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SB074	0068	LI Fung-ying	70	3
SB075	0184	LAU Chin-shek	710	-
SB076	0213	LAU Kong-wah	70	2
SB077	0290	NG Leung-sing	70	5
SB078	0460	LAU Wai-hing	70	2
SB079	0472	LI Ka-cheung	70	2
SB080	0581	CHENG Kar-foo	70	1
SB081	0590	YOUNG Howard	70	1
SB082	0595	YOUNG Howard	70	1
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SB084	0622	YOUNG Howard	70	2
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SB086	0672	LAU Kong-wah	70	1
SB087	0701	TO Kun-sun	70	2
SB088	0702	TO Kun-sun	70	1
SB089	0703	TO Kun-sun	70	1
SB090	0704	TO Kun-sun	70	3
SB091	0705	TO Kun-sun	70	3
SB092	0708	LAU Hon-chuen	70	2
SB093	0919	SZETO Wah	70	2

SB094	1098	CHAN kwok-keung	70	3
SB095	1099	CHAN kwok-keung	70	3
SB096	1100	SHEK Lai-him	70	2
SB097	1101	CHAN Yuen-han	70	3
SB098	1281	IP Kwok-him	70	2
SB099	1282	IP Kwok-him	70	3
SB100	1283	IP Kwok-him	70	4
SB101	1284	LAU Chin-shek	70	1
SB102	1285	LAU Chin-shek	70	3
SB103	1471	TO Kun-sun	70	2
SB104	0073	LI Fung-ying	45	3
SB105	0074	LI Fung-ying	45	2
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SB107	0129	LAU Wai-hing	45	3
SB108	0218	LAU Kong-wah	45	2
SB109	0219	LAU Kong-wah	45	2
SB110	0220	LAU Kong-wah	45	2
SB111	0221	LAU Kong-wah	45	3
SB112	0222	LAU Kong-wah	45	3
SB113	0223	LAU Kong-wah	45	1
SB114	0224	LAU Kong-wah	45	1
SB115	0225	LAU Kong-wah	45	1
SB116	0445	LI Fung-ying	45	3
SB117	1057	CHOW LIANG Shuk-yee	45	3
SB118	1267	IP Kwok-him	45	1 & 3
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SB120	0032	LAU Kong-wah	30	1
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SB125	0117	LAU Kong-wah	30	2
SB126	0118	LAU Kong-wah	30	2
SB127	0214	LAU Kong-wah	30	1
SB128	0411	LAU Wong-fat	30	1
SB129	0614	HO Sau-lan	30	2
SB130	0615	HO Sau-lan	30	1
SB131	0616	HO Sau-lan	30	2
SB132	0915	SZETO wah	30	1
SB133	1016	LEUNG Fu-wah	30	1
SB134	1017	LEUNG Yiu-chung	30	2
SB135	1213	IP Kwok-him	30	1
SB136	1214	IP Kwok-him	30	2
SB137	0211	LAU Kong-wah	31	2
SB138	0212	LAU Kong-wah	31	2
SB139	0412	LAU Wong-fat	31	2
SB140	1022	TING Woo-shou	31	2

SB141	1215	IP Kwok-him	31	2
SB142	1216	IP Kwok-him	31	1
SB143	0323	NG Ching-fai	23	-
SB144	0406	LAU Wong-fat	23	-
SB145	1208	IP Kwok-him	23	-
SB146	1210	IP Kwok-him	27	-
SB147	1211	IP Kwok-him	27	-
SB148	1368	IP Kwok-him	166	-
SB149	0654	HO Sau-lan	121	-
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SB151	0715	TO Kun-sun	121	-
SB152	1319	IP Kwok-him	121	-
SB153	0012	TO Kun-sun	35	2
SB154	0251	LAU Wai-hing	35	2
SB155	0926	CHEUNG Man-kwong	35	2
SB156	0971	LEUNG Yiu-chung	35	2
SB157	1025	CHAN Yuen-han	35	2
SB158	1029	LAU Chin-shek	35	2
SB159	0368	LI Ka-cheung	25	-
SB160	0370	LI Ka-cheung	25	-
SB161	0391a	LI Ka-cheung	25	-
SB162	0383	CHAN Bernard	48	3
SB163	0459	LAU Wai-hing	48	3
SB164	1269	IP Kwok-him	48	3
SB165	0408	LAU Wong-fat	28	2
SB166	0748	IP Kwok-him	82	-
SB167	1035	CHAN Yuen-han	37	6
SB168	1218	IP Kwok-him	37	6
SB169	1219	IP Kwok-him	37	6
SB170	1220	IP Kwok-him	37	6
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Bureau Serial No.

SB001

Question Serial No.

0029

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 151-Government Secretariat Subhead (No. & title) :
Security Bureau

Programme : (1) Internal Security

Controlling Officer : Secretary for Security

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question(s) : As regards the "Drug Information Resource Centre", what are the details of the establishment plan, its time of launching and estimated expenditure?

Asked by : Hon LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

The Drug Information Resource Centre, now called the "Drug InfoCentre" comprises two phases. Phase I which is located in Queensway Government Offices (QGO) High Block and was officially opened on 26 June 2000, consists of a library, a multi-purpose room and a volunteer meeting room. Phase II is an exhibition hall to be constructed on the roof garden of QGO Low Block. It is targeted for completion in 2003. The capital cost of Phase I, which amounted to slightly above \$2 million, was met mainly by the Beat Drugs Fund and Government. The capital cost of Phase II will be met from the Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust's \$38.4 million donation. Recurrent expenditure for the project excluding staffing is estimated to be \$0.76 million per year.

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Name in block letters MRS REGINA IP

Post Title Secretary for Security

Date 10 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

SB002

Question Serial No.

0030

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 151 Government Secretariat Subhead (No. & title) :
Security Bureau

Programme : 1 Internal Security

Controlling Officer : Secretary for Security

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question : In addition to the establishment of the “Drug Information Resource Centre”, will the Administration consider formulating other programmes or policies to combat drug abuse (especially among young people) in Hong Kong in 2001-02? If yes, will the work be expedited and what is the growth rate of the estimated expenditure as compared to those in the past?

Asked by : Hon LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

The Government will continue to improve its five-pronged approach in tackling the drug abuse problem. Anti-drug publicity and activities including territory-wide public awareness campaigns, “train the trainer” programmes such as seminars for teachers, social workers and parents, etc, will be enhanced in 2001/2002. A new TV Announcement of Public Interest (AP1) and information materials on drugs targeting young people and parents will be produced. More anti-drug community involvement programmes will be organized with the support of an expanded volunteer group and in collaboration with various organizations. Through the Beat Drugs Fund, innovative programmes and outreach efforts targeting youth-at-risk will be encouraged.

2. Apart from the above, the work of the Task Force on Psychotropic Substance Abuse established in early 2000 will continue in 2001. The Task Force has already put in place a number of initiatives, including tightening control on “ketamine”, a popular “party drug” in December 2000. In November this year, the Narcotics Division will organize the first ever Guangdong/Hong Kong/Macau Conference on Policy to counter Psychotropic Substance Abuse and Trafficking. In 2001-02, the estimated resources for Government anti-drug activities will amount to \$710.6 million, representing an increase of 2.62% when compared with the expenditure for 2000-01.

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Name in block letters MRS REGINA IP

Post Title Secretary for Security

Date 15 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

SB003

Question Serial No.

0031

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN QUESTION**

Head : 151 Government Secretariat
Security Bureau

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (1) Internal Security

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Police, Commissioner, Independent
Commission Against Corruption and Commissioner for
Customs & Excise

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question : Will the Administration increase manpower in 2001-02 for the purpose of combating computer crime? What is the overall estimate in this respect as compared with last year? If there is an increase, what are the reasons for it and what is the breakdown?

Asked by : Hon LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

Law enforcement against computer related crime is carried out by different departments depending on the offence in question. For example, unauthorized access to computer is handled by the Police while online copyright infringement is dealt with by the Customs and Excise Department. In addition to dedicated manpower, the law enforcement departments seek to train and enable other officers to deal with such crime. For example, frontline police officers may be responsible for the initial handling of computer evidence or crime scene; and officers from the Commercial Crime Bureau and Crime Prevention Bureau of the Police disseminate information on how to prevent computer related crime as well as other types of crime.

2. The following table shows the current manpower figures in our law enforcement departments dedicated to dealing with computer crime.

Department	Number of staff in 2000-01 (estimated expenditure \$'000)
Hong Kong Police Force	17 (5,560)
Independent Commission Against Corruption	7 (3,400)
Customs and Excise Department	7 (1,924)

3. No provision has been included in the 2001-02 Estimates for increasing the dedicated manpower. However, the Police plan to strengthen their manpower in this regard through internal redeployment of resources in 2001/02. The tentative plan is to assign, in phases, some 50 additional officers for the purpose. The details are still being drawn up.

4. The planned increase in dedicated manpower in the Police in 2001/02 to deal with computer related crime is due to the following reasons –

- (a) the continued increase in the number of computer related crime cases over the past few years – the number of such cases reported to the Police has increased from 21 in 1996 to 368 in 2000;
- (b) taking into account international experience, the likelihood for computer related crime to continue to be on the upward trend;
- (c) the increasing sophistication of criminals in using information technology;
- (d) the need to strengthen our ability to collect, preserve and examine computer evidence for investigation and prosecution purposes; and
- (e) the need to further improve cooperation with law enforcement agencies in other jurisdictions in fighting computer related crime, which respects no geographical borders.

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Name in block letters MRS. REGINA IP

Post Title Secretary for Security

Date 15 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

SB004

Question Serial No.

0037

**Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-01
CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN / SUPPLEMENTARY WRITTEN QUESTION**

Head/ Subhead : 151 – Government Secretariat : Security Bureau

Programme : (1) Internal Security

Controlling Officer : Secretary for Security

Policy Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question : Is there any provision in the 2001-02 Estimates reserved for implementing the Interception of Communications Ordinance enacted in 1997? If not, what is the rationale?

When examining whether to implement the Interception of Communications Ordinance, how much resources have been deployed by the Government since the enactment of the Ordinance in studying the implementation details of the Ordinance? In the 2001-02 Estimates, how much resources will be used to carry on the study?

Asked by : Hon. James TO Kun-sun

Reply : The Administration is reviewing the whole issue of regulation of interception of communications, including the question of bringing the Interception of Communications Ordinance into operation. As the review is still underway, we have not yet set a commencement date for the Ordinance. No provision has been earmarked in the 2001-02 Estimates for the implementation of the Ordinance.

The review on interception of communications is being conducted by an inter-departmental working group, which is supported by existing staff of the Security Bureau who also undertake other responsibilities in the Bureau. The expenditure spent on the review was fully covered within the overall provision for Security Bureau in the past years. Resources to be incurred for the review in the coming year is covered by the overall provision for Security Bureau in the draft estimates of expenditure 2001-02.

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Name in block letters _____ Mrs Regina IP _____

Post Title _____ Secretary for Security _____

Date _____ 14 March 2001 _____

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Bureau Serial No.

SB005

Question Serial No.

0038

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 151- Government Secretariat: Security Bureau Subhead(No. & title) : 149 General departmental expenses

Programme : (1) Internal Security

Controlling Officer : Secretary for Security

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question :

Is there any provision in the 2001-02 Estimates reserved for meeting the potential expenses arising from the implementation of Article 23 of the Basic Law? If so, please set out the amount.

Are there any resources in the 2001-02 Estimates reserved for the preparation or public consultation concerning the legislative work in respect of Article 23 of the Basic Law?

Asked by : Hon James TO Kun-sun

Reply :

The study work in respect of Article 23 of the Basic Law is basically absorbed by the existing resources of the Security Bureau and other relevant departments (e.g. the Department of Justice). No provision has been reserved in the 2001-02 Estimates for this purpose.

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signed

Name in block letters: MRS REGINA IP

Post Title: Secretary for Security

Date: 9.3.2001

Bureau Serial No.

SB006

Question Serial No.

0039

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN QUESTION**

Head : 151 – Security Bureau Subhead (No. & title) : 149 – General
departmental expenses

Programme : (1) Internal Security

Controlling Officer : Secretary for Security

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question : Please state the number of exchanges or discussions between the HKSAR Government and the Central Government in respect of Article 23 of the Basic Law during 2000-01, as well as the estimated number of exchanges with the Central Government on this matter and the expenses arising therefrom during 2001-02.

Asked by : Hon James TO Kun-sun

Reply : The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government and the Central People's Government often hold discussions on issues of mutual concern. We have not made any detailed classification of individual items discussed on different occasions. In fact, it is very difficult to define "one" exchange or discussion. More importantly, such classification does not seem to be necessary.

We have not made provisions for exchanges with the Central People's Government in the 2001-02 Estimates. If necessary, such expenses will be covered by general departmental expenses. This is in line with the practice for having general exchanges or discussions with governments of other regions.

Signature : signed

Name in block Letter : MRS REGINA IP

Post Title : Secretary for Security

Date : 9.3.2001

Bureau Serial No.

SB007

Question Serial No.

0697

**Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-01
CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN / SUPPLEMENTARY WRITTEN QUESTION**

Head/ Subhead : 151 – Government Secretariat : Security Bureau

Programme : (1) Internal Security

Controlling Officer : Secretary for Security

Policy Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question : The Secretary for Security has stated repeatedly in public that the Government would observe closely the activities of the Falun Gong. How much provisions and resources will be reserved for this purpose in 2001-02, including the manpower allocated, types of monitoring equipment used and ways of intercepting communications?

Asked by : Hon. James TO Kun-sun

Reply : No provision or manpower has been specifically earmarked for observing Falun Gong's activities.

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Name in block letters Mrs Regina IP

Post Title Secretary for Security

Date 14 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

SB008

Question Serial No.

0777

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head 151 Government Subhead (No. & title) :
Secretariat :
Security Bureau
Heads 23, 27, 28, 30, 31, 37, 42, 45, 48, 70, 100, 121, 122, 166, 168, 170, 176

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Secretary for Security

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question :

Regarding consultancy studies for policy making and assessment commissioned by the departments/services under your Bureau,

- (1) Was there any financial provision allocated for commissioning consultancy studies in 2000-01? If yes, please reply with the following details:

Names of consultants (if available)	Consultancy fees	Status of consultancy studies (in plan/ in progress/ finished)

- (2) Will there be any financial provision allocated for commissioning consultancy studies in 2001-02? If yes, please reply with the following details:

Names of consultants (if available)	Consultancy fees	Status of consultancy studies (in plan/ in progress/ finished)

Asked by : The Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan

Reply :

The total financial provisions of consultancy fees for policy making and assessment studies commissioned by departments relating to Policy Areas under this Bureau are \$2,196,260 for 2000-01 and \$2,439,000 for 2001-02 respectively. Breakdowns are as follows:

(1) For the financial year 2000-01

Names of consultants (if available)	Consultancy fees	Status of consultancy studies (in plan/ in progress/ finished)
Head 30 – Correctional Services Department		
Hong Kong Productivity Council	\$98,000	Study on the feasibility of outsourcing the processing of prisoners' canteen purchases at selected institutions. Finished.
Head 45 – Fire Services Department		
Hong Kong Productivity Council	\$30,260	Study on Department's environmental performance and commitments. Finished.
The Environment Resources Management (ERM) Hong Kong Ltd.	\$852,000	Study on the storage and conveyance of dangerous goods other than categories 1, 2 and 5. In progress.
Crow Maunsell Management Consultants Ltd.	\$216,000	Study on paramedic ambulance service. To commence at end of March 2001.
Head 122 – Hong Kong Police Force		
Pricewaterhouse Cooper (PWC).	\$1million	Consultancy study to assist HKPF in designing and organizing Forcewide culture change programmes, reviewing and working out strategy on service quality. In progress.
Total:	2,196,260	

(2) For the financial year 2001-02

Names of consultants (if available)	Consultancy fees	Status of consultancy studies (in plan/ in progress/ finished)
Head 45 – Fire Services Department		
The Environment Resources Management (ERM) Hong Kong Ltd. (continuation of consultancy study mentioned in (1))	\$575,000	Study on the storage and conveyance of dangerous goods other than categories 1, 2 and 5. To be completed by mid 2001.
Crow Maunsell Management Consultants Ltd. (continuation of consultancy study mentioned in (1))	\$864,000	Study on paramedic ambulance service. To be completed by June 2001.
Head 122 – Hong Kong Police Force		
Pricewaterhouse Cooper (PWC) (continuation of consultancy study mentioned in (1))	\$1million	Under planning.
Total:		2,439,000

There is no such consultancy services commissioned by departments/services under this Bureau for Head 23 Auxiliary Medical Service, Head 27 Civil Aid Service, Head 28 Civil Aviation Department, Head 31 Customs & Excise Department, Head 37 Department of Health, Head 42 Electrical & Mechanical Services, Head 48 Government Laboratory, Head 70 Immigration Department, Head 100 Marine Department, Head 121 Independent Police Complaints Council, Head 151 Government Secretariat: Security Bureau, Head 166 Government Flying Services, Head 168 Hong Kong Observatory, Head 170 Social Welfare Department and Head 176 Subventions: Miscellaneous, for both the financial years 2000-01 and 2001-02.

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Name in block letters MRS REGINA IP

Post Title Secretary for Security

Date 16 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

SB009

Question Serial No.

0932

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 151 Government Secretariat: Security Bureau Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Secretary for Security

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question :

What are the details of the policy on quarters for disciplined service recruits and the provision reserved?

Asked by : Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong

Reply :

The existing departmental quarters (DQ) policy provides that all married rank and file staff, and all married local Police inspectorate officers up to the rank of Superintendent (i.e. Police Pay Scale 51), and comparable ranks in other disciplined services are eligible for DQ, subject to availability of resources.

In view of an increasing shortfall in DQ in recent years, the Administration is exploring alternative means of meeting the long-term housing needs of junior disciplined services staff in a more flexible and cost-effective way. A consultation paper on a proposed housing assistance scheme for junior disciplined services staff was issued to the staff sides in February 2001. The consultation period will end on 13 June 2001. Under our proposals, the scheme would concurrently provide a monthly cash allowance (for a maximum of 120 months) and a Home Ownership Scheme quota place for the staff concerned, as well as a downpayment loan, if required. For serving staff, this would be offered to them as an additional option to their DQ benefits. For recruits to the disciplined services after the implementation of the scheme, the new scheme would solely apply. That is, Government's housing assistance to them would take the form of this scheme rather than DQ. While this is so, they will continue to enjoy a dedicated housing benefit specially designed for disciplined services staff.

The proposed scheme is designed to operate on a self-financing basis through the use of funds acquired from the disposal of certain existing DQ sites and resources originally earmarked for two frozen DQ projects. As this is still a proposal undergoing consultation, we have not made provisions in the draft Estimates for 2001-02 for the scheme. There is therefore no specific subhead or programme in the estimates assigned for the scheme. We would seek the endorsement of the Legislative Council on the financial arrangements of the proposed scheme in the form of revised estimates when we are ready to implement the scheme.

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Name in block letter _____ MRS REGINA IP _____

Post Title _____ Secretary for Security _____

Date _____ 15 March 2001 _____

Bureau Serial No.

SB010

Question Serial No.

1172

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head 151 Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (2) Immigration Control

Controlling Officer : Secretary for Security

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question :

Has the Government reserved resources for the implementation of the "Admission of Mainland Professionals Scheme" in 2001-02? If so, what is the amount involved? Besides Head 151, which heads and subheads have also earmarked provision for the Scheme?

Asked by : The Honourable SIN Chung-kai

Reply :

We have not earmarked provision under Head 151 or other heads or subheads for the implementation of the Scheme. At the initial stage, Immigration Department will absorb the additional workload arising from the Scheme within its existing resources. The Department will review the situation periodically to assess whether additional staffing resources are required.

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Name in block letters **Mrs Regina IP**

Post Title **Secretary for Security**

Date **15 March 2001**

Bureau Serial No.

SB011

Question Serial No.

