,
Clerk of Councils.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
8th May, 1919.