1357

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 151 Government Secretariat
Security Bureau

Subhead (No. & title) : 298

Programme : 1 Internal Security

Controlling Officer : Secretary for Security

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question : In recent years, the problem of drug abuse among young people in Hong Kong has attracted widespread attention. Education and publicity against drug abusers are preventive measures. In this connection, would the Government inform this Council :

- (a) Whether the Action Committee Against Narcotics needs to step up efforts and enhance its role in community involvement projects in relation to education and publicity and rehabilitated drug abusers?
- (b) If yes, why does the estimate under sub-head 298 for 2001-02 show a decrease over last year? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon IP Kwok-him

Reply :

The Action Committee Against Narcotics (ACAN) advises the Government on anti-drug matters, promotes cooperation between relevant agencies in implementing anti-drug policies, and enlists public support for such policies. In view of the rising trend of psychotropic substance abuse among young people, ACAN has already enhanced its work on all fronts, including preventive education and publicity, treatment, rehabilitation and research. In 2001/02, ACAN will continue to place strong emphasis on publicity programmes targeting young people. It will monitor the implementation of the series of recommendations promulgated in the Second Three Year Plan on Drug Treatment and Rehabilitation Services in Hong Kong published in October 2000 and the Methadone Treatment Programme Review completed in December 2000. The ACAN vote has been slightly reduced in 2001/2002 due to Government's Enhanced Productivity Programme but

this will be augmented by alternative funding sources such as the Hong Kong Jockey Club (about \$40 million has been donated for the Drug InfoCentre project) and the Security Bureau (\$1.5 million has been earmarked for anti-drug publicity campaigns in 2001/2002).

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Name in block letters MRS REGINA IP

Post Title Secretary for Security

Date 15 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

SB012

Question Serial No.

0001

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head/Subhead: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Programme: 12204 - Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question: What are the breakdowns of the establishment and ranks of the officers in Security Wing, and also the total provision for 2000-2001? Has the Government any plans to increase manpower and resources of the Security Wing in 2001-2002? If yes, what is the estimated figures for the establishment and the total provision?

Asked by: Hon James TO Kun-sun

Reply:

In 2000-2001, Security Wing has an establishment of 411 personnel, a breakdown of which by rank is shown in the table attached. The total provision for Security Wing for 2000-2001 is \$125.7 million.

Presently, the Government has no specific plan to increase the manpower and resources of the Security Wing in 2001-2002.

Name in block letters TSANG Yam-pui

Post Title Commissioner of Police

Date 15 March 2001

<u>Rank</u>	<u>No. of Post</u>
	2000/2001 (as at 1.3.2001)
<u>Disciplined Staff</u>	
Assistant Commissioner	1
Chief Superintendent	1
Senior Superintendent	3
Superintendent	9
Chief Inspector	22
Inspector/Senior Inspector	54
Station Sergeant	22
Sergeant	80
Police Constable	131
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Sub-total	323
 <u>Civilian Staff</u>	
Senior Clerical Officer	1
Clerical Officer	2
Assistant Clerical Officer	9
Clerical Assistant	9
Office Assistant	2
Senior Confidential Assistant	3
Confidential Assistant	42
Executive Officer I	1
Senior Chinese Language Officer	1
Chinese Language Officer I	2
Personal Secretary I	1
Personal Secretary II	1
Supplies Supervisor II	1
Supplies Assistant	1
Workman II	12
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Sub-total	88
 TOTAL	 411

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SB013

Question Serial No.

0002

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 122 - Hong Kong Police Force Subhead : 103 - Rewards and special services

Programme : 12204 - Operations

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Police

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

- Question :
1. What are the total expenditure for informer fees, the maximum amount for informer fees in individual cases, the total number of people receiving informer fees and the breakdowns of expenditure on manpower and equipment for the past year?
 2. What are the numbers of cases in which payments were made under sub-head 103 for the past three years and the estimated numbers of cases in which payments have to be made within this financial year?

Asked by : Hon James TO Kun-sun

Reply :

1. Expenditure on informer fees, manpower and equipment
 - The Rewards and Special Services Sub-head covers a wide range of expenses, including rewards and other operational expenses which are confidential in nature.
 - The Audit Commission examines the expenses under this sub-head every year. Disclosure of details of expenditure is inappropriate as it may compromise confidential police operations and this is not in the interests of the public.

Number of people receiving informer fees

This vote is used by units at Police Headquarters, region and district level to cover related expenses. No statistics on the number of people who received rewards are kept by the Police. Therefore, we cannot provide the information as requested. The actual number of such payments in 1999-2000 was 1038. The number of such payments for 2000-01 is estimated to be in the region of 1000.

2. The Police do not maintain statistics on the number of cases in which payments were made under this sub-head. Therefore, we are unable to provide the information as requested.

Name in block letters TSANG Yam-pui

Post Title Commissioner of Police

Date 15 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

SB014

Question Serial No.

0024

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head/Subhead: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Programme: 12204 - Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question: What is the percentage of the man-hours the Security Wing spent on intercepting telecommunications in relation to the total man-hours the whole Police Force spent on intercepting telecommunications since 1997?

Asked by: Hon James TO Kun-sun

Reply:

For operational and security reasons, I am unable to comment on the work relating to interception of communications.

Name in block letters TSANG Yam-pui

Post Title Commissioner of Police

Date 15 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

SB015

Question Serial No.

0035

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head/Subhead: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Programme: 12202 - Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question: Please provide breakdowns of the establishment of Technical Services Division with ranks and the total provisions for 2000-2001 and 2001-2002.

Asked by: Hon James TO Kun-sun

Reply: The establishment and the breakdown of ranks of the Technical Services Division in 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 are :

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Establishment</u>	
	<u>2000-2001</u>	<u>2001-2002</u>
<u>Disciplined Staff</u>		
Chief Superintendent	1	1
Senior Superintendent	1	1
Superintendent	5	5
Chief Inspector	8	8
Inspector/Senior Inspector	15	15
Station Sergeant	16	16
Sergeant	18	18
Constable	30	30
<i>Sub-total</i>	<u>94</u>	<u>94</u>

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Establishment</u>	
	<u>2000-2001</u>	<u>2001-2002</u>
<u>Civilian Staff</u>		
Confidential Assistant	9	9
Police Communications Officer	2	2
Assistant Clerical Officer	1	1
Personal Secretary I	1	1
Personal Secretary II	2	2
Clerical Assistant	1	1
Technical Officer	1	1
Workman II	1	1
<i>Sub-total</i>	<u>18</u>	<u>18</u>
Total	112	112

- The provisions for the Technical Services Division excluding Rewards and Special Services Vote are \$40.2M and 40.5M for 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 respectively.

Name in block letters TSANG Yam-pui

Post Title Commissioner of Police

Date 15 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

SB016

Question Serial No.

0036

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head/Subhead: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Programme: 12202 - Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question: Please provide the figures on the meetings of the Hong Kong Police with their mainland counterparts for 1999 and 2000, in particular the regular meetings between heads of the criminal investigation departments and the related expenditure.

Asked by: Hon James TO Kun-sun

Reply:

The number of meetings between Hong Kong Police and their mainland counterparts in 1999 and 2000 is 182 and 279 respectively. Most of these visits were headed by middle to senior level Police officers of both sides.

In addition, the Commissioner of Police and senior Police Officers have bilateral meeting with senior Public Security Ministry officials twice a year. The Assistant Commissioner of Police (Crime) and Bureau heads of Crime Wing also meet with their counterparts of Guangdong and Macau twice a year during the Tripartite CID Heads Meeting.

The related expenditure for 1999 is \$0.95 million and that for 2000 is \$1.12 million.

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Post Title Commissioner of Police

Date 15 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

SB017

Question Serial No.

0045

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head/Subhead: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Programme: 12204 - Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question: Please provide the number of police officers attached to other government departments, and public/private organisations on training or on loan in 2000-01, with their ranks, as well as the nature of their duties together with the names of the departments and organisations to which they were attached.

Asked by: Hon James TO Kun-sun

Reply:

In 2000-01, a total of 12 police officers are attached to or on loans to other departments/organisations. The details are set out below :-

Year 2000-2001			
Name of Government Department, Public or Private Agencies	Rank	No.	Nature of Duties
Aviation Security Company Limited	Senior Assistant Commissioner	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">oversee the provision of proper aviation security protection for airlines and passengers
	Senior Superintendent	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">assist the General Manager in the operation of the company
Security Bureau	Assistant Commissioner	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">responsible for a HKSAR territory-wide command post exercise

Year 2000-2001			
Name of Government Department, Public or Private Agencies	Rank	No.	Nature of Duties
Security Bureau (Continued)	Chief Superintendent	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> follow up on the report submitted by the Inter-departmental Working Group on Computer Related Crime
	Senior Superintendent	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> assist in the review of computer related crime liaise with Police and other law enforcement agencies on operational and security matters
	Superintendent	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> contingency planning in response to terrorism, aeronautical and maritime search and rescue, nuclear powered vessel safety
	Chief Inspector	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> preparatory work for the opening of the Disciplines Services Sports and Recreation Club (DSSRC)
Civil Service Bureau	Superintendent	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> review job-related allowance
Bramshill Police Staff College, Hooks Hampshire, UK	Senior Superintendent	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> review newly developed policing techniques and technologies of developed countries liaise with other law enforcement agencies on training and development

Year 2000-2001			
Name of Government Department, Public or Private Agencies	Rank	No.	Nature of Duties
General Secretariat, Interpol, Lyon, France	Superintendent	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> liaise with other law enforcement agencies on international operational police matters in Asia
Economic and Trade Office, Sydney, Australia	Chief Inspector	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> liaise with the Australian Government on mutual legal assistance in criminal matters and tackling economic and serious crimes
Total		12	

No police officer is attached or on loan to private organisations in 2000-01.

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Post Title Commissioner of Police

Date 15 March 2001

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SB018

Question Serial No.

0046

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head/Subhead: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Programme: 12204 - Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question: Please list the number and types of exercises conducted for major incidents, disasters or counter-terrorist activities in 2000-01, with details of such exercises.

Asked by: Hon James TO Kun-sun

Reply:

A total of 18 major exercises were conducted in 2000-01. The details are as follows :-

Date Held	Type	Formation/Government Departments involved
20 April 2000 17 May 2000	Negotiation in handling domestic problems	Police Negotiator Cadre
24 May 2000	Counter Terrorism	Police Counter Terrorist Units
22 June 2000	Disaster	Hong Kong Island Region
29 June 2000 6 September 2000 8 November 2000	Airport Security	- Training Wing & Operations Wing - Civil Aviation Department - Immigration Department - Customs & Excise Department - Airport Authority
25 July 2000	Internal Security (Anti-riot)	New Territories South & North Regions
18 August 2000	Chemical Agent Exercise	Explosive Ordnance Disposal Unit & New Territories South Region

Date Held	Type	Formation/Government Departments involved
30 August 2000	Internal Security (Anti-riot)	Kowloon East & West Regions
28 September 2000	Disaster (Hillfire)	- All relevant formations of Hong Kong Police - Fire Services Department - Auxiliary Medical Service - Civil Aid Service - Government Flying Service
25 October 2000	Anti-riot	Kowloon East Region & Correctional Services Department
20 November 2000	Counter Terrorism	Police Counter Terrorist Units
23 November 2000	Major Incident	- All relevant formations of Hong Kong Police - Transport Department - Fire Services Department
5&8 December 2000	Search and Rescue	- Marine Police - Marine Department - Fire Services Department - Government Flying Service
7 December 2000	Disaster	Marine Police
21 December 2000	Major Incident	- All relevant formations of Hong Kong Police - Transport Department - Fire Services Department
6&8 February 2001	Nuclear Disaster	All relevant Government Departments

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Post Title Commissioner of Police

Date 15 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

SB019

Question Serial No.

0047

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head/Subhead: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Programme: 12204 - Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question: Please list the number and types of large scale sea and land exercises jointly conducted with Mainland counterparts, with number of participants from both sides on each occasion in the past three years.

Asked by: Hon James TO Kun-sun

Reply:

There was no large scale sea and land exercise conducted with Mainland counterparts in 1998. Details of the exercises conducted in 1999 and 2000 are listed below :-

Date of Exercise	Location	Type	No. of Hong Kong Police Participants	No. of Guangdong Border Defence Bureau Participants
8 October 1999	Zhu Hai in Mainland China	Sea Exercise	101	700
9 April 2000	Lo Fong and Yan Tien in Mainland China	Sea and Land Exercise	300	700

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Post Title Commissioner of Police

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SB020

Question Serial No.

0048

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head/Subhead: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Programme: 12204 - Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question: Please provide names of government departments with which the Police Force has conducted joint exercises, and also the types of exercises in 2000.

Asked by: Hon James TO Kun-sun

Reply:

The types of exercises and the names of government departments with which the Police Force has conducted joint exercises in 2000 are as follows :-

Date	Type	Participated Government Departments
29 June 2000 6 September 2000 8 November 2000	Airport Security	- Civil Aviation Department - Immigration Department - Customs & Excise Department - Airport Authority
28 September 2000	Disaster (Hillfire)	- Fire Services Department - Government Flying Service - Civil Aid Service - Auxiliary Medical Service
25 October 2000	Anti-riot	Correctional Services Department
23 November 2000	Major Incident	- Fire Services Department - Transport Department
5&8 December 2000	Search & Rescue	- Marine Department - Fire Services Department - Government Flying Service
21 December 2000	Major Incident	- Fire Services Department - Transport Department

Name in block letters TSANG Yam-pui

Post Title Commissioner of Police

Date 15 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

SB021

Question Serial No.

0049

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 122 - Hong Kong Police Force Subhead : 103 - Rewards and special services

Programme : 12204 - Operations

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Police

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question : Please detail expenses of Technical Services Division in connection with police duties under Subhead 103 in the past three years as percentages of the total expenditures under the subhead.

Asked by : Hon James TO Kun-sun

Reply :

The provision under Subhead 103 covers appropriate expenditure of the Police element of the Technical Services Division. No specific provision is allocated for the Division. Expenses are covered as they are incurred on a need basis.

The Audit Commission examines the expenses under this sub-head every year. Disclosure of details of expenditure is inappropriate as it may compromise confidential police operations and this is not in the interests of the public.

Name in block letters TSANG Yam-pui

Post Title Commissioner of Police

Date 15 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

SB022

Question Serial No.

0050

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 122 - Hong Kong Police Force Subhead : 103 - Rewards and special services

Programme : 12204 - Operations

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Police

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question : As regards figures of internal surprise inspections under Subhead 103, please detail the ranks of those empowered to conduct such inspections in the past three years, with the numbers of such inspections. And how many irregular cases have been detected during such inspections?

Asked by : Hon James TO Kun-sun

Reply :

Surprise Inspections carried out by current Inspecting Officers of Reward and Special Services Funds sub-imprests for the past three years are summarized below :

<u>Inspecting Officer</u>	<u>No. of Inspections</u>		
	<u>1998-1999</u>	<u>1999-2000</u>	<u>2000-2001</u> (up to present)
CP	8	8	6
DCP OPS	9	10	10
DCP MAN	3	3	2
D C&S	27	14	20
ACP CRIME	14	14	14
ACP SECURITY	3	2	3
RC HKI	13	12	17
RC KE	10	15	10
RC KW	18	20	18
RC NTN	15	15	15
RC NTS	4	15	15
RC MAR	5	8	4
STA FC	78	N/A	N/A
SEO Internal Audit	35	26	29

No irregular cases have been detected during the inspections.

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Post Title Commissioner of Police

Date 15 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

SB023

Question Serial No.

0094

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head/Subhead: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Programme: 12201 - Maintenance of Law and Order in the Community

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question: Please provide a breakdown of beats by police region in 2000-01.

Asked by: Hon James TO Kun-sun

Reply:

The breakdown of the number of patrolling beats by police region in 2000-01 is as follows:

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Police Region	Number of patrolling beats
Hong Kong Island	271
Kowloon West	220
Kowloon East	233
New Territories South	257
New Territories North	219
Marine	15

Name in block letters TSANG Yam-pui

Post Title Commissioner of Police

Date 15 March 2001

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Head/Subhead: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Programme: 12201 - Maintenance of Law and Order in the Community

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question: Please detail establishment of Personnel Checking Unit, which is responsible for extended checking of personnel in 2000-01, and also the estimated manpower requirement for 2001-02.

Asked by: Hon James TO Kun-sun

Reply:

(1) The current establishment, for the year 2000-01, of the Personnel Checking Unit is as follows :-

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Establishment</u>
Senior Superintendent of Police	1
Head Interviewer	6
Senior Confidential Assistant	2
Confidential Assistant	6
TOTAL :	15

(2) There is currently no plan to increase the working establishment of the Personnel Checking Unit for the coming year 2001-02.

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Post Title Commissioner of Police

Date 15 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

SB025

Question Serial No.

0096

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head/Subhead: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Programme: 12201 - Maintenance of Law and Order in the Community

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question: Please detail current Police Force establishment and strength by police district. Also, please provide the proposed establishment for 2001-02, especially the breakdowns of uniformed police officers and criminal investigation officers.

Asked by: Hon James TO Kun-sun

Reply:

The information on establishment and strength of Police disciplined staff by Police district is annexed.

Name in block letters TSANG Yam-pui

Post Title Commissioner of Police

Date 15 March 2001

Establishment and Strength Of Disciplined Staff By District

Region/District	Current Situation (1.3.2001)				Projected Establishment	
	Establishment		Strength		01/02	
	Uniform Branch	Crime	Uniform Branch	Crime	Uniform Branch	Crime
Hong Kong Island Region						
<i>Central District</i>	650	98	646	104	654	98
<i>Eastern District</i>	609	145	630	153	617	140
<i>Wanchai District</i>	518	116	529	141	520	111
<i>Western District</i>	607	113	598	111	609	113
<i>Hong Kong Island Regional HQs</i>	917	226	973	230	917	224
Sub-total	3301	698	3376	739	3317	686
Kowloon East Region						
<i>Kwun Tong District</i>	504	129	527	129	517	134
<i>Mass Transit Railway District</i>	289	0	305	0	291	0
<i>Sau Mau Ping District</i>	484	147	487	146	486	147
<i>Wong Tai Sin District</i>	700	145	683	145	704	145
<i>Kowloon East Regional HQs</i>	747	170	860	167	747	170
Sub-total	2724	591	2862	587	2745	596
Kowloon West Region						
<i>Kowloon City District</i>	688	157	742	155	687	144
<i>Mongkok District</i>	403	158	461	159	476	166
<i>Shamshuipo District</i>	668	188	739	190	671	188
<i>Yau Tsim District</i>	716	220	803	216	738	211
<i>Kowloon West Regional HQs</i>	1036	307	1094	311	1051	307
Sub-total	3511	1030	3839	1031	3623	1016
New Territories North Region						
<i>Border District</i>	1097	46	1018	46	1111	46
<i>Tai Po District</i>	510	148	603	149	513	148
<i>Tuen Mun District</i>	559	151	591	147	560	148
<i>Yuen Long District</i>	579	165	640	165	578	167
<i>New Territories North Regional HQs</i>	1057	208	1149	209	1069	209
Sub-total	3802	718	4001	716	3831	718
New Territories South Region						
<i>Airport District</i>	344	32	343	32	348	32
<i>Kwai Tsing District</i>	503	112	534	113	513	110
<i>Lantau District</i>	270	38	285	38	254	43
<i>Shatin District</i>	706	162	752	159	718	181
<i>Tsuen Wan District</i>	612	162	665	159	622	150
<i>New Territories South Regional HQs</i>	853	205	945	211	848	209
Sub-total	3288	711	3524	712	3303	725
Marine Region	2554	81	2312	79	2501	81
Other Formations	3567	1496	2476	1474	3620	1495
Leave Reserve under PHQ	41	88	213	0	41	88
Training Reserve in PTS	485	0	245	0	483	0
Sub-total (Other Formations & Reserves)	4093	1584	2934	1474	4144	1583
Grand Total	28686		28186		28869	

Notes:

- Staff under Other Formations (e.g. PTU Companies) and Training Reserves have been deployed to Police Districts to perform front-line duties. These are the reasons for the strength of Police Districts exceeding their establishment.
- Officers on leave prior to retirement are included in the Leave Reserve under Police Headquarters (PHQ LRVE). This is the reason for the strength of PHQ LRVE exceeding its establishment.

Bureau Serial No.

SB026

Question Serial No.

0097

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head/Subhead: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Programme: 12201 - Maintenance of Law and Order in the Community

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question: Please provide the number of identity card checks and searches conducted in 2000, and also the number of cases in which successful prosecution was brought about relying on the clues found in such exercises.

Asked by: Hon James TO Kun-sun

Reply:

The number of Identity Card checks and searches conducted in 2000 was 2 630 600 and the number of arrested (Missing and Wanted Persons) made was 12 180.

As we do not keep separate record on the number of prosecution brought about as a result of Identity Card checks and searches, the figures on successful prosecution are not available.

Name in block letters TSANG Yam-pui

Post Title Commissioner of Police

Date 15 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

SB027

Question Serial No.

0133

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head/Subhead : 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Programme : 12201 - Maintenance of Law and Order in the Community

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Police

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question : Please provide the number of cases handled by the Complaints Against Police Office (CAPO) in 2000-2001 and the estimated figures for its establishment and expenditure for 2001-2002.

Asked by : Hon James TO Kun-sun

Reply :

In 2000-2001, CAPO handled 3 673 complaints. In 2001-2002, it will have an establishment of 181 posts and its estimated expenditure will be \$61.849M.

Name in block letters TSANG Yam-pui

Post Title Commissioner of Police

Date 15 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

SB028

Question Serial No.

0134

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head/Subhead : 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Programme : 12201 - Maintenance of Law and Order in the Community

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Police

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question : Please list the number of officers drawing overtime allowance in the years 1999-2000 and 2000-2001, their ranks, the total expenditure involved and the average hours of overtime work performed by each officer.

Asked by : Hon James TO Kun-sun

Reply :

(i) The number of officers claiming overtime allowance is listed below :

	Number of Officers Claiming Overtime Allowance	
	1999-2000	2000-2001 (up to January 2001)
Disciplined Officers	13 813	8 130
Civilian Officers	1 047	640
Total	14 860	8 770

- (ii) Statistics by rank of officers drawing overtime allowance are not readily available. For disciplined officers, those at the rank of Chief Inspector of Police and below are eligible for Disciplined Services Overtime Allowance. However, the majority of the claimants were Junior Police Officers working in the front-line. As regards civilian officers, those in ranks with pay scales starting on or below Master Pay Scale Point 19 (\$24,320) and ending on or below Master Pay Scale Point 25 (\$32,190) are eligible. Most claimants belonged to the Clerical Officer Grade.
- (iii) The total expenditures involved in 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 (up to January 2001) were \$118.5m and \$76.9m respectively.
- (iv) The average hours of overtime work performed by each officer claiming overtime allowance were 57 hours and 62 hours in 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 (up to January 2001) respectively.

Name in block letters TSANG Yam-pui

Post Title Commissioner of Police

Date 15 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

SB029

Question Serial No.

0135

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head/Subhead : 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Programme : 12202 - Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Police

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question : Please provide details of the establishment and strength of the Criminal Intelligence Bureau in 2000-2001 and the estimated establishment in 2001-2002.

Asked by : Hon James TO Kun-sun

Reply :

The establishment and strength of the Criminal Intelligence Bureau in 2000-2001 are :-

<u>Disciplined Staff</u>	<u>Establishment</u>	<u>2000-2001</u>
		<u>Strength</u>
Chief Superintendent	1	0
Senior Superintendent	1	2
Superintendent	5	4
Chief Inspector	15	15
Inspector/Senior Inspector	31	30
Station Sergeant	21	20
Sergeant	66	62
Constable	163	164
Disciplined Total :	303	297

<u>Civilian Staff</u>	<u>2000-2001</u>	
	<u>Establishment</u>	<u>Strength</u>
Executive Officer I	1	1
Chinese Language Officer II	1	1
Clerical Officer	1	1
Assistant Clerical Officer	3	2
Clerical Assistant	2	2
Personal Secretary II	6	5
Senior Typist	1	1
Typist	3	3
Supplies Assistant	2	2
Artisan	1	1
Confidential Assistant	23	23
Civilian Total:	44	42
Grand Total (Disciplined & Civilian)	347	339

There is no change in the establishment of the Criminal Intelligence Bureau in 2001-2002.

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Post Title Commissioner of Police

Date 15 March 2001

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SB030

Question Serial No.

0136

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head/Subhead : 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Programme : 12202 - Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Police

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question : What is the amount of estimated resources set aside by the Police Force for taking and testing DNA samples in serious crimes following the amendment of the Police Force Ordinance? Please also provide the estimated number of cases for which the taking of DNA samples is required in 2001-02.

Asked by : Hon James TO Kun-sun

Reply :

- The Police Force has provided some \$0.5M for the purchase of kits for taking samples in 2001-02.
- The Police Force will redeploy 60 police officers from existing staff to collect samples from suspects under the Police Force (Amendment) Ordinance and to collect evidence from crime scenes.
- The Police Force estimates that the number of samples to be collected in connection with the Police Force (Amendment) Ordinance in 2001-02 is about 5 000.

Name in block letters TSANG Yam-pui

Post Title Commissioner of Police

Date 15 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

SB031

Question Serial No.

0137

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head/Subhead : 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Programme : 12202 - Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Police

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question : Please provide the numbers of operations carried out by the Organized Crime and Triad Bureau in 1998, 1999 and 2000, and also the numbers of people arrested and cases which led to successful prosecution.

Asked by : Hon James TO Kun-sun

Reply :

The statistics required are summarized below :

	<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>
(a) No. of operations conducted by the Organized Crime and Triad Bureau	459	349	304
(b) No. of people arrested	478	246	390
(c) No. of cases led to successful prosecution	45	27	47

Name in block letters TSANG Yam-pui

Post Title Commissioner of Police

Date 15 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

SB032

Question Serial No.

0172

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 122 - Hong Kong Police Force Subhead : 103 - Rewards and special services

Programme : 12204 - Operations

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Police

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question : Please provide the breakdowns of expenditure under subhead 103.

Asked by : Hon James TO Kun-sun

Reply :

- The Rewards and Special Services Sub-head covers a wide range of expenses, including rewards and other operational expenses which are confidential in nature.
- The Audit Commission examines the expenses under this sub-head every year. Disclosure of details of expenditure is inappropriate as it may compromise confidential police operations and this is not in the interests of the public.

Name in block letters TSANG Yam-pui

Post Title Commissioner of Police

Date 15 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

SB033

Question Serial No.

0254

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head/Subhead: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Programme: 12201 - Maintenance of Law and Order in the Community

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question: The number of raids conducted by the Police in 2000 was 19 301, representing a decrease of 45% when compared with that in 1999. What accounts for this? What is the scope of such raids?

Asked by: Hon LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

The number of raids is derived from operations targetting specific premises relating to narcotics, illegal gambling and vice activities.

The year under review has seen a change in the pattern of drug activity. Instead of consuming drugs individually, drug addicts have been found to gather in groups in single premises. In the case of illegal gambling, there has also been a drop in the number of known premises. It is believed that illegal casino operators have moved the bulk of their activities during the year to places outside Hong Kong. Similarly, there has been a reduction in the number of premises used for vice activities primarily due to Police's efforts over the past 18 months. The combination of these factors has resulted in the reduction of police raids on premises.

Name in block letters TSANG Yam-pui

Post Title Commissioner of Police

Date 15 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

SB034

Question Serial No.

0255

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head/Subhead: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Programme: 12201 - Maintenance of Law and Order in the Community

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question: The Police will continue to implement the Station Improvement Project in 2001-2002. What are the schedules and details? Which 20 police stations are involved? What is the estimated expenditure?

Asked by: Hon LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

A total budget of \$649m was approved in 1999 for the Station Improvement Project covering 59 stations. The scope of work includes improvements to the Report Room, areas of public interface, staff changing rooms, staff resource centre and Station Security System.

In 2000, improvement work has been started on 39 stations. Up to 1 March 2001, work on 17 stations has been completed.

In 2001, it is scheduled to commence work for the following 20 stations ;

Tsing Yi	Tai Wan Shan
Lok Ma Chau	Pat Heung
Shau Kei Wan	Stanley
Lantau North	Lo Wu
Marine North	Lamma Island
Central	Man Kam To
Tze Wan Shan	Marine West
Lei Muk Shue	Tak Kwu Ling
Border	Lok Mau Chau (Border Crossing Point)
Sha Tau Kok	Airport

Cost for each station varies depending on the circumstances of individual station. Actual cost for the improvement of the 20 stations scheduled to commence work in 2001 will not be available until detailed costing exercises are conducted later this year.

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Post Title Commissioner of Police

Date 15 March 2001

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SB035

Question Serial No.

0256

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head/Subhead: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Programme: 12201 - Maintenance of Law and Order in the Community

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question: As to the development of a new command and control communications system (CC III) to replace the present one (i.e. CC II), what are the details and estimated expenditure? When will the work be completed?

Asked by: Hon LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

The project is being conducted in two phases : design (Phase I) followed by implementation (Phase II). Phase I is now largely completed, the remaining task being the evaluation of the responses from international telecommunications companies to HKPF's Request-for-Information which is expected to be completed in April 2001. This will provide an indication of the estimated expenditure for the project. HKPF intends to seek funding for Phase II in June 2001. If approved, the tender will be issued immediately. The new system will be implemented in each Police region by phases, a process that is expected to be completed by the summer of 2005.

Name in block letters TSANG Yam-pui

Post Title Commissioner of Police

Date 15 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

SB036

Question Serial No.

0257

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head/Subhead: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Programme: 12202 - Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question: The number of juveniles arrested for crimes in 2000 is 6 229, an increase of over 10% when compared with that of 1999. Please provide the breakdown of the number of juveniles arrested in 1999 and 2000 by crime. What types of crimes show a significant increase in the number of youth offenders involved? Has the Police Force examined the reasons for that? And what measure will be taken to combat those crimes?

Asked by: Hon LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

- The breakdown of juvenile arrested in 1999 and 2000 by crime is attached.
- The number of juveniles arrested for "Other Robberies" (non-firearm related) increased by 82% from 315 to 574 persons, followed by "Other Miscellaneous Thefts" which increased by 19% from 993 to 1 186 persons.
- There were a multitude of reasons to explain the increase in these quick cash crimes including greed, temptation of prestigious goods, bullying and rebellious behaviors of juveniles, lack of parental guidance, peer influence, lax security of the property owners, ignorance of the juveniles, etc.
- The Police will continue to adopt a three-pronged strategy to work with other government departments and youth service organizations to prevent and combat juvenile crimes through various crime prevention, sanction and rehabilitation projects or initiatives at Headquarters, Regional and District levels.
- From 2001-02 onwards, an extra \$10M a year will be provided to step up police liaison with schools in order to enhance the existing schools liaison programme in secondary schools. The aim of the programme is to prevent youth at-risk students from committing crime.

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Post Title Commissioner of Police

Date 15 March 2001

Juveniles Arrested for Crime in 1999 and 2000

Crime	1999	2000	Change of 2000 Compared with 1999	
			Figure	%
VIOLENT CRIME AGAINST PERSON				
1 Rape	2	4	2	100.0
2 Indecent Assault	93	109	16	17.2
3 Murder & Manslaughter	0	3	3	N.A.
4 Attempted Murder	0	0	0	N.A.
5 Wounding	124	120	- 4	- 3.2
6 Serious Assault	647	699	52	8.0
7 Assault on Police	5	5	0	0.0
8 Kidnapping & Child Stealing	0	0	0	N.A.
9 Cruelty to Child	0	1	1	N.A.
10 Criminal Intimidation	95	78	- 17	- 17.9
VIOLENT CRIME VS. PROPERTY				
11 Robbery with Genuine Firearms	0	0	0	N.A.
12 Robbery with Pistol Like Object	0	3	3	N.A.
13 Other Robberies	315	574	259	82.2
14 Aggravated Burglary	0	0	0	N.A.
15 Blackmail	123	145	22	17.9
16 Arson	30	49	19	63.3
TOTAL VIOLENT CRIME (1-16)	1 434	1 790	356	24.8
BURGLARY & THEFT				
17 Burglary with Breaking	94	107	13	13.8
18 Burglary without Breaking	77	96	19	24.7
19 Theft (Snatching)	53	47	- 6	- 11.3
20 Theft (Pickpocketing)	8	10	2	25.0
21 Theft (Shop Theft)	1 690	1 802	112	6.6
22 Theft from Vehicle	69	106	37	53.6
23 Taking Conveyance w/o Authority	17	16	- 1	- 5.9
24 Abstracting of Electricity	0	0	0	N.A.
25 Theft from Construction Site	10	6	- 4	- 40.0
26 Other Miscellaneous Thefts	993	1 186	193	19.4
27 Handling Stolen Goods	39	33	- 6	- 15.4
FRAUD & FORGERY				
28 Deception	30	12	- 18	- 60.0
29 Business Fraud	0	0	0	N.A.
30 Forgery and Coinage	8	11	3	37.5
SEXUAL OFFENCES				
31 Unlawful Sexual Intercourse	65	49	- 16	- 24.6
32 Keeping Vice Establishments	0	0	0	N.A.
33 Procuration, Abduction of Female	0	0	0	N.A.
34 Unnatural Offences	3	0	- 3	- 100.0
35 Other Offences Against Public Morality	0	6	6	N.A.

Juveniles Arrested for Crime in 1999 and 2000
(Cont'd)

Crime	1999	2000	Change of 2000 Compared with 1999	
			Figure	%
SERIOUS NARCOTICS OFFENCES				
36 Manufacturing of Dangerous Drugs	0	2	2	N.A.
37 Trafficking in Dangerous Drugs	7	5	- 2	- 28.6
38 Possession of Dangerous Drugs (indictable offence)	20	27	7	35.0
39 Other Serious Narcotics Offences	0	0	0	N.A.
OFFENCES VS. LAWFUL AUTHORITY				
40 Misleading/Giving False Info. to Police	34	25	- 9	- 26.5
41 Perjury	0	0	0	N.A.
42 Resisting Arrest	6	3	- 3	- 50.0
43 Escape and Rescue	5	1	- 4	- 80.0
44 Other Offences vs. Lawful Authority	0	1	1	N.A.
SERIOUS IMMIGRATION OFFENCES				
45 Aiding and Abetting of Illegal Immigrants	1	0	- 1	- 100.0
46 Using ID Card Relating to Another	10	25	15	150.0
47 Other Serious Immigration Offences	3	5	2	66.7
MISCELLANEOUS CRIMES				
48 Criminal Damage	202	235	33	16.3
49 Other Offences Against Person	8	17	9	112.5
50 Disorder/Fighting in Public Place	113	71	- 42	- 37.2
51 Offences Against Public Order	44	60	16	36.4
52 Unlawful Society Offences	234	240	6	2.6
53 Money Lending	1	0	- 1	- 100.0
54 Serious Gambling Offences	0	0	0	N.A.
55 Conspiracy	22	14	- 8	- 36.4
56 Object Dropped from Height	16	17	1	6.3
57 Other Crime	8	24	16	200.0
TOTAL OTHER CRIME (17-57)	3 890	4 259	369	9.5
PREVENTIVE CRIME				
58 Possession of Arms and Ammunition	3	5	2	66.7
59 Possession of Offensive Weapon	84	80	- 4	- 4.8
60 Going Equipped for Stealing	52	59	7	13.5
61 Possession of Unlawful Instrument	11	8	- 3	- 27.3
62 Tampering with Vehicle	10	14	4	40.0
63 Unlawful Pawning Offences	0	0	0	N.A.
64 Loitering	2	14	12	600.0
TOTAL PREVENTIVE CRIME (58-64)	162	180	18	11.1
GRAND TOTAL	5 486	6 229	743	13.5

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SB037

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0258

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head/Subhead: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Programme: 12202 - Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question: What mechanism is there for the Computer Crime Investigation Cadre (CCIC) to cooperate with the Computer Crime Section (CCS) of Commercial Crime Bureau (CCB)? What are the respective numbers of computer-related crimes reported and detected in 2000? Will the Police Force deploy more manpower or provide more training to staff for the purpose of combating computer crimes in 2001? What is the estimated expenditure?

Asked by: Hon LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

Co-operation between CCIC and CCS

- The CCIC has recently been renamed as the Technology Crime Initial Response Cadre (TCIRC) (科技罪行初步支援小組) to better reflect its functions.
- The TCIRC consists of officers currently attached to the frontline formations in Regions. They will be tasked by the CCS to assist frontline formations in providing first response to scenes of computer-related crime and to conduct initial search of evidence that may be contained in the computer systems. The CCS is responsible for the detailed examination and analysis of the evidential data of the computer systems. The CCS also handles complex and transnational investigations.

Computer-related Crime Reports in 2000

- During 2000, there were 368 computer-related crime reports, representing an increase of 16% over 1999.
- 85 of the reports were detected giving a detection rate of 23.1%.

Provision of Manpower & Training

- The Police will expand the Computer Crime Section (CCS) in the Commercial Crime Bureau into a Technology Crime Division (TCD) in 2001-2002. A Computer Forensic Examination Laboratory will be set up within the proposed TCD. It is planned that the manpower will be increased from the existing 17 in CCS to around 70 officers when the TCD is in full operation. No additional provision has been sought in the Estimates for 2001-2002 for the TCD. The TCD in its initial stage will be set up by internal redeployment of resources by phases within the Police Force.
- Local & overseas training courses will be provided to TCD officers for the purpose of investigation of sophisticated computer - related crime and forensic processing of computer crime related evidence.

Estimated Expenditure

- There is no breakdown on the estimated expenditure on the prevention and detection of computer-related crime for 2001-02.

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Post Title Commissioner of Police

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WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head/Subhead: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Programme: 12202 - Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question: What plans will be implemented in 2001 to combat drug related offences particularly the abuse of psychotropic substances by young people? What is the estimated expenditure?

Asked by: Hon LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

Strategy and plans

- The abuse of psychotropic drugs is one of the Force's enforcement priorities this year. The Police have developed a comprehensive multi-agency strategy which consists of enforcement, research, prevention, education, legislation enactment and international liaison to combat the narcotics problem;

Specifically, the Police will :-

- Strengthen enforcement at border control points to interdict the importation of psychotropic drugs;
- Enhance the intelligence gathering capability with a view to targeting suspected personalities and syndicates, mounting and conducting territory-wide operations against venues where psychotropic drugs are trafficked and abused;
- Enhance cooperation with the Mainland and other overseas countries with a view to dismantling drug syndicates;

- Continue to roll out drug prevention programmes for the Police School Teams to disseminate anti-drug messages in schools and other organisations; and
- Embark on a publicity campaign aiming at advising young persons of the danger of psychotropic drugs.

Expenditure

- The Police are committed to combating narcotics problems in the Territory at Headquarters, Regional and District levels through a multi-agency approach. No specific breakdown can be provided in respect of expenditure in this area.

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Post Title Commissioner of Police

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0260

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head/Subhead: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Programme: 12203 - Reduction of Traffic Accidents

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question: What is the average cost for the 22 major road safety campaign events held in 2000? And what is the estimated expenditure for such events in 2001?

Asked by: Hon LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

The average expenditure for each of the 22 major road safety events for the year 2000 was around \$35,000, excluding sponsorship from road safety partners. It is estimated that the expenditure for such events in 2001 will be the same.

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Post Title Commissioner of Police

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SB040

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0261

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head/Subhead: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Programme: 12203 - Reduction of Traffic Accidents

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question: In respect to the education of road safety on the public, what specific work was done in 2000 which particularly aimed at professional drivers, young and elderly pedestrians respectively? What is the plan for 2001? And the estimated expenditure?

Asked by: Hon LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

During year 2000, the Police organised 17 road safety seminars for professional drivers. In addition, 887 on-street education campaigns were conducted to disseminate road safety messages to road users, including professional drivers.

As to young and elderly pedestrians, in addition to the 887 on-street education campaigns, the Police promoted road safety to these groups through the following activities:

<u>Event</u>	Number
Major road safety events (carnivals & variety shows etc.)	22
Safety bus roving exhibitions	231
Group visits to Road Safety Towns	2,081
School talks to youngsters	2,205

This approach has proven effective, as the number of fatal and serious traffic accidents in 2000 was the lowest in the past 41 years. Therefore, the Police will organize similar education and promotion campaigns in 2001.

The estimated police expenditure on road safety events is \$1.15M for 2001-02.

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Post Title Commissioner of Police

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SB041

Question Serial No.

0283

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 122 - Hong Kong Police Force Subhead : 103 - Rewards and special services

Programme : 12204 - Operations

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Police

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question : Please provide the percentage of the expenditure for informers fees in relation to the total provision under this subhead in last year.

Asked by : Hon James TO Kun-sun

Reply :

The Force does not keep any statistics on the expenditure of informers fees, and therefore cannot provide the information as requested. The actual number of such payments in 1999-2000 was 1038. The number of such payments for 2000-01 is estimated to be in the region of 1000.

The Audit Commission examines the expenses under this sub-head every year. Disclosure of details of expenditure is inappropriate as it may compromise confidential police operations and this is not in the interests of the public.

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Post Title Commissioner of Police

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SB042

Question Serial No.

0287

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head/Subhead: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Programme: 12204 - Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question: What will be the detailed plan in 2001 to refine training on crowd management and handling of major incidents and emergencies? And what is the estimated expenditure?

Asked by: Hon LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

Crowd Management and Handling of Major Events

In 2001, officers undergoing training in the Police Tactical Unit will receive enhanced training on crowd management and handling of major events for six days instead of 4½ days out of the 12-week training phase. Such training will also be extended to officers with divisional duties who are required to undergo regular refresher training on a quarterly basis. One training day out of four will focus on crowd management skills. Overseas duty visits will continue to be made in 2001 to facilitate experience sharing with a view to further improving the Police Force's capability in this area of policing.

Disaster Management

In 2001, officers undergoing Police Tactical Unit training will start to receive training on disaster management. Officers with a command role will receive additional training on this aspect.

As for officers with divisional duties, a series of exercises of various scales will take place in 2001 to test police response to major accidents ranging from plane crash to vehicle/train accidents inside tunnels. Officers will also attend overseas training on management of disaster and civil emergency.

Estimated Expenditure

The enhancement in local training can be achieved by existing resources. The cost for the overseas training will be around \$75,000.

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Post Title Commissioner of Police
Date 15 March 2001

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Question Serial No.

0288

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head/Subhead: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Programme: 12204 - Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question: In 2001, what has the authority done to raise the technology and facility of Marine Police? What is the cost for such projects?

Asked by: Hon LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

New Vessels

In August and October 2001, Marine Police will take delivery of the first two of six new Divisional Patrol Launches at a cost of \$47,626,000 each. This project will provide the Marine Police with new launches fitted with modern detection and satellite navigation systems to enhance the Marine Police's capability to counter illegal activities and carry out search and rescue operations within HKSAR waters. In addition, a sum of \$24,430,000 has been provided for the acquisition of two barges and six high speed interceptors for the policing of Deep Bay to replace the aging Water Jet Boats which are currently deployed there. Delivery is expected in October 2001.

Communications

In July 2001, the final part of a new and sophisticated Marine Police Region Communications System comprising Automatic Vessel Location (AVL) and data transmission will go live. This modern digital system will cost \$84,389,000. In addition, \$17,820,000 has been allocated for the upgrading of radars and associated systems to further enhance the radar coverage of the waters of Hong Kong.

Equipment

\$1,944,000 has been allocated for the purchase of a replacement 15.5 tonnes crane for lifting police vessels, detained crafts and heavy machinery. \$580,000 has been provided for the purchase of pneumatic line throwing devices to replace the existing equipment used to rescue persons from the sea.

Marine Police Bases

Work will shortly commence on the reconstruction of the Marine Police West Divisional base pier in Tai Lam Chung. This project will cost \$52.3m, and is to be completed by January 2003.

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Post Title Commissioner of Police

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head/Subhead: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Programme: 12204 - Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question: Of the 610 forged identity cards seized by the Police in 2000, how many of them were seized from the neutralized crime syndicates (for sale) and from individuals (for their own use) respectively? Why is the figure up more than 40% over 1999? Did the Police in 2000 successfully detect and neutralize any crime syndicates which produced and sold forged identity cards?

Asked by: Hon LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

- The forged HK identity cards seized by the Police in 2000 were not related to any organised syndicates. They were generally seized from individuals for personal use.
- The increase in the seizure of forged HKID cards in 2000 was due to vigorous Police enforcement actions targeting locations in the territory where unlawful employment exists.
- A significant percentage of offenders arrested was illegal immigrants and Two Way Permit holders from the Mainland.
- The Police did not detect any criminal syndicates that produced and sold forged identity cards in 2000.

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Post Title Commissioner of Police

Date 15 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

SB045

Question Serial No.

0378

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 122 - Hong Kong Police Force Subhead : 624 Repairs and improvements to land boundary fences

Programme : 12204 - Operations

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Police

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question : Under the Capital Account, \$26,635,000 is estimated to be spent in repairs and improvements to land boundary fences in 2001-02, a rise from \$14,167,000 in the 2000-01 revised estimate, and from \$444,000 in 1999-2000 actual expenditure. Please account for the rise in expenditure. What are the problems for the existing fences? How often are the fences replaced? To what extent could the new fences help in the security work?

Asked by : Hon Bernard CHAN

Reply :

- There are 4 improvement projects currently under the responsibility of the Police Force to repair and upgrade land boundary fences. These projects will take a number of years to complete in view of their large scale and their annual cashflow requirement is determined according to the project progress. In general, the cashflow requirement tends to be smaller at the initial stage and will increase gradually as works progress. Details are as follows :

	Approved commitment	Actual expenditure 1999-2000	Revised estimate 2000-01	Estimate 2001-02
	\$	\$	\$	\$
716 Repairs and improvements to land boundary fences	229,962,000	0	422,000	500,000
739 Enhancement of land boundary fence from Sha Tau Kok to Lut Chau	52,500,000	0	4,000	100,000

786	Replacement of electronic sensor cable system along the land boundary fence	42,000,000	420,000	8,800,000	25,000,000
795	Video surveillance system along the land boundary fence in Tsim Bei Tsui area	<u>6,000,000</u>	<u>24,004</u>	<u>4,941,000</u>	<u>1,035,000</u>
	Total	<u>330,462,000</u>	<u>444,004</u>	<u>14,167,000</u>	<u>26,635,000</u>

- Problems with the existing fences are :
 - (1) Owing to the materials used, the existing fences are relatively easy for illegal immigrants to cut open when sneaking in. Improvements include the use of stronger materials to reinforce the fences;
 - (2) The electronic sensor cable system with the existing fences is not advanced nor sensitive enough. Upgraded fences will be more reliable in terms of design and technology; and
 - (3) The existing fences do not have CCTVs and Video Motion Detection function. After improvement, the system will be equipped with 125 CCTVs and 30 Video Motion Detectors to significantly enhance the monitoring function along the land boundary.
- Fences will be replaced during routine maintenance to cover normal wear and tear. They will also be replaced immediately if damaged by intruding illegal immigrants.
- The improvements will enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of Police operations in the detection and prevention of illegal immigration activities along the boundary.

Name in block letters TSANG Yam-pui

Post Title Commissioner of Police

Date 15 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

SB046

Question Serial No.

0476

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head/Subhead: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Programme: 12202 - Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question: With respect to 'Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2001-02', the Police Force indicates that it will engage in a wider use of video interviewing facilities. How is the project progressing? What is the number of police stations provided with such equipment at present and what percentage do they account for? What about the estimated expenditure for such equipment?

Asked by: Hon Ambrose LAU Hon-chuen

Reply:

- There will be 69 operational Video-interviewing Rooms (VIRs) in service by April 2001. All stations at regional and district levels, major divisional stations as well as Headquarters crime units will be provided with such facilities.
- A Force-wide review of the use and usage patterns of video interviewing facilities is in progress and is expected to be completed by mid-2001. As for whether additional resources will be allocated for extra VIRs, it will depend on the outcome of the review.
- The estimated expenditure is approximately \$150,000 per set of equipment with routine maintenance at around \$9,000 per year.

Name in block letters TSANG Yam-pui

Post Title Commissioner of Police

Date 15 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

SB047

Question Serial No.

0643

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head/Subhead: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Programme: 12202 - Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question: The number of juveniles arrested for crimes increased sharply from 5 486 in 1999 to 6 229 in 2000 and the Police Force has given top priority to juvenile and youth crimes. What specific measures will be taken in 2001-02 to effectively combat and prevent juvenile crimes? What will be the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan

Reply:

- Juvenile crime is one of the Police's enforcement priorities this year. The Force as a whole is committed to, inter alia, combating juveniles crimes at Headquarters, Regional and District levels under the Programme of Prevention and Detection of Crime in conjunction with other government departments (such as Social Welfare Department and Education Department) and coordinating committees at various levels in accordance with their strategies and objectives. No specific breakdown can be provided in respect of the expenditure in this area.
- The Police will continue to adopt a three-pronged multi-agency strategy to work with other government departments and youth service organizations to combat and prevent juvenile crimes through various crime prevention, sanction and rehabilitation projects or initiatives at Headquarters, Regional and District levels.
- In 2001-02, the Police will continue to build upon the foundation laid by 41 juvenile initiatives launched at Police Regions and Districts.
- From 2001-02 onward, an extra \$10M a year will be provided to step up police liaison with schools in order to enhance the existing school liaison programme in secondary schools. The aim of the programme is to prevent at-risk students from committing crime.

Name in block letters TSANG Yam-pui

Post Title Commissioner of Police

Date 15 March 2001

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head/Subhead: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Programme: 12202 - Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question: (B) In connection with "Matters requiring special attention in 2001-02", please provide details of "developing expertise and intelligence on paedophilia" regarding:

- (1) Is there any database keeping personal data of those who have committed child related offences? If yes, how many entries are there?
- (2) Will such personal data be provided to other departments? If yes, please provide the figures?

Asked by: Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan

Reply:

- (1) The Police do not maintain a dedicated database for keeping personal data of those who have committed child-related offences.
- (2)
 - In the event that a specific request was made by another government department in accordance with the provisions of the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance stating the reasons for such request and the exemptions claimed, then the Police would be obliged to provide such information, if it was held.
 - To the best of our knowledge, no such request has been made by other government departments in relation to personal data of those who have committed child-related offences.

Name in block letters TSANG Yam-pui

Post Title Commissioner of Police

Date 15 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

SB049

Question Serial No.

0645

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head/Subhead : 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Programme : 12201 - Maintenance of Law and Order in the Community

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Police

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

- Question :
- (a) Will the government provide the figure of identity card checks and searches conducted by the Police on the public in 1999 and 2000?
 - (b) With respect to the number of arrests made by uniformed officers in 1999 and 2000, please provide the number of arrests for offences stipulated under the Immigration Ordinance.
 - (c) With respect to raids, the figure for 2000 almost reduced by half when compared with that of 1999. What is the reason?

Asked by : Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan

Reply :

- (a) The number of Identity Card checks and searches in 1999 and 2000 were 2 196 290 and 2 630 600 respectively.
- (b) The number of persons arrested for offences under Immigration Ordinance in 1999 and 2000 were 1 800 and 1 929 respectively.

- (c) The number of raids is derived from operations targetting specific premises relating to narcotics, illegal gambling and vice activities.

The year under review has seen a change in the pattern of drug activity. Instead of consuming drugs individually, drug addicts have been found to gather in groups in single premises. In the case of illegal gambling, there has also been a drop in the number of known premises. It is believed that illegal casino operators have moved the bulk of their activities during the year to places outside Hong Kong. Similarly, there has been a reduction in the number of premises used for vice activities primarily due to Police's efforts over the past 18 months. The combination of these factors has resulted in the reduction of police raids on premises.

Name in block letters TSANG Yam-pui

Post Title Commissioner of Police

Date 15 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

SB050

Question Serial No.

0666

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 122 - Hong Kong Police Force Subhead : 103 - Rewards and special services

Programme : 12204 - Operations

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Police

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question : Will the Government give a brief description of the "special services" by type, and also an estimate of expenditure on each type of service?

Asked by : Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan

Reply :

- The Rewards and Special Services Sub-head covers a wide range of expenses, including rewards and other operational expenses which are confidential in nature.
- The Audit Commission examines the expenses under this sub-head every year. Disclosure of details of expenditure is inappropriate as it may compromise confidential police operations and this is not in the interests of the public.
- No specific provision is allocated for each type of service. Expenses are covered as they are incurred on a need basis.

Name in block letters TSANG Yam-pui

Post Title Commissioner of Police

Date 15 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

SB051

Question Serial No.

0667

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head/Subhead: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Programme: 12202 - Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question: Please provide:

- (a) the respective numbers of domestic violence cases for 1999 and 2000;
- (b) on average, the time for the Police to handle a case of domestic violence;
- (c) on average, the number of police officers handling a case of domestic violence; and
- (d) the additional resources to be allocated in the next financial year to enhance the training on thorough investigation and handling of cases of domestic violence for police officers.

Asked by: Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan

Reply:

- (a) The number of domestic violence related cases reported in 1999 and 2000 were 1,074 and 1,072 respectively.
- (b) The time taken to handle these cases will vary according to the nature and circumstances of each case. No record is kept on the average time spent in handling domestic violence incidents.
- (c)
 - The number of crime officers deployed to handle the investigation depends very much on the nature and complexity of the incidents.
 - For domestic violence incidents, additional manpower, including female officers, will normally be deployed to deal with the situation.
 - They will be reinforced by higher-ranked officers as and when the situation warrants.

- (d)
- Whilst no additional resources have been allocated in 2001-2002 to enhance training in the handling and investigation of domestic violence incidents, a comprehensive training program has already been planned and some of which been implemented this year making effective use of existing resources from a multi-agency approach involving the Social Welfare Department and other Non-Government Organisations.
 - The training need will be kept under review regularly to determine if additional training will be required having regard to the latest domestic violence situation of the Territory.

Name in block letters TSANG Yam-pui

Post Title Commissioner of Police

Date 15 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

SB052

Question Serial No.

0794

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head/Subhead: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Programme: 12201 - Maintenance of Law and Order in the Community

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

- Question: (a) With respect to 'Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2001-02', the Police Force indicates that it will develop a new command and control communications system (CC III) as a replacement for the present system (CC II). When will be the life span of the present system expire? In comparison with the present system, what advantages will the new system bring? What about the schedule of implementation for the new system? And what is the estimated expenditure for the project?
- (b) With respect to 'Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2001-02', the Police Force indicates that it will continue to roll out the Station Improvement Project to a further 20 existing police premises. Can a list of these 20 police premises and the details for the improvement works to be implemented be provided? What is the estimated expenditure for these works and its percentage in relation to the total provision?

Asked by: Hon Ambrose LAU Hon-chuen

Reply:

- (a) The current system will reach the end of its usable life at the end of 2004. Operational advantages over the old one will include a higher speed of response, ability to receive digital messages, direct access to Police databases, automatic police vehicle location, modern mobile/handheld equipment and expandible infrastructure. The bulk of the new system will be rolled out by the end of 2004. In January of 2001, a Request-for-Information was issued to the industry worldwide and responses are presently being evaluated which will give a much clearer idea of the proposed budget. It is planned that funding for the project will be sought from the Finance Committee in June 2001.

- (b) A total budget of \$649m was approved in 1999 for the Station Improvement Project covering 59 stations. The scope of work includes improvements to the Report Room, areas of public interface, staff changing rooms, staff resource centre and Station Security System.

In 2000, improvement work has been started on 39 stations. Up to 1 March 2001, work on 17 stations has been completed.

In 2001, it is scheduled to commence work for the following 20 stations ;

Tsing Yi	Tai Wan Shan
Lok Ma Chau	Pat Heung
Shau Kei Wan	Stanley
Lantau North	Lo Wu
Marine North	Lamma Island
Central	Man Kam To
Tze Wan Shan	Marine West
Lei Muk Shue	Tak Kwu Ling
Border	Lok Mau Chau (Border Crossing Point)
Sha Tau Kok	Airport

Cost for each station varies depending on the circumstances of individual station. Actual cost for the improvement of the 20 stations scheduled to commence work in 2001 will not be available until detailed costing exercises are conducted later this year.

Name in block letters TSANG Yam-pui

Post Title Commissioner of Police

Date 15 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

SB053

Question Serial No.

0888

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head/Subhead: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Programme: 12202 - Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question: Which Head does "\$10M a year for stepping up police liaison with schools" belong? Please provide details on the working procedures.

Asked by: Hon WONG Sing-chi

Reply:

The additional provision of \$10M is at present included in Head 106 Miscellaneous Services under Finance Bureau. It will be allocated to Police under Head 122 in 2001-2002. With the additional resources, we intend to enhance the school liaison programme with secondary schools by increasing the number of School Liaison Officers. School Liaison Officers will be responsible for:

- (a) delivering crime prevention message through personal talks on the importance of good values and community spirit as well as conducting group discussions with school children on the pitfalls of committing crime;
- (b) acting as a role model for secondary school pupils to help develop a good sense of discipline and positive values; and
- (c) actively working in partnership with the school management, school social worker and parents to help and support students who may be at risk of falling prey to crime.

The programme is focused on preventing juvenile crime at the primary stage and initially we will target secondary school students but we will review the programme's effectiveness in due course.

Name in block letters TSANG Yam-pui

Post Title Commissioner of Police

Date 15 March 2001

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head/Subhead: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Programme: 12202 - Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question: How to strengthen the after-care services for juvenile who had been given caution under the "Police Superintendents' Discretion Scheme"? Will there be additional provisions and manpower?

Asked by: Hon WONG Sing-chi

Reply:

- Juveniles cautioned under the Police Superintendents' Discretion Scheme will be referred to one or more of the following organizations for after-care service :
 - ◆ Juvenile Protection Section (JPS) offered by Police
 - ◆ Agencies running Community Support Service Scheme
 - ◆ Social Welfare Department
 - ◆ Education Department
- Since mid-1997, the Police have referred increasing numbers of juveniles to the Community Support Service Scheme, sometimes as an alternative and sometimes as a supplement to JPS.
- In addition, JPS also encourages juveniles being cautioned to join the Junior Police Call or to take part in various multi-agency juvenile programmes launched at Police Regions and Districts with a view to encouraging them to return to a decent law-abiding life-style.
- There are plans within 2001-2002 to enhance training on counselling and inter-personal communication skills for the JPS officers to enable them to discharge their duties in a more professional manner.
- No extra Police resources is allocated for the after-care service to juveniles.

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Post Title Commissioner of Police

Date 15 March 2001

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WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head/Subhead: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Programme: 12202 - Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question: With respect to the 30 sergeant posts proposed to be created, how will they work in conjunction with schools:

- (1) The average number of schools to be dealt with by each sergeant.
- (2) The average number of cases to be handled.
- (3) The ratio of cases concerning secondary students to cases concerning primary students to be handled.

Asked by: Hon SZETO Wah

Reply:

With the additional provision of \$10m, we intend to enhance the school liaison programme with secondary schools. Every School Liaison Officer will be responsible for approximately 12 secondary schools and in Districts where the juvenile crime problem is more serious, extra resources will be added. School Liaison Officers will be responsible for:

- (a) delivering crime prevention message through personal talks on the importance of good values and community spirit as well as conducting group discussions with school children on the pitfalls of committing crime;
- (b) acting as a role model for secondary school pupils to help develop a good sense of discipline and positive values; and
- (c) actively working in partnership with the school management, school social worker and parents and support students who may be at risk of falling prey to crime.

The objective of the programme is to prevent juvenile crime at the primary stage and the main focus of the School Liaison Officer's work is not expected to be case handling.

Initially we will target secondary school students but we will review the programme's effectiveness in due course.

Name in block letters TSANG Yam-pui

Post Title Commissioner of Police

Date 15 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

SB056

Question Serial No.

1136

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head/Subhead: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Programme: 12202 - Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question: The Police restrained in the first three quarters last year under the provisions of the Organised and Serious Crimes Ordinance a total of \$75.3M, compared with \$15.8M for the corresponding period in 1999. What is the reason behind such an upsurge?

Asked by: Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-yee

Reply:

- The significant rise in the amount of assets restrained in the first three quarters of 2000 was due primarily to three cases where large amount of money is involved. These cases were one case of 'Deception', one 'Debt Collection' and one 'Theft'. The amount of assets restrained in these cases was 12.2 million, 40.3 million and 12.7 million respectively.

Name in block letters TSANG Yam-pui

Post Title Commissioner of Police

Date 15 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

SB057

Question Serial No.

1137

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head/Subhead: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Programme: 12202 - Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question: Can the Police inform the trend of the triad-related crimes and its relation with juvenile and youth crimes? Please also elaborate if existing resources are sufficient taking into account the growth in these two categories of crimes?

Asked by: Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-yee

Reply:

- The number of triad-related crimes expressed as a percentage of total number of crimes has shown a declining trend from 4% in 1996 to 3.6% in 1998 to 3.2% in 2000.
- The number of persons under 21 arrested for triad-related crimes and its ratio to the total number of arrests for the past five years have been steady as shown below:

Year	(a) No. of persons under 21 arrested for triad-related crimes	Ratio of (a) to Total No. of persons arrested for crimes
1996	1 229	2.6%
1997	1 101	2.6%
1998	1 296	3.2%
1999	1 344	3.3%
2000	1 150	2.8%

- Based on the present Police strategy, deployment and resources allocation, the existing resources are considered sufficient to tackle triad-related crimes.

Name in block letters TSANG Yam-pui

Post Title Commissioner of Police

Date 15 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

SB058

Question Serial No.

1138

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head/Subhead: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Programme: 12204 - Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question: In actual 626 crowd management events were policed in 2000 whereas an estimate of 370 is made for 2001. Why is it?

Asked by: Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-yee

Reply:

Every year, the Police estimates the number of crowd management operations for the next year based on actual figures of the past few years. In 2000, it was estimated that there would be 240 operations but the actual number turned out to be 626, mainly because the number of public assemblies and processions was higher than the average of the previous years. The estimated number of operations in 2001 is also based on the actual figures of the past 3 years as below:

1998	229
1999	242
2000	626
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Total	1 097
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Average	366
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Accordingly, it is estimated that there will be 370 crowd management operations in 2001.

Name in block letters TSANG Yam-pui

Post Title Commissioner of Police

Date 15 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

SB059

Question Serial No.

1139

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head/Subhead: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Programme: 12204 - Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question: The Police Force estimates that illegal immigrants arrested and prosecuted in 2001 will be less than the past two years. What are the reasons for such a downward trend as shown in the estimate?

Asked by: Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-yee

Reply:

- Statistics for recent years show that the number of illegal immigrants arrested has been decreasing steadily at a rate of about 17% each year. This is due not only to the enforcement action taken by the Police and the enhanced exchange of intelligence with the Mainland, but also to the deterrent effects of regular large-scale joint exercises held near the boundary with the Guangdong Provincial Public Security Bureau. Thus, the year 2000 saw a bigger decrease of around 30%. In 2001, the downward trend is likely to continue, albeit the dropping rate is expected to return to about 17% as seen before 2000.
- The number of illegal immigrants prosecuted is also on a gradual decline except in 1998 where the number of illegal immigrants who were prosecuted was higher than the preceding year. This downward trend is likely to continue in 2001.

Name in block letters TSANG Yam-pui

Post Title Commissioner of Police

Date 15 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

SB060

Question Serial No.

1140

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head/Subhead: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Programme: 12204 - Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question: Why is it estimated that crowd management events will be down from 626 in 2000 to 370?

Asked by: Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing

Reply:

Every year, the Police estimates the number of crowd management operations for the next year based on actual figures of the past few years. In 2000, it was estimated that there would be 240 operations but the actual number turned out to be 626, mainly because the number of public assemblies and processions was higher than the average of the previous years. The estimated number of operations in 2001 is also based on the actual figures of the past 3 years as below:

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Accordingly, it is estimated that there will be 370 crowd management operations in 2001.

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Post Title Commissioner of Police

Date 15 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

SB061

Question Serial No.

1141

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 122 - Hong Kong Police Force Subhead : 207 - Expenses of witnesses, prisoners and deportees

Programme : 12202 - Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Police

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question : The estimated expenses of witnesses, prisoners and deportees amount to \$8,383,000. Please provide a breakdown.

Asked by : Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing

Reply :

In 2001-02, the provision for “Witnesses, Prisoners and Deportees” is to meet expenses of travelling, accommodation and meals for overseas witnesses, and the expenses of meals and general supplies for prisoners and deportees detained in police stations.

Name in block letters TSANG Yam-pui

Post Title Commissioner of Police

Date 15 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

SB062

Question Serial No.

1142

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 122 - Hong Kong Police Force Subhead : 103 - Rewards and special services

Programme : 12204 - Operations

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Police

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question : Involved under Rewards and Special Services is a sum amounting to \$103,466,000 for paying expenses for services of confidential nature. Please provide details.

Asked by : Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing

Reply :

- The Rewards and Special Services Sub-head covers a wide range of expenses, including rewards and other operational expenses which are confidential in nature.
- The Audit Commission examines the expenses under this sub-head every year. Disclosure of details of expenditure is inappropriate as it may compromise confidential police operations and this is not in the interests of the public.

Name in block letters TSANG Yam-pui

Post Title Commissioner of Police

Date 15 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

SB063

Question Serial No.

1143

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head/Subhead: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Programme: 12203 - Reduction of Traffic Accidents

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question: Will enforcement action against drink driving be stepped up in 2001-02? If yes, what is the estimated expenditure? If no, for what reasons?

Asked by: Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing

Reply:

Enforcement against Drink Driving has already been stepped up since 2000 through acquisition of 4 additional Evidential Breathalyser Machines which are placed in police stations and 340 hand held Breath Screening Devices (BSD).

In addition, 108 District Traffic Team (DTT) officers were trained in 2000 to support traffic duties in enforcing drink driving legislation.

The estimated expenditure for 2001-02 will be \$1.10m for purchase of 2 additional Evidential Breathalyzer Machines placed in police station and replacement of existing equipment.

Name in block letters TSANG Yam-pui

Post Title Commissioner of Police

Date 15 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

SB064

Question Serial No.

1144

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head/Subhead: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Programme: 12202 - Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question: Please detail the manpower and resources to be deployed in combating computer crimes in the coming year. And how many percent of the total expenditure do they account for?

Asked by: Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing

Reply:

- The Police will expand the Computer Crime Section (CCS) in the Commercial Crime Bureau into a Technology Crime Division (TCD) in 2001-2002. A Computer Forensic Examination Laboratory will be set up within the proposed TCD. It is planned that the manpower will be increased from the existing 17 in CCS to around 70 officers when the TCD is in full operation.
- No additional provision has been sought in the Estimates for 2001-2002 for the TCD. The TCD in its initial stage will be set up by internal redeployment of resources by phases within the Police Force.

Name in block letters TSANG Yam-pui

Post Title Commissioner of Police

Date 15 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

SB065

Question Serial No.

1145

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head/Subhead: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Programme: 12202 - Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question: The Police will have 3 more video interviewing rooms bringing the total number of such rooms to 69. What is its percentage in relation to the total number of interviewing rooms? Is there any plan to replace all interviewing rooms by video interviewing rooms? If so, what about the implementation schedule and expenditure arising?

Asked by: Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing

Reply:

- The ratio of interview rooms against those equipped with video equipment is about 6 to 1.
- At present, a comprehensive review on the use and usage patterns of the video interviewing facilities in the Police Force aiming to enhance service is in progress. The review is expected to complete in mid-2001. As for whether additional resources will be allocated for extra video interviewing rooms, it will depend on the outcome of the review. No implementation schedule is available at this stage.

Name in block letters TSANG Yam-pui

Post Title Commissioner of Police

Date 15 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

SB066

Question Serial No.

1146

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head/Subhead: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Programme: 12202 - Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question: Why is it not possible for the Police to estimate “calls received by Police Hotlines”, “crimes reported involving genuine firearms” and “crimes detected involving genuine firearms”? This being the case, how is the amount of allocation determined?

Asked by: Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing

Reply:

- Estimates cannot be made in these three areas because of the high degree of variability in numbers on a year by year basis. In other areas it is possible to make statistically grounded estimates based upon previously known data and observed trend.
- Under the programme of prevention and detection of crime, the police are responsible for the investigation of cases, including those involving genuine firearms, and the prevention of crime. No specific provision is allocated for the investigation of crimes involving genuine firearms. As for the police hotlines, the number of calls varies year to year. The police will utilize existing resources to meet the demand with no extra provision of funds.

Name in block letters TSANG Yam-pui

Post Title Commissioner of Police

Date 15 March 2001

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head/Subhead : 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Programme : 12202 - Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Police

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question : The detection rate of the Hong Kong Police last year is merely 43.6%.

- (i) How does it compare with that of the police forces in other countries?
- (ii) Please provide the detection rate by category of crime.
- (iii) Is there any provisions for implementing measures that will secure a higher detection rate?

Asked by : Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing

Reply :

- (i) The crime detection rate of the Hong Kong Police compares favourably with the Police Departments of other major overseas cities - Singapore (45.2%), Tokyo (37%), Toronto (39.7%) and Ottawa (23.3%).

(Note : The bracketed figures are the crime detection rate of these cities in 1999)

- (ii) The breakdown of the detection rate by category of crime can be seen in the attached Annex.

- (iii) Measures that will be taken to secure a higher detection rate:

- The Police will maintain a highly visible Police presence on the streets and strengthen its capabilities to respond to emergency situations and scenes of crime with a view to preventing and detecting crime;
- The Police will strengthen its criminal intelligence capabilities through the effective use of information technology, training and co-operation with the Mainland and overseas law enforcement counterparts in order to provide better support to frontline officers and crime units;

- The Computer Crime Section will be expanded and the capabilities of the Police to combat computer-related crime will be enhanced through additional manpower, training, and investment on information technology and equipment;
- Spearheaded by the Police Public Relations Bureau and the Crime Prevention Bureau, the Police will continue to launch Force-wide and localised anti-crime campaigns at regular intervals in an effort to raise the crime prevention awareness of the public and to enlist their support to help Police to fight crime;
- In addition, the Police Force (Amendment) Ordinance empowers the Police to take samples from the inside and otherwise of suspects committing serious arrestable offences in order to enhance police capacity in the detection of crimes.

Name in block letters TSANG Yam-pui

Post Title Commissioner of Police

Date 15 March 2001

Statistics on Reported and Detected Crimes, 1999 and 2000
(in Descending Order of Detection Rate in 2000)

TYPE OF CRIME	1999			2000		
	R	D	Rate	R	D	Rate
Attempted Murder	9	9	100.0%	7	7	100.0%
Handling Stolen Goods	113	113	100.0%	116	116	100.0%
Keeping Vice Establishment	381	381	100.0%	429	429	100.0%
Manufacturing of Dangerous Drugs	16	16	100.0%	17	17	100.0%
Perjury	21	19	90.5%	31	31	100.0%
Possession of Unlawful Instrument	54	52	96.3%	52	52	100.0%
Unlawful Pawning Offences	15	15	100.0%	26	26	100.0%
Possession of Dangerous Drugs	1 493	1 493	100.0%	1 451	1 449	99.9%
Trafficking in Dangerous Drugs	736	735	99.9%	844	842	99.8%
Disorder/Fighting in Public Place	1 265	1 255	99.2%	1 222	1 214	99.3%
Resisting Arrest	377	376	99.7%	295	293	99.3%
Going Equipped for Stealing	148	148	100.0%	139	138	99.3%
Aiding and Abetting of Illegal Immigrants	660	659	99.8%	463	459	99.1%
Possession of Offensive Weapon	552	547	99.1%	500	495	99.0%
Other Serious Immigration Offences	767	756	98.6%	1 014	1 002	98.8%
Possession of Arms and Ammunition	68	68	100.0%	67	66	98.5%
Procuration, Abduction of Female	178	175	98.3%	240	236	98.3%
Loitering	128	128	100.0%	161	158	98.1%
Assault on Police	602	598	99.3%	547	535	97.8%
Cruelty to Child	197	190	96.4%	178	173	97.2%
Mislead/Giving False Information to Police	312	300	96.2%	281	271	96.4%
Serious Gambling Offences	296	279	94.3%	253	239	94.5%
Unnatural Offences	16	13	81.3%	16	15	93.8%
Business Fraud	27	20	74.1%	26	24	92.3%
Theft (Shop Theft)	6 227	5 704	91.6%	6 973	6 394	91.7%
Conspiracy	111	95	85.6%	80	73	91.3%
Abstracting of Electricity	92	82	89.1%	97	84	86.6%
Other Offences Against Lawful Authority	112	96	85.7%	141	118	83.7%
Using ID Card Relating to Another	427	344	80.6%	531	444	83.6%
Other Offences Against Public Morality	16	13	81.3%	23	19	82.6%
Offences Against Public Order	28	22	78.6%	28	23	82.1%
Escape and Rescue	25	21	84.0%	22	18	81.8%
Unlawful Sexual Intercourse	308	258	83.8%	230	188	81.7%
Rape	91	70	76.9%	104	84	80.8%
Unlawful Society Offences	1 057	851	80.5%	1 014	813	80.2%

Statistics on Reported and Detected Crimes, 1999 and 2000 (Cont'd)
(in Descending Order of Detection Rate in 2000)

TYPE OF CRIME	1999			2000		
	R	D	Rate	R	D	Rate
Tampering with Vehicle	71	57	80.3%	57	43	75.4%
Kidnapping and Child Stealing	4	4	100.0%	4	3	75.0%
Indecent Assault	1 047	729	69.6%	1 124	804	71.5%
Other Offences Against Person	229	158	69.0%	136	97	71.3%
Blackmail	576	416	72.2%	550	383	69.6%
Forgery and Coinage	894	604	67.6%	1 078	732	67.9%
Murder and Manslaughter	63	47	74.6%	43	29	67.4%
Serious Assault	5 437	3 302	60.7%	5 093	3 125	61.4%
Wounding	1 973	1 141	57.8%	1 810	1 076	59.4%
Money Lending	71	43	60.6%	56	33	58.9%
Other Crime	403	163	40.4%	429	212	49.4%
Criminal Intimidation	1 320	578	43.8%	1 135	552	48.6%
Theft (Pickpocketing)	806	296	36.7%	865	353	40.8%
Object Dropped from Height	502	168	33.5%	423	150	35.5%
Other Miscellaneous Thefts	13 418	4 071	30.3%	13 969	4 300	30.8%
Other Robberies	3 570	796	22.3%	3 349	828	24.7%
Criminal Damage	7 594	1 345	17.7%	7 022	1 625	23.1%
Deception	3 423	852	24.9%	3 986	902	22.6%
Theft (Snatching)	1 107	231	20.9%	1 032	225	21.8%
Aggravated Burglary	8	3	37.5%	5	1	20.0%
Robbery with Pistol Like Object	65	8	12.3%	76	13	17.1%
Burglary without Breaking	2 138	290	13.6%	2 019	324	16.0%
Theft from Vehicle	3 430	466	13.6%	3 228	436	13.5%
Arson	738	82	11.1%	779	104	13.4%
Robbery with Genuine Firearms	5	1	20.0%	8	1	12.5%
Taking Conveyance w/o Authority	2 642	220	8.3%	2 862	238	8.3%
Theft from Construction Site	1 324	113	8.5%	1 544	108	7.0%
Burglary with Breaking	6 987	509	7.3%	6 945	426	6.1%
Other Serious Narcotics Offences	1	1	100.0%	-	-	-
Overall Crime	76 771	32 595	42.5%	77 245	33 668	43.6%

R - Reported Cases
D - Detected Cases
Rate - Detection Rate

Bureau Serial No.

SB068

Question Serial No.

1320

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 122 - Hong Kong Police Force Subhead : 000 - Operational expenses

Programme : 12201 - 04

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Police

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question : It is mentioned in all of the four programme areas of the 2001-2002 Estimates that operational capability in the new towns will be enhanced with the creation of additional posts. Regarding this, can the government answer the following questions :

Please provide details of the establishment and the strength of patrol officers for every new town? Is there any indicators concerning the establishment? If yes, is the manpower sufficient? Would it be the case as reported by the press several months ago that there were only two or three patrolling officers for several public housing estates in Ma On Shan during mid-night.

Asked by : Hon IP Kwok-him

Reply :

The following table shows the establishment and strength of Uniform Branch Police Officers deployed in the four developing new towns :

	<u>Establishment</u>	<u>Strength*</u>
Tung Chung	86	134
Ma On Shan	143	170
Tseung Kwan O	171	219
Tin Shui Wai	148	208

* Including reserve officers

Police Stations are established based on population; projected crime figures; number of miscellaneous reports and traffic incidents of respective district. In order to maintain law and order and to meet community expectations in the developing new towns, District Commander will base on operational need to deploy uniformed officers or reserve officers to patrol the divisions. There is no problem of insufficient patrol officers.

Name in block letters TSANG Yam-pui

Post Title Commissioner of Police

Date 15 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

SB069

Question Serial No.

1321

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 122 - Hong Kong Police Force Subhead : 000 - Operational expenses

Programme : 12201 - 04

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Police

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question : It is mentioned in all of the four programme areas of the 2001-2002 Estimates that operational capability in the new towns will be enhanced with the creation of additional posts. Regarding this, can the government answer the following questions :

Comparing with the actual provision for allowances in 1999-2000, the estimated total for the same item has increased substantially by 68% to \$413,062,000 in 2001-02. What is the reason for such great increase?

Asked by : Hon IP Kwok-him

Reply :

Provision for allowances will not be increased for the reason of police operations in new towns. Allowances cover 'overtime allowance', 'acting allowance', 'standby duty allowance' etc. The provision for allowance is mainly to meet the payment of overtime allowance of police officers who may be required to work overtime for urgent and unexpected events. Therefore, a substantial provision is usually earmarked in this area to ensure that police front-line operations will not be affected.

For the past 2 years, the Force earmarked an annual provision of about \$400m for payment of allowances. The provision of allowances for the year 2001-02 is estimated at \$413,062,000, which represents a decrease of 5.5% over the previous year. The actual expenditure depends on the operational needs in the year. Under strict expenditure control, the actual expenditure is usually lower than the provision for allowance and the unspent balance will be returned to central Government.

Name in block letters TSANG Yam-pui

Post Title Commissioner of Police

Date 15 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

SB070

Question Serial No.

1322

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head/Subhead: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Programme: 12202 - Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question: In order to combat the greatly diversified computer-related crimes and to keep up with latest technological development, law enforcement officials have to equip and better themselves through training with the knowledge in this field. Regarding this, can the government answer the following questions:

- (a) Is there any plan to enhance the training of investigation officers of Computer Crime Investigation Cadre in 2001-02? If yes, please provide details of the plan and the estimated expenditure.
- (b) Will additional personnel be recruited to enhance the enforcement work so as to combat the upsurging computer crimes?

Asked by: Hon SIN Chung-kai

Reply:

(a) Training & Estimated Expenditure

- The primary objective at this stage is to enhance the professional competence of the Computer Crime Section through training. Funding of HK\$0.89 million has been provided in 2001-02 to send 44 officers of the Computer Crime Section to receive training on computer crime investigation and forensics examination at local universities and institutions; and two officers to receive advanced training offered by overseas law enforcement agencies.
- Refresher training will also be provided to officers of the Computer Crime Investigation Cadre to bring them up to speed with new techniques in the initial investigation of computer crimes.

(b) Increase in Manpower

The Police will expand the Computer Crime Section (CCS) in the Commercial Crime Bureau into a Technology Crime Division (TCD) in 2001-2002. A Computer Forensic Examination laboratory will be set up within the proposed TCD. It is planned that the manpower will be increased from the existing 17 in CCS to around 70 officers when the TCD is in full operation. No additional provision has been sought in the Estimates for 2001-02 for the TCD. The TCD in its initial stage will be set up by internal redeployment of resources by phases within the Police Force.

Name in block letters TSANG Yam-pui

Post Title Commissioner of Police

Date 15 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

SB071

Question Serial No.

0053

**Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02
CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN / SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : No. (6) Nationality and Assistance to HKSAR Residents outside Hong Kong

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question :

The estimated expenditure in respect of the work on "Nationality and assistance to HKSAR residents outside Hong Kong" is \$7.4m, representing an increase of only \$0.1m (1.4%) over 2000-01, and is mainly used for meeting salary increments for existing staff. However, requests made to the Immigration Department by HKSAR residents in the Mainland are on the increase. Why don't the authorities concerned increase manpower and resources to provide assistance to these residents as appropriate?

Asked by : Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing

Reply :

The resources required for handling a request for assistance vary from case to case according to the nature of assistance required. The requests for assistance are also unevenly distributed throughout the year. We have adopted a flexible approach in the utilization of resources to meet the requirement. Where there is a bunching of requests, or where the urgency of request so requires, the Department will re-deploy resources to handle the cases without delay. We are closely monitoring the overall situation, and will consider any need for increase in resources as and when necessary.

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Name in block letters **Ambrose S K LEE**

Post Title Director of Immigration

Date 15 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

SB072

Question Serial No.

0066

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (3) Control after Entry

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question :

What are the 7 posts planned to be deleted in 2001-02?

Asked by : Hon LI Fung-ying

Reply :

Seven posts comprising 1 Clerical Officer, 4 Clerical Assistants, 1 Typist and 1 Workman II in programme 3 will be deleted in 2001-02.

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Name in block letters **Ambrose S K LEE**

Post Title Director of Immigration

Date 15 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

SB073

Question Serial No.

0067

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (2) Control upon Entry

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question :

Please list out the establishment by posts of the five land border control points of the Border Division in 2000-01 and 2001-02.

Asked by : Hon LI Fung-ying

Reply :

The staffing establishment of the five land border control points is:

Control Point	Establishment as at 1-4-2000	Establishment as at 1-4-2001
Lo Wu	519 posts	668 posts*
Hung Hom	115 posts	82 posts #
Lok Ma Chau	253 posts	253 posts
Man Kam To	140 posts	140 posts
Sha Tau Kok	54 posts	54 posts

Note

* Including 117 posts to be created in 2001-02

The deletion of posts from the establishment of the Hung Hom control point is mainly to rectify the existing redeployment arrangement of posts from the Hung Hom Control Point to the Lo Wu Control Point.

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Name in block letters **Ambrose S K LEE**

Post Title **Director of Immigration**

Date **15 March 2001**

Bureau Serial No.

SB074

Question Serial No.

0068

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (3) Control after Entry

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question :

Please specify the establishment by posts of the Immigration Task Force in 2001-02. If there is no increase in the number of posts, what are the reasons for it? If there is any increase, what accounts for it?

Asked by : Hon LI Fung-ying

Reply :

The existing establishment of the Immigration Task Force comprises 92 Immigration Service staff and 3 clerical staff.

There is no increase in the number of staff as it is expected that the existing establishment can continue to cope with the workload required.

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Name in block letters **Ambrose S K LEE**

Post Title Director of Immigration

Date 15 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

SB076

Question Serial No.

0213

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head 70 Subhead(No. & title) :

Programme : (2) Control upon Entry

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question :

Will the Government inform this Council whether the increased provision under this Programme is sufficient to cope with the work arising from the increasingly frequent connections between Hong Kong and the Mainland? In particular, what are the correspondingly increased facilities and manpower arrangement to improve immigration clearance at the two control points at Lo Wu and Lok Ma Chau?

Asked by : Hon LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

To cope with the spiralling cross-boundary traffic demands, provision for the creation of 117 additional posts for Lo Wu Control Point, comprising 23 Immigration Officers, 73 Senior Immigration Assistants, 19 Immigration Assistants and 2 Assistant Clerical Officers, in 2001-02 has been included in the Draft Estimates. With the creation of these posts, the establishment of Lo Wu Control Point will be increased to 668 posts which is sufficient to cope with the prevailing level of passenger flow. (The Lo Wu Control Point handled 86 472 363 passengers, or a daily average of 236 910, in 2000.) The quality of service will be improved in terms of passenger waiting time, channel supervision, and alleviation of congestion. More importantly, there will be greater flexibility in redeploying reinforcement to individual control points, if circumstances so warrant.

As regards Lok Ma Chau, Phase I of the Lok Ma Chau Expansion Project was completed in December 1999 with the number of kiosks increased from 14 pairs to 24 pairs for handling 32 000 vehicles daily. Phase II construction works have commenced in December 2000 and is scheduled for completion by 2003. The passenger processing terminal will be expanded and the total number of clearance counters will be increased from 28 to 38 for handling 35 000 passengers daily. (The Lok Ma Chau Control Point handled 10 957 405 passengers, or a daily average of 30 020, in 2000.)

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Name in block letters Ambrose S K LEE

Post Title Director of Immigration

Date 15 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

SB077

Question Serial No.

0290

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head 70 Subhead (No. & title) :
Programme : (5) Personal Documentation
Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration
Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question :

The provision under Sub-head 119 for "Specialist Supplies and Equipment" increases significantly by more than two folds as compared with the estimate for 2000-01. Please advise :

- (a) the amount allocated for replenishing the stock of passport books;
- (b) the number of passport books the Immigration Department currently has in stock;
- (c) the estimated number of passport books to be replenished;
- (d) with an ample stock of passport books, for how long can the supply last for use by the Immigration Department?

Asked by : Hon NG Leung-sing

Reply :

- (a) We have reserved a sum of HK\$25,611,000 for replenishment of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) passport books in 2001-2002.
- (b) As at 8 March 2001, we have a stock of 275,000 blank passport books in hand.
- (c) The replenishment level and schedule of passport books is dependent on various factors such as the consumption rate, which may likely increase when more countries are granting visa-free treatment to HKSAR passport holders, the lead time for production and the buffer stock required to cater for exigency. Replenishment level and schedule are subject to periodic reviews having regard to the need to cater for fluctuations in demand and to provide for buffer stock.
- (d) Generally speaking, we maintain a stock level for consumption for not less than 6 months . We estimate that the current stock will last until November 2001.

As at mid February 2001, the Immigration Department has issued some 1.4 million HKSAR passports while another three million Hong Kong residents are eligible to apply.

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Name in block letters

Ambrose S K LEE

Post Title Director of Immigration

Date 15 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

SB078

Question Serial No.

0460

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (2) Control upon Entry

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question :

Please give a detailed breakdown of the estimated manpower and types of posts to be increased at the five land border control points (Lo Wu, Lok Ma Chau, Hung Hom, Man Kam To and Sha Tau Kok) in 2001-02.

Asked by : Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing

Reply :

According to the Draft Estimate, 117 posts will be created for the Lo Wu Control Point in 2001-02. They comprise 23 Immigration Officers, 73 Senior Immigration Assistants, 19 Immigration Assistants and 2 Assistant Clerical Officers.

There is no increase in manpower resources for other control points in 2001-02.

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Name in block letters **Ambrose S K LEE** _____

Post Title Director of Immigration _____

Date 15 March 2001 _____

Bureau Serial No.

SB079

Question Serial No.

0472

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (2) Control upon entry

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question :

There will be a creation of 129 posts in 2001-2002. Out of these increased posts, how many of them will be allocated to strengthen the immigration manpower at Lo Wu Control Point? How much will the expenditure on these posts account for in the estimates?

Asked by : Hon Eric LI Ka-cheung

Reply :

Among the 129 posts to be created, 117 posts (comprising 23 Immigration Officers, 73 Senior Immigration Assistants, 19 Immigration Assistants and 2 Assistant Clerical Officers) will be created for the Lo Wu Control Point. They account for an additional expenditure of \$32.77 million in the Draft Estimates of Expenditure for 2001-02.

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Name in block letters **Ambrose S K LEE**

Post Title Director of Immigration

Date 15 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

SB080

Question Serial No.

0581

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (1) Pre-entry Control

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question :

Please provide manpower and expenditure figures regarding the following two new measures announced by the Financial Secretary :

- (a) The Financial Secretary has announced the admission of Mainland professionals to meet employers' immediate operational needs. Have the authorities concerned estimated the manpower and expenditure involved in the examining and approving procedures?
- (b) The Financial Secretary also announced that the Government is devising a scheme that allow Mainland students studying in our universities to remain in Hong Kong for employment upon graduation, provided that they fulfill prescribed eligibility criteria. What sort of procedures will such graduates go through to remain in Hong Kong for employment? And what are the manpower and expenditures involved in the examining and approving procedures?

Asked by : Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo

Reply :

- (a) At the initial stage, the Immigration Department will absorb the additional workload arising from the Scheme within its existing resources. The Department will review the situation periodically to assess whether additional resources are required.
- (b) Education and Manpower Bureau will firm up the implementation details of the scheme shortly in consultation with the relevant Mainland authorities. The Immigration Department will then assess the staffing and financial implication of the implementation of the scheme.

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Name in block letters Ambrose S K LEE

Post Title Director of Immigration

Date 15 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

SB081

Question Serial No.

0590

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (1) Pre-entry Control

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question :

The actual number of APEC Business Travel Card – local applications has dropped dramatically from 543 in 1998 to 64 in 1999 and 39 in 2000. The estimate for 2001 still keeps at level of 900. A similar situation also exists for APEC Business Travel Card – referral applications, where there was a drop of 63.2% in 1999, 14.2% in 2000, but the estimate for 2001 is 5.7 times higher than that of 2000.

- What are the reasons for the decreases?
- What are the reasons for setting the estimate at such high levels?
- Would this overestimate cause wastage of resources or excess manpower?
- How much resources have been allocated in the coming fiscal year to promote APEC Business Travel Card and to liaise with more Asia Pacific countries to encourage them to join the scheme?

Asked by : Hon Howard YOUNG

Reply :

During the trial run in 1998 and 1999, only five economies (Australia, Hong Kong China, Philippines, Chile and South Korea) participated in the APEC Business Travel Card (ABTC) Scheme. Applicants had to be nominated by trade-related organisations. These limitations, coupled with the economic recession in Asia, had resulted in a drop in the number of local applications.

The number of ABTC applications is expected to increase in 2001 in view of recent developments as follows -

- (a) More economies have joined the Scheme in 2000. They are Brunei Darussalem, New Zealand, Thailand, Malaysia and & Peru.
- (b) The requirement of nomination by trade-related organisations for ABTC applications has been removed.
- (c) ABTCs issued in 1998 with 3-year validity will be due for replacement in 2001.
- (d) We have introduced a subsidiary legislation to reduce the fee for the fresh issue of ABTCs and to introduce a separate fee for replacement cards. The fee for the new issue of ABTC will be reduced from \$620 to \$427, and the fee for replacement will be reduced from \$620 to \$150.
- (e) Upon the implementation of the new fees, we will launch a promotion campaign through new information leaflets, writing to the business organisations, and our website. We will continue with our efforts to encourage more APEC economies to join the Scheme.

The workload resulting from the anticipated increase of application and intensified publicity work will be catered for from the Immigration Departments' existing resources. There will be no wastage of resources

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Name in block letters **Ambrose S K LEE**

Post Title Director of Immigration

Date 15 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

SB 082

Question Serial No.

0595

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (2) Control upon Entry

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question :

According to the figures released by the Hong Kong Tourist Association, the total number of visitors from the Mainland increased 18% from 3 206 452 in 1999 to 3 785 845 in 2000. It is forecast that the number will continue to increase in the following years. In this connection, is there any increase in the provision for 2001-02 to cope with the extra workload when compared to the previous two years? Has any additional provision been set aside to cope with further relaxing travel restrictions for the Mainland residents, especially business people attending conventions and trade shows in Hong Kong?

Asked by : Hon Howard YOUNG

Reply :

The majority of the Mainland visitors travel through Lo Wu. With the provision of 117 additional posts at the Lo Wu Control Point, there will be greater flexibility in staff deployment for coping with increases in cross-boundary passengers including those from the Mainland. The Immigration Department will closely monitor the impact of any further relaxation of travel restrictions for Mainland residents and assess the resource implications as necessary.

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Name in block letters **Ambrose S K LEE**

Post Title **Director of Immigration**

Date **15 March 2001**

Bureau Serial No.

SB 083

Question Serial No.

0602

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head 70 Subhead(No. & title) :

Programme : (1) Pre-entry Control

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question :

The estimate indicated that the number of visit permits for Taiwan residents received has increased 6% to 263 396 in 2000 from 248 367 in 1999. However it is estimated that the number of permit received will drop by 28% to 190 400 in 2001. What accounts for this estimate?

Asked by : Hon Howard YOUNG

Reply :

Applications for visit permits for Taiwan residents had dropped from 785 252 in 1997 to 381 703 in 1998 and further down to 248 367 in 1999. Based on the workload in 1997-2000, the Immigration Department anticipates a negative average annual growth rate in the coming years. Hence, the number of permit applications in 2001 is projected at 190 400, despite the slight increase in 2000. It is estimated that the demand for such permits may continue to drop mildly due to the rising trend of Taiwan visitors travelling to Hong Kong on the strength of a Tai Bao Cheng (台胞證), which allows them to transit Hong Kong en route to or from the Mainland for a period of up to 7 days without an entry permit since June 1998.

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Name in block letters **Ambrose S K LEE**

Post Title Director of Immigration

Date 15 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

SB084

Question Serial No.

0622

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head 70 Subhead(No. & title) :

Programme: (2) Control upon Entry

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question :

The department will create 129 posts in 2001-02 to strengthen the immigration manpower at the Lo Wu Control Point to cope with the increasing demand for cross-boundary passenger traffic flow of land passengers.

- What are these posts?
- Apart from strengthening manpower, are there any measures, for example, combined checkpoint between Hong Kong and Shenzhen, to cope with the increasing demand and to shorten the waiting time?
- Will the Administration consider extending the opening hours of Lo Wu Control Point after deploying the additional staff?

Asked by : Hon Howard YOUNG

Reply :

- The 129 posts in question can be classified into two groups as follows:

Posts		Aim
12 posts :	2 Systems Manager 6 Analyst/Programmer I 3 Analyst/Programmer II 1 Workman II	To departmentalise the IT staff currently serving in the Immigration Department for strengthening the IT management capacity and day-to-day operation of the information systems. There will be a corresponding deletion of posts in the Information Technology Services Department.
117 posts :	23 Immigration Officer 73 Senior Immigration Assistant 19 Immigration Assistant	To strengthen the manpower resource at Lo Wu Control Point.

	2 Assistant Clerical Officer	
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- To cope with the surge of passenger volume, the Administration is actively pursuing a number of new measures apart from strengthening of manpower. Improvement works at the Lo Wu station will include replacement of existing escalators with high speed ones, addition of a new escalator and replacement of turnstile type ticket gates with flap gates to enhance passenger flow. These improvement works are expected to be completed by mid-2003. The possibility of carrying out alteration or expansion works at the Lo Wu station to increase its capacity is also being examined. Besides, the Administration is actively considering the feasibility of introducing automated passenger clearance through the use of smart identity cards and bio-recognition technologies to enhance clearance process at control points.

It has long been the practice of the Administration to look for close cooperation with the Mainland authorities to enhance the efficiency of our control points. While we keep an open mind on all possible options, we have to bear in mind legal, physical, operational as well as procedural factors and constraints. Options, such as combined checkpoint between Hong Kong and Shenzhen, involving complex legal and jurisdictional issues will need to be considered carefully.

- Our study shows that the current opening hours of control points can meet the commuting needs of the general public and the majority of the passengers crossing the boundary for business, shopping and entertainment purposes. A very effective mechanism is already in place to extend the operating hours of individual control points on a need basis. However, the Administration will keep travel demands of cross-boundary passengers under constant review and do not rule out the possibility of extending the operating hours of control points in future.

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Name in block letters **Ambrose S K LEE**

Post Title **Director of Immigration**

Date **15 March 2001**

Bureau Serial No.

SB 085

Question Serial No.

0623

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (1) Pre-entry Control

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question :

How much resources have been saved from the work relating to the issue of visit permits for Taiwan residents since the Administration announced that Taiwan residents holding a valid Tai Bao Cheng transiting Hong Kong to/from the Mainland are allowed to stay for 7 days visa-free in 1998? Will the manpower for this area of work be further reduced if the 7-day visa-free arrangement also applies to Taiwan visitors transiting Hong Kong to/from any third country?

Asked by : Hon Howard YOUNG

Reply :

The initiative of allowing Taiwan residents holding a Tai Bao Cheng (台胞證) to transit Hong Kong en route to or from the Mainland for a period of up to 7 days without an entry permit had generated a total staff savings of 2 Senior Immigration Officers , 9 Immigration Officers , 1 Assistant Clerical Officer and 8 Clerical Assistants in the Taiwan Visit Permit Processing Unit. These posts were subsequently redeployed on a permanent basis to handle new activities in other sections following a comprehensive establishment review in 1999.

Taiwan passports are not acceptable travel documents for immigration purposes in the HKSAR. The 7-day entry permit free arrangement is only applicable to Taiwan visitors who use the Tai Bao Cheng (台胞證) for transit through HKSAR between Taiwan and the Mainland, but not for transit to/from third countries.

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Name in block letters **Ambrose S K LEE**

Post Title Director of Immigration

Date 15 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

SB086

Question Serial No.

0672

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02
CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION

Head 70 Subhead(No. & title) :

Programme : (1) Pre-entry Control

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question :

What will be the increased amount of provision in the estimates of expenditure for 2001 mainly use for? What is the estimated expenditure for handling the appeals concerning the right of abode?

Asked by : Hon LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

Provision for 2001-02 under Programme 1- Pre-entry Control is \$195.1 million which is \$22 million (12.7%) higher than the revised estimate for 2000-01. The increased provision is mainly due to salary increment for existing staff, full-year provision of posts created and vacancies filled in 2000-01, the creation of 12 posts in 2001-02 for the Admission of Talents Scheme (3 posts); and transfer of resources from the Information Technology Service Department to strengthen information technology management capability (9 posts). Among the \$195.1 million provided under this programme, about \$5.5 million is earmarked for handling appeals on Certificate of Entitlement cases.

Besides, 45 posts costing \$18.05 million will be created under Programme 3 – Control after Entry in 2001-02 on a project basis for 2 years to expedite the right of abode litigation cases.

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Name in block letters **Ambrose S K LEE**

Post Title Director of Immigration

Date 15 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

SB087

Question Serial No.

0701

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (2) Control upon Entry

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question :

In 2001-02, what are the funds and resources earmarked for providing video-recording services for the process of cross-examining incoming visitors?

Asked by : Hon James TO Kun-sun

Reply :

In 2001-02, a sum of \$350,970 has been reserved for the procurement of three sets of audio-visual equipment (one set for Lo Wu Control Point and two sets for the Investigation Division upon its relocation to the Kai Tak Government Building) to facilitate the interview of suspected immigration offenders.

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Post Title Director of Immigration

Date 15 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

SB 088

Question Serial No.

0702

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head 70 Subhead(No. & title) :

Programme : (1) Pre-entry Control

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question :

In 1999 and 2000, the applications for visit permits for Taiwan residents received were 248 367 and 263 396 respectively. Why is the estimated number of applications received for 2001 be 190 400 only?

Asked by : Hon James TO Kun-sun

Reply :

Applications for visit permits for Taiwan residents had dropped from 785 252 in 1997 to 381 703 in 1998 and further down to 248 367 in 1999. Based on the workload in 1997-2000, the Immigration Department anticipates a negative average annual growth rate in the coming years. Hence, the number of permit applications in 2001 is projected at 190 400, despite the slight increase in 2000. It is estimated that the demand for such permits may continue to drop mildly due to the rising trend of Taiwan visitors travelling to Hong Kong on the strength of a Tai Bao Cheng (台胞證), which allows them to transit Hong Kong en route to or from the Mainland for a period of up to 7 days without an entry permit since June 1998.

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Name in block letters **Ambrose S K LEE**

Post Title Director of Immigration

Date 15 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

SB 089

Question Serial No.

0703

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head 70 Subhead (No. & title) :
Programme : (1) Pre-entry Control
Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration
Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question :

In 1999 and 2000, the number of applications for the Certificate of Entitlement processed by the Immigration Department were, on average, over 28 000 each year. Why is the estimated number of applications for 2001 be reduced to 20 000? Is this figure expected to drop sustainedly? In view of the Hong Kong people's concern over the matters relating to the applications for the Certificate of Entitlement, how much provision will the Immigration Department reserve, in 2001-02, for providing enquiry services over telephone hotline or on internet to enable the applicants' family members in Hong Kong to make enquiries about the waiting time for different provinces in the Mainland? What are the resources needed for providing this service, as estimated by the Immigration Department?

Asked by : Hon James TO Kun-sun

Reply :

The estimated figure of 20 000 applications for Certificate of Entitlement (COE) that will be processed by the Immigration Department in 2001 is derived from the number of outstanding applications as at the end of 2000 plus the expected number of applications that may be referred to the Department from the relevant Mainland authorities in 2001. The number is smaller as compared to 1999 and 2000 since in these two years the Immigration Department had redeployed additional resources to reduce the large number of outstanding COE applications brought forward from previous years. The number of applications received by the Department varies from time to time and we are unable to establish a trend. We will monitor the situation and make suitable redeployment where necessary.

In 2000, the number of written and telephone enquiries relating to applications for COE cum One-way Permit from Mainland residents was in the region of 22 700. The Immigration Department has deployed from available resources 5 staff comprising 1 Immigration Officer, 2 Chief Immigration Assistants and 3 Clerical Assistants to handle these enquiries. Plan is in hand to convert the temporary redeployment to permanent establishment from savings sustained from other areas of work.

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Name in block letters **Ambrose S K LEE**

Post Title Director of Immigration

Date 15 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

SB 090

Question Serial No.

0704

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (3) Control after Entry

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question :

How many cases of appeal, petition and judicial review does the Immigration Department expect to handle in 2001-02 regarding the Right of Abode claims made by Mainlanders in Hong Kong with the prospect of repatriation and what are the resources required?

Asked by : Hon James TO Kun-sun

Reply :

The Immigration Department expects to handle about 3 200 appeals/petitions and about 3 000 judicial review proceedings in respect of right of abode claims in 2001-02. These are rough estimates for planning purposes. The Immigration Department will create 45 additional posts on a project basis for 2 years in 2001-03 to handle these applications. The cost of these 45 additional posts is about \$18.05 million for 2001-02. The total additional resources required, including the additional briefing-out provision for the Department of Justice, is about \$41.6 million for 2001-02.

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Date **15 March 2001** _____

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SB 091

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (3) Control after Entry

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question :

How many cases does the Immigration Department expect to handle in 2001-02, in which persons claim that they are not affected by the Interpretation made by the Standing Committee of National People's Congress on Articles 22(4) and 24(2)(3) of the Basic law and should enjoy the Right of Abode in Hong Kong, and what are the resources required?

Asked by : Hon James TO Kun-sun

Reply :

The Immigration Department expects to handle about 6 000 such cases in 2001-02. 70 staff, including 45 additional posts to be created on a project basis for 2 years in 2001-03, will be deployed to process these claims. The cost of these 45 additional posts is about \$18.05 million for 2001-02. The total additional resources, including the additional briefing-out provision for the Department of Justice, is about \$41.6 million for 2001-02.

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Post Title Director of Immigration

Date 15 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

SB092

Question Serial No.

0708

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (2) Control upon Entry

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question :

Under "Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2001-02", the Immigration Department indicated that they would cope with the increasing demand for cross-boundary passenger traffic by strengthening the immigration manpower at the Lo Wu Control Point and starting installation works of additional immigration counters at the Lok Ma Chau Control Point. What are the increase in manpower and the number of counters? What are the estimated expenditure for such work? What percentage of the overall expenditures do such work take up?

Asked by : Hon Ambrose LAU Hon-chuen

Reply :

To enable the Lo Wu Control Point to cope with the increasing demand for cross-boundary passenger traffic, 117 additional posts will be created in 2001-02. The total cost of these additional posts amounts to \$32.77 million or about 1.5% of this Department's Draft Estimates of Expenditure in 2001-02.

As regards the expansion of the immigration clearance hall at Lok Ma Chau Control Point and the installation of additional immigration counters, construction works have commenced in December 2000 and are scheduled for completion by 2003. The total number of immigration counters at the Lok Ma Chau Control point will be increased from 28 to 38. The cost relating to these works is about \$149.42 million approved under PWP Item 3006GB – 'Expansion of kiosks and other facilities at Lok Ma Chau boundary crossing – remaining works'. It represents about 12.5% of the total project cost (\$1199.0 million) of this PWP Item.

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Director of Immigration

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Bureau Serial No.

SB093

Question Serial No.

0919

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (2) Control upon Entry

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question :

- (a) Regarding the performance pledge of passengers cleared within 30-minute waiting time made by the Immigration Department, since the target waiting time for passengers travelling by land and sea will be significantly reduced from 98.5% to 92% next year, what is the estimated increase in the average waiting time for the public to go through immigration clearance?
- (b) Apart from making a pledge to increase manpower, can efforts be made to coordinate with the Mainland side so as to make available more counters for handling passengers?
- (c) Apart from increasing manpower and carrying out extension works, are there any short-term measures to ease cross-boundary traffic?

Asked by : Hon SZETO Wah

Reply :

- (a) To clear 92 % of the passengers within 30 minutes' waiting time is the performance pledge set by the Immigration Department while 98.5% is the actual performance standard achieved in 2000 at the sea control points. There is no question of lowering of the performance standard in the coming year.
- (b) A well established channel is in place for maintaining close liaison with the Mainland authorities to ensure that manpower resources on both sides are deployed in a coordinated manner and that available counters are adequately manned to cope with the passenger traffic at all times including busy periods

- (c) To facilitate the passenger flow at Lo Wu, improvement works will be carried out to add a new escalator, to introduce high speed escalators and to replace existing turnstile type ticket gates with flap gates. The possibility of carrying out alteration or expansion works at the Lo Wu station to increase its capacity is also being examined. Besides, the Administration is actively considering the feasibility of introducing automated passenger clearance through the use of smart identity cards and bio-recognition technologies to enhance clearance process at control points.

At Lo Ma Chau, designated kiosks for private cars with “Hong Kong residents only” or “drivers only” has been implemented since 7 February 2001 in order to alleviate traffic congestion during peak hours. Shuttle buses with increased capacities will be introduced before mid-2001.

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Post Title Director of Immigration
Date 15 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

SB094

Question Serial No.

1098

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (3) Control after Entry

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question :

In connection with cases of foreign domestic helpers being engaged in non-domestic duties in 2000-01,

- I. how many complaints were made?
- II. how many investigative operations were conducted upon receiving such complaints?
- III. how many prosecutions were made against defaulting employers, and how many successful prosecutions were recorded?
- IV. how many prosecutions were made against foreign domestic helpers, and how many successful prosecutions were recorded?

Asked by : Hon CHAN Kwok-keung

Reply :

- I. In 2000, the Immigration Department received 1 758 complaints against foreign domestic helpers (FDHs) for taking up illegal employment. In January and February 2001, the number of complaints received was 301.
- II. The Immigration Department looked into all complaints against FDHs for taking up illegal employment. Field operations were initiated promptly based on available information.

In 2000, the Immigration Department conducted 2 080 anti-illegal worker operations resulting in the arrest of 234 FDHs.

In January and February 2001, 590 similar operations were conducted resulting in the arrest of 40 FDHs.

III. The numbers of prosecutions instituted against employers involved in illegal deployment/employment of FDHs are as follows:

	2000	2001 (Jan to Feb)
Prosecution	53	3
Conviction	39	4*

IV. The numbers of prosecutions instituted against FDHs involved in illegal employment are as follows:

	2000	2001 (Jan to Feb)
Prosecution	83	5
Conviction	91*	6*

* The number of convictions was greater than the number of prosecutions in the same year because some of the convictions were resulted from prosecutions instituted in the preceding year.

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SB095

Question Serial No.

1099

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (3) Control after Entry

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question :

In 2000-01,

- I. among the complaints made against foreign domestic helpers being engaged in non-domestic duties, how many cases involved driving duties without authorization?
- II. how many interceptions were made to check whether domestic helpers performing driving duties had obtained authorization and what is the number of cases in which foreign domestic helpers were found to be performing driving duties without authorization as a result of such interceptions?
- III. how many prosecutions were made against defaulting employers, and how many successful prosecutions were recorded?
- IV. how many prosecutions were made against such foreign domestic helpers, and how many successful prosecutions were recorded?

Asked by : Hon CHAN Kwok-keung

Reply :

- I. In 2000, the Immigration Department received 23 complaints against foreign domestic helpers (FDHs) who were alleged to have engaged in driving duties without authorization. In January and February 2001, there were 4 such complaints.

- II. Prompt actions were taken by the Immigration Department upon receipt of these complaints. Initial investigation revealed that some of the complaints were not substantiated as the FDHs had been granted exceptional permissions to perform driving duties incidental to and arising from the domestic duties or the FDHs were still on valid contracts approved before the implementation of the new policy on 1 January 2000. Some of the cases could not be pursued due to insufficient information provided.

In 2000, the Immigration Department had conducted 6 in-depth investigations on complaints against FDHs who were alleged to have engaged in driving duties without authorization. No prosecution was instituted due to insufficient evidence. Nevertheless, the concerned FDHs and their employers had been reminded of the new policy before their cases were concluded.

The Immigration Department conducted a special operation in Central District on 10 May 2000. During the operation, a number of drivers were stopped and their proofs of identity were checked. Six were FDHs and all of them were within their limit of stay. Record checks revealed that they were not prohibited from performing driving duties incidental to and arising from domestic duties either because exceptional permission had been granted them, or because their employment contracts had been approved before 1 January 2000.

- III. In 2000 and the first two months of 2001, no employer was prosecuted for deploying FDHs to perform unauthorized driving duties.
- IV. In 2000 and the first two months of 2001, no FDH was prosecuted for engaging in unauthorized driving duties.

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Date **15 March 2001** _____

Bureau Serial No.

SB096

Question Serial No.

1100

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head 70 Subhead (No. & title) :
Programme : (2) Control upon Entry
Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration
Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question :

Of the 129 posts created,

- (a) how many will be allocated to strengthen the manpower at Lo Wu Control Point?
- (b) at present, is the manpower at Lo Wu Control Point sufficient to cope with the demand during peak hours subsequent to the deployment of staff?
- (c) will there be a surplus of manpower during off-peak hours subsequent to the increase of manpower? and
- (d) will staff be deployed to other border control points so as to fully utilize manpower resources?

Asked by : Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him

Reply :

- (a) 117 posts will be created for Lo Wu Control Point in 2001-02 to cope with the increasing demand for cross-boundary passenger traffic.
- (b) In the meantime, through overtime work and flexible re-deployment of staff within the boundary control points from other areas of work with lower priority, Immigration Department has managed to cope with the day-to-day passenger traffic. However, during festival days or long holidays, Lo Wu will require redeployment of staff from other divisions within the Immigration Department.
- (c) With the provision of the additional staff, reinforcement staff on loan to Lo Wu Control Point can be released back to carry out their original duties. There will be improvements in the service standard in terms of passenger waiting time, channel supervision and alleviation of congestion at Lo Wu Control Point. Staff deployment plans are diligently and carefully managed for different shifts so as to ensure that there is no staff surplus during non-peak periods.
- (d) In order to cope with the increasing cross-boundary traffic, flexible deployment of staff among boundary control points where appropriate will continue.

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Ambrose S K LEE

Post Title Director of Immigration

Date 15 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

SB097

Question Serial No.

1101

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (3) Control after Entry

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question :

- (a) What is the number of illegal workers reported in 2000-01?
- (b) What is the number of investigative operations conducted upon receiving reports of such cases?
- (c) What is the number of prosecutions instituted against employers hiring illegal workers, and how many successful prosecutions were made?
- (d) In 2000-01, how many illegal workers were arrested and how many were successfully prosecuted? Please list out the figures by their respective trades.

Asked by : Hon CHAN Yuen-han

Reply :

- (a) In 2000, the Immigration Department received 2 946 complaints against illegal employment. The number of complaints received in January and February 2001 was 552.
- (b) The Immigration Department looked into all complaints received and field operations were initiated promptly if there was available information to do so.

In 2000, 2 080 anti-illegal worker operations were conducted resulting in the arrest of 1 895 persons.

In January and February 2001, 590 such anti-illegal worker operations were conducted resulting in the arrest of 381 persons.

- (c) In 2000, 305 employers of illegal workers were prosecuted and 264 were convicted. The corresponding figures for January and February 2001 are 37 and 31 respectively.
- (d) Statistics on illegal workers are as follows:

	2000	2001 (Jan to Feb)
Number of persons arrested	5 715	1 043
Number of persons prosecuted	4 335	812
Number of persons convicted	4 249	802

Our records indicated that out of the 5,715 illegal workers arrested in 2000, 3,398 were found engaged in prostitution, 267 intercepted in construction sites and the rest were engaged in casual works in foodstalls, restaurants and decoration trade.

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Ambrose S K LEE

Post Title

Director of Immigration

Date

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Bureau Serial No.

SB098

Question Serial No.

1281

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (2) Control upon Entry

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question :

The current time target set by the Immigration Department for clearance of passengers travelling by land and sea is 30 minutes, which exceeds the time target for clearance of passengers travelling by air by one fold. Will the Government inform this Council :

- 1(a) whether the Immigration Department can speed up the handling of passengers travelling by land and sea so as to keep up with the same handling speed for passengers travelling by air? What are the manpower and expenditure required for accelerating the speed?
- (b) if the handling of passengers travelling by land and sea is to be accelerated, can the Department provide a time schedule and make a pledge that it will achieve the same time target for handling passengers travelling by air?
- 2 on the other hand, in respect of forensic examination of forged travel documents, can communication and cooperation be strengthened with the Government Laboratory on express travel document forensic examination service to avoid the recurrence of Lin Qiao Ying Incident?

Asked by : Hon IP Kwok-him

Reply :

- 1(a) To align the performance pledge applicable to the land and sea control points with that of the airport (i.e. clearing 92% of the passengers within 15 minutes' waiting time) will have significant resources implications. The actual manpower and resource requirements could not be ascertained in the absence of a detailed study.
- (b) Unless and until a detailed study is completed, it is not possible to come up with a meaningful and realistic implementation timetable.
- 2 The Questioned Documents Section (QDS) of the Government Laboratory conducts express forensic examination of suspect documents. The performance pledge is to complete 80% of such cases within one working day. Notwithstanding a large

increase in the number of express cases over the past 12 months, the QDS has been able to complete 99% of such cases within one working day with the majority of cases being completed within a matter of hours. To cater for the increase in demand for express cases and to strengthen the work of the QDS, the Immigration Department will continue to work closely with the Government Laboratory and has in fact provided funds from its departmental expenditure in 2000 for the employment of two Forensic Analysts (FA) to undertake this express service. These staff have been recruited and trained.

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Name in block letters **Ambrose S K LEE**

Post Title Director of Immigration

Date 16 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

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1282

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (3) Control after Entry

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question :

It is mentioned in the information provided that the Immigration Department handles the illegal immigrants and overstayers "in a humane and cost-effective manner". In this connection, will the Government inform this Council :

- (a) of the total number of existing overstayers in Hong Kong? Could the Bureau provide a breakdown of overstayers by their varying periods of stay in Hong Kong? What percentage does the 6 500 persons to be deported/removed as mentioned in the Targets account for?
- (b) the practical criteria for measuring "a humane and cost-effective manner"; and
- (c) what measures does the Administration have to reduce the number of illegal immigrants and overstayers who have been remaining in Hong Kong for a long time?

Asked by : Hon IP Kwok-him

Reply :

- (a) We do not maintain statistics or estimates on the underground population of illegal immigrants/overstayers. Accordingly, we are unable to provide a breakdown. With regard to the 6 500 persons anticipated to be deported/ removed in 2001-02, the number refers to the estimated number of removal orders and deportation orders to be issued against overstayers, illegal immigrants and convicted criminals. Many other overstayers and illegal immigrants are repatriated on their own volition without the issue of removal orders.

- (b) In handling illegal immigrants and overstayers under detention, immigration officers are required to comply with the Immigration Service (Treatment of Detained Persons) Order, Cap. 331C which provides clear guidelines on the proper treatment of detained persons. Persons in custody are informed of their rights such as to make telephone calls to their family members and to communicate with their legal representatives. Guarding Officers have also been appointed to take care of the welfare of the detainees and to ensure that they are treated humanely in accordance with the rules. In addition, all illegal immigrants and overstayers will be repatriated as soon as possible. The period of any detention required will be kept to the minimum.
- (c) The Immigration Department has taken pro-active measures to detect illegal immigrants and overstayers and to remove them at the earliest opportunity. These include the stepping up of operations against immigration offenders at black spots and places of employment. Members of the public are also encouraged to report information on illegal immigrants, overstayers and other illicit activities through the Immigration Department's 24-hour hotline and fax line.

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Ambrose S K LEE

Post Title

Director of Immigration

Date

16 March 2001

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Question Serial No.

1283

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (4) Vietnamese migrants

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question :

According to the information provided in the Report, the existing number of Vietnamese migrants remaining in Hong Kong is about 400. As Hong Kong has been plagued by the Vietnamese migrant problem for many years, will the Government inform this Council :

- (a) of the breakdown, by the length of stay, of Vietnamese migrants remaining in Hong Kong? From the date of illegal entry to that of deportation/repatriation, how long does a Vietnamese migrant remain in Hong Kong on average?
- (b) whether all the Vietnamese migrants remaining in Hong Kong can be expected to be cleared by deportation/repatriation in 2001-02?

Asked by : Hon IP Kwok-him

Reply :

- (a)&(b) The figure of 400 comprises 287 Vietnamese illegal immigrants (VIIs) and 113 Vietnamese migrants (VMs)¹.

For VIIs, it normally takes 3 months to secure clearance with the Vietnamese Government and repatriate them to Vietnam. They are promptly repatriated unless held up by jail sentences.

¹ The screening policy for Vietnamese boat people was introduced on 16 June 1988. Vietnamese boat people arriving HK were screened to determine if they were refugees. Those screened in as refugees were moved to open centers awaiting resettlement whereas those screened out as non-refugees were called VMs and were held in detention centers pending repatriation to Vietnam. On 9 January 1998, the Government decided to put an end to the port of first asylum policy for Vietnamese illegal arrivals. From this date onwards, all Vietnamese illegal arrivals will not be screened. They are treated in the same way as are illegal arrivals from any other country and are repatriated to Vietnam.

For the VMs, their return to Vietnam has been secured but withheld owing to ill-health of family members or sentences. They will be repatriated as soon as hold-up factors are removed. Their period of stay in Hong Kong is summarised below:

<u>No. of Persons</u>	Length of stay
8	3 years to < 4 years
8	4 years to < 5 years
6	5 years to < 6 years
4	6 years to < 7 years
1	7 years to < 8 years
2	8 years to < 9 years
16	9 years to < 10 years
68	10 years & over

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (1) Pre-entry Control

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question :

What is the breakdown of applications received and applications approved for entry into Hong Kong for employment, investment, training, residence and education respectively in each of the past two years? Please provide the figures of persons approved for coming to Hong Kong by their places of origin.

Asked by : Hon LAU Chin-shek

Reply :

The breakdown of applications received and approved are as follows :

Nature of applications	1999		2000	
	Applications received	Applications approved	Applications received	Applications approved
Employment (including investment & training)	19 921	18 070	25 646	22 892
Foreign Domestic Helpers	49 665	43 511	64 178	60 145
Workers imported under Supplementary Labour Scheme	923	861	1 271	1 194
Talents Admitted under Admission of Talents Scheme	0	0	415	101
Dependant/Residence	14 432	8 909	12 466	8 760
Education	1 252	1 148	1 454	1 361
Total	86 193	72 499	105 430	94 453

Statistics on persons who were approved for entry breakdown by their places of origin is not readily available.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (3) Control after Entry

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question :

It is mentioned in the Estimates that the improvement measures proposed by the Inter-departmental Working Group on the Law Reform Commission Report on Arrest will be implemented. What are the details concerning the implementation? What is the financial expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon LAU Chin-shek

Reply :

The Immigration Department has taken the following 17 items of improvement measures as proposed by the Inter-departmental Working Group on the Law Reform Commission Report on Arrest. All these items do not require legislative amendments and have been implemented by administrative means:

- (1) Information on powers and procedures relating to stop, search, detention and arrest are published.
- (2) Information to be made available to immigration officer during an identity check under the Immigration Ordinance to be restricted to certain relevant information.
- (3) Immigration officers should state in layman terms the reasons for the stop and search to the person affected.
- (4) Statistics and information on stops and searches are published for public scrutiny.
- (5) Access to special procedure material should not be subject to an *inter partes* application made to a judge.
- (6) The person arrested should be informed that he is under arrest and of the grounds for the arrest.

- (7) Persons voluntarily attending at immigration office to assist with an investigation shall be entitled to leave at will and shall be informed at once that he is under arrest if a decision is taken to prevent him from leaving at will.
- (8) The person arrested should be taken to a nearest police station as soon as practicable. Other law enforcement agencies may convey their arrested persons to their nearest offices instead of a police station.
- (9) The period of detention of each arrest should be calculated from the time a person was arrested for an offence originally, even if the same person is arrested for some other offences during the detention period.
- (10) "Custody officers" and "Review officer" are to be appointed in immigration office to ensure that those in detention are treated properly and to carry out review of the need for further detention.
- (11) A person who is detained after charge should be taken before the court as soon as practicable, and in any event no later than the first sitting of a court after the person has been charged.
- (12) Statistics on detention would be made available upon request.
- (13) "Custody Officer" will be authorized to search a detained person to ascertain and record everything the person has with him.
- (14) Additional safeguards to children and young persons under arrest have been adopted.
- (15) Tape-recording and video-taping of interviews have been implemented.
- (16) The existing practice of making available legal aid to persons charged with a criminal offence should continue.
- (17) There is no need to provide for a right to a person from whom his fingerprints or samples are taken to witness the destruction of the fingerprints and samples. It would be sufficient to destroy the items or return them to the affected persons.

The Security Bureau will continue to co-ordinate the implementation of other recommended improvement measures (e.g. relating to power of search, seizure, arrest and detention etc) in the coming fiscal year.

Through internal deployment, a task team comprising 1 Senior Immigration Officer and 1 Immigration Officer was formed in August 2000 to follow up the related work. The salary costs incurred and related departmental expenses amount to \$1,064,220.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head 70 Subhead(No. & title) :

Programme : (2) Control upon Entry

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question :

The number of passengers/seamen who were refused entry in 1999 is 16,921. Apart from these people, what is the number of others who are regarded as undesirable persons? Please give a breakdown of these persons by the places from where they came? What is the number of appeals arising from these cases? Please provide relevant figures for 1997 and 1998 separately.

Asked by : Hon James TO Kun-sun

Reply :

The numbers of passengers refused permission to land in Hong Kong in 1997, 1998 and 1999 with breakdown by reasons are as follows :

Year	Reason for refusal			Total passengers/ seamen refused entry
	Doubtful visits	Improperly documented	Use of forged travel document	
1997	7,377	9,999	2,039	19,415
1998	9,066	8,027	1,738	18,831
1999	6,436	8,586	1,899	16,921

Statistics on the places where the undesirable persons had come from are not readily available.

The numbers of appeals arising from the above refused entry cases are 1 in 1997, 3 in 1998 and 1 in 1999. All of these appeals have been rejected.

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SB104

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : Head 45 – Fire Services Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme: (3) Ambulance Service

Controlling Officer : Director of Fire Services

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question : Please explain the geographical distribution of the 31 posts created for manning additional ambulances.

Asked by : Hon LI Fung-ying

Reply : The 31 new posts include 10 Senior Ambulancemen and 20 Ambulancemen required for manning 3 additional ambulances, and 1 Ambulance Officer for the new Tseung Kwan O Ambulance Depot. The additional ambulances and personnel will be deployed to Sheung Shui, Tin Shui Wai and Tseung Kwan O areas to cope with the increasing demand for emergency ambulance service.

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WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : Head 45 – Fire Services Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (2) Fire Protection and Prevention

Controlling Officer : Director of Fire Services

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question : Please explain the establishment and geographical distribution of the dedicated force responsible for fire safety inspection and enforcement in private buildings.

Asked by : Hon LI Fung-ying

Reply : The dedicated Fire Safety Inspection and Enforcement Force for Private Buildings, comprising 66 staff, is established in two phases. In the first phase, the Fire Safety Inspection Force for Private Buildings was set up in July last year with the employment of 33 non-civil service contract staff. They are divided into 3 teams, responsible for inspecting buildings on Hong Kong Island, Kowloon and the New Territories respectively and handling related paperwork.

In the second phase, the Fire Safety Enforcement Force for Private Buildings will be established on 1 April this year. The Department will redeploy 30 serving fire personnel of various ranks to staff the Enforcement Force. They will be organised into 3 teams and will work with the Inspection Force to take fire safety enforcement actions of buildings over the territory. In addition, 3 clerical staff will be employed to provide administrative support.

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Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : Head 45 – Fire Services Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (1) Fire Service

Controlling Officer : Director of Fire Services

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

- Question :
- A. Please specify the geographical distribution of the 76 posts created for manning new fire stations.
 - B. Please specify the 18 deleted posts.
 - C. Please list all the savings achieved under the Enhanced Productivity Programme.

Asked by : Hon LI Fung-ying

- Reply :
- A. The distribution of the 76 posts created for manning new fire stations are as follows :
8 Station Officer/Senior Station Officer posts are for a fire station at Area 112, Tin Shui Wai. 65 Fireman posts are for a fire station at Area 87, Tseung Kwan O. The remaining 3 posts (including 1 Assistant Divisional Officer, 1 Principal Fireman and 1 Senior Fireman posts) are for the Tung Chung Breathing Apparatus Complex.
 - B. The 18 posts deleted under the Enhanced Productivity Programme are as follows :
5 Craft Apprentice posts from the Workshops Section. 13 posts (including 3 Cook and 10 Workman II posts) from the Hong Kong, Kowloon, and New Territories Fire Commands.
 - C. In regard to Programme (1), the total savings under the Enhanced Productivity Programme in 2001 – 02 are \$31.896m. Savings of personal emoluments/personnel-related expenses are around \$23.141m, which include savings to be achieved by reduced expenditure on acting allowances and disciplined services overtime allowances and deletion of 18 posts. Savings of departmental expenses/other charges are around \$8.755m, achieving mainly from the overall downward adjustment of maintenance fees for appliances and equipment and reduced expenditure on electricity, traveling and stores and equipment.

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Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Head : Head 45 – Fire Services Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (3) Ambulance Service

Controlling Officer : Director of Fire Services

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question : The public are very much concerned with the quality of ambulance service. In respect of the estimated increase of \$12.5m, please provide details on the arrangements for manpower and resources deployment for the following two items of “Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2001 – 02” :

- (a) Enhance ambulance aid knowledge and paramedic skills of personnel through on-going medical training programmes co-ordinated by the Medical Director of the department;
- (b) Continue to upgrade all ambulance aid motorcycles with paramedic capabilities.

Asked by : Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing

Reply : The estimated increase of \$12.5m expenditure for ambulance service is mainly for the procurement and manning of 3 additional ambulances, and payment of salary increments and various allowances to ambulance personnel, etc.

As regards the enhancement of ambulance aid knowledge and paramedic skills of ambulance personnel through continuation medical education programmes co-ordinated by the Medical Director of the Fire Services Department, the required provision is around \$0.2m, which covers the payment of \$0.14m for doctors' lecture and Accident and Emergency Department attachment charges to the Hospital Authority and \$0.06m for course manuals, registration and certificate fees to the Justice Institute of British Columbia, Canada.

The Fire Services Department will further upgrade 5 ambulance aid motorcycles to provide paramedic ambulance service in 2001. The required provision is around \$0.1m, which covers the payment of Emergency Medical Assistant (EMA) special allowance to 10 Senior Ambulancemen manning the ambulance aid motorcycles, and the expenses required for the procurement of paramedic equipment.

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Post Title Director of Fire Services

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : Head 45 – Fire Services Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (2) Fire Protection and Prevention

Controlling Officer : Director of Fire Services

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question : What promotional campaigns will the authorities conduct in 2001 to enhance the fire safety awareness of the general public? What is the estimated expenditure?

Asked by : Hon LAU Kong-wah

Reply : For 2001 – 02, the estimated expenditure for Fire Services Department to organize fire prevention publicity activities is \$2.5m. The Department will broadcast fire safety messages on TV and radio on a regular basis. There are also plans to organize large-scale fire prevention promotion activities in this November. The Department and District Fire Safety Committees will jointly organize various fire safety publicity activities, such as fire station open days, roving exhibitions, carnivals, slogan competitions, distribution of promotion leaflets, fire drills and fire safety talks, etc. The Department will conduct at least 1 600 fire drills and 2 200 fire safety seminars and exhibitions as well as to recruit an additional 5 000 Fire Safety Ambassadors in 2001 to assist in disseminating fire safety messages and increasing fire safety awareness of the general public. In addition, the Inter-departmental Hill Fire Prevention Ad Hoc Group coordinated by the Security Bureau will launch major hill fire prevention publicity campaigns during Ching Ming Festival and Chung Yeung Festival.

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0219

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : Head 45 – Fire Services Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (2) Fire Protection and Prevention

Controlling Officer : Director of Fire Services

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question : How many old commercial buildings are there in Hong Kong at present? What measures will the authorities take to enhance the fire safety of these buildings? What will be the manpower and costs involved?

Asked by : Hon LAU Kong-wah

Reply : According to the Fire Safety (Commercial Premises) Ordinance, old commercial buildings refer to those commercial buildings whose plans were submitted to the Building Authority for approval on or before 1 March 1987, as well as those commercial buildings constructed on or before 1 March 1987. There are about 1 550 such buildings in Hong Kong.

The Fire Safety (Commercial Premises) Ordinance has been enforced in two phases since 1 June 1998. The first phase is to be completed in 4 years. It aims at improving fire safety of some 550 commercial buildings whose plans were submitted to the Building Authority on or before 23 March 1973 for approval. The second phase, to be completed within 6 years, will aim at the remaining 1 000 commercial buildings. As the enforcing departments, the Fire Services Department and Buildings Department will issue fire safety improvement directions to owners and occupiers of relevant commercial buildings, requiring them to improve the fire safety measures therein.

There are currently 54 staff members in the Commercial Buildings and Premises Division of the Fire Services Department, with an annual expenditure of about \$24.1m.

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0220

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Head : Head 45 – Fire Services Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (2) Fire Protection and Prevention

Controlling Officer : Director of Fire Services

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question : In 2001 – 02, the authorities will work jointly with the Information Technology Services Department to implement the Fire Protection Information System. What are the concrete plans and estimated costs?

Asked by : Hon LAU Kong-wah

Reply : The Fire Services Department is setting up a fire protection information system for keeping information about fire service installations in buildings and their annual inspection records, complaints on fire safety matters, and application for and approval of various licences. To improve efficiency in the processing of complaints and licence applications, a total of 67 computer terminals will be installed in the Licensing and Control Command and the Fire Safety Command. As the above information are also useful to disciplined personnel of operational fire commands in responding to fire incidents, terminals will also be installed in the Fire Services Communication Centre as well as the headquarters of the 3 Fire Operational Commands (Hong Kong, Kowloon and New Territories) to facilitate speedy access to relevant information.

The cost of the fire protection information system is about \$9.9m. Installation works have commenced in February 2000, and the system is expected to be commissioned in mid 2001.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : Head 45 – Fire Services Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (3) Ambulance Service

Controlling Officer : Director of Fire Services

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question : The authorities will implement a community education programme in 2001 – 02. Apart from providing cadio-pulmonary resuscitation training to the general public and staff of elderly homes, will other ambulance training be given? What are the details? What is the estimated expenditure of this programme?

Asked by : Hon LAU Kong-wah

Reply : Apart from providing cadio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training to the general public and staff of elderly homes, the Department's community CPR programme has also been extended to district councils, government departments (e.g. Customs and Excise Department, Buildings Department), public bodies and organizations (e.g. TVB, the Lion Club, the Scout Association of Hong Kong), etc. Moreover, the Department has provided training on the use of defibrillator for the Hong Kong Life Saving Society, and attachment training on ambulance for other government departments such as the Auxiliary Medical Service. The Department will focus on extending CPR training to schools or other organizations this year. Manpower required for the above training has been met through internal redeployment and no additional staff cost will be incurred. For procurement of additional equipment for the above training, the estimated expenditure is approximately \$320,000.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Head : Head 45 – Fire Services Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (3) Ambulance Service

Controlling Officer : Director of Fire Services

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question : What is the expenditure on the maintenance of ambulances and equipment in 2000? What is the estimated expenditure for 2001? What items are included in the estimated expenditure? What is the timetable for the maintenance of ambulances and equipment?

Asked by : Hon LAU Kong-wah

Reply : For 2000 – 01, the revised estimated expenditure on the maintenance and repair of ambulances is \$20.4m, including all repairs and spare parts costs, body repair due to normal wear and tear, 24-hour emergency towing service, post-accident vehicle inspection, evaluation and repair, etc.

For 2001 – 02, the estimated expenditure on the maintenance and repair of ambulances is approximately \$21m.

Each ambulance is subject to bi-monthly routine checks, maintenance or repair at the maintenance centre of the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department.

As for expenditure on the maintenance and repair of ambulance equipment, the revised estimates for 2000 – 01 and the estimated expenditure for 2001 – 02 are both set at \$120,000, including repairs and spare parts costs.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : Head 45 – Fire Services Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme: (1) Fire Service

Controlling Officer : Director of Fire Services

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question : Would the authorities provide details of the planning and development of a new mobilizing system for replacing the existing one? When will such work be completed? What is the estimated expenditure?

Asked by : Hon LAU Kong-wah

Reply : In May 2000, the Finance Committee approved \$718.6m for the design and installation of a communication and mobilizing system, namely, the Third Generation Mobilizing System (TGMS) to replace the Second Generation Mobilizing System. Tenders for TGMS were invited in September 2000 and closed in December 2000. Tender evaluation is being conducted and the award of contract is expected to be in end March or early April 2001. It will then take about 33 months for carrying out detailed system design, site preparation, installation and testing. The new system is expected to be put on trial run by end 2003.

The approved commitment of the project is \$718.6m and the cashflow for 2001 – 02 is \$214.60m.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : Head 45 – Fire Services Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme: (1) Fire Service

Controlling Officer : Director of Fire Services

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question : What are the expenditure and effectiveness of “continuing to train and plan for additional Special Rescue Squads with a view to enhancing rescue ability throughout the territory” in 2000? What is the estimated expenditure for 2001?

Asked by : Hon LAU Kong-wah

Reply : The expenditure for Special Rescue Squads for 2000 is approximately \$4.5m, including \$2.8m for new equipment and \$1.7m for creation of 1 Divisional Officer and 1 Assistant Divisional Officer posts.

210 members have been trained to perform Special Rescue Squad duties. This initiative has contributed to enhancing the Department’s rescue abilities in handling calamities.

The estimated expenditure for Special Rescue Squads for 2001 is \$4.1m, including \$2.4m for new equipment and \$1.7m for salary provisions. The Department will train an addition of 210 members for the Squads.

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WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : Head 45 – Fire Services Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (1) Fire Service

Controlling Officer : Director of Fire Services

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question : Why did “Fire Hazard Abatement Notices issued in respect of floating obstructions to means of escape and locked exits” in 2000 increase by 51% when compared with that of 1999? What measures will the authorities take to improve the situation?

Asked by : Hon LAU Kong-wah

Reply : In 2000, the Fire Services Department issued a total of 1 370 Fire Hazard Abatement Notices in respect of “floating obstructions to means of escape and locked exits”. An addition of 464 notices were issued as compared to 906 notices issued in 1999, representing an increase of 51%. The main reason is that a dedicated force of 33 members was set up in July last year for improving the fire safety of private buildings by stepping up inspections of and law enforcement actions on old private buildings. In addition, the public are generally more aware of fire safety in recent years and are more forthcoming in reporting to Fire Services Department any irregularities affecting the fire safety of their premises.

To improve fire safety of private buildings, the Department will increase the staffing of dedicated force to 66 in 2001 to step up law enforcement action. Fire safety publicity campaigns will also be held at district level to enhance public awareness of fire prevention. In addition, the Department will organize more talks and activities on building management and fire prevention with relevant departments to promote co-operation between the public and the government in these aspects.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : Head 45 – Fire Services Department Subhead (No. & title) : 002 – Allowances

Programme : (3) Ambulance Service

Controlling Officer : Director of Fire Services

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question : On one hand, the authorities aim at upgrading all ambulance aid motorcycles with paramedic capabilities and enhancing ambulance aid knowledge and paramedic skills of ambulance personnel. On the other hand, special allowance for staff performing paramedic services in 2001 – 02 will be reduced by 23.8%.

- (a) What is the estimated reduction of disciplined services overtime allowance?
- (b) Will the allowance granted to the personnel performing paramedic services during normal working hours be reduced? If yes, what will be the amount?

Asked by : Hon LI Fung-ying

- Reply :
- (a) As compared with 2000 – 01, the estimated expenditure under Subhead 002 – Allowances will be reduced by \$17.283m, i.e. 23.8%, for 2001 – 02. This is mainly due to a reduction of about \$19.838m in the expenditure for disciplined services overtime allowance (DSOA). As for Programme (3), there will be an estimated reduction of \$0.5m in the DSOA expenditure.
 - (b) Expenditure on the special allowance for ambulance personnel performing paramedic services will not be reduced. Estimated expenditure for 2001 – 02 will be increased from \$3.429m to \$3.54m.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : Head 45 – Fire Services Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme: (3) Ambulance Service

Controlling Officer : Director of Fire Services

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question : The estimated percentage of emergency ambulance calls answered within the target response time of 12 minutes will be 92.5%, which is lower than the 92.7% achieved in 2000 and even lower than the 93.3% achieved in 1999. What is the reason?

Asked by : Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-ye

Reply : The Fire Services Department's performance pledge is 92.5% of emergency ambulance calls are responded within the 12-minute target response time by ambulances/ambulance aid motorcycles. This performance target is set after taking into account the availability of ambulance resources and the increasing number of emergency calls each year. With the growth in demand for emergency ambulance service by the general public, demonstrated by an average annual increase of 7.79% over the past 3 years, Fire Services Department has been able to meet the performance pledge through various management measures and other initiatives.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : Head 45 – Fire Services Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (1) Fire Service & (3) Ambulance Service

Controlling Officer : Director of Fire Services

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question : According to the paper, 11 posts will be deleted upon outsourcing of the catering, cleansing and building security services in 2001 – 02. Would the Government advise the Council :

- (a) whether retirement/job-switching arrangements are made for the staff affected by the outsourcing of services;
- (b) As the Housing Department has imposed unreasonably long working hours and unfair pay upon outsourcing of the services, does the Fire Services Department include the terms on fair pay and reasonable working hours in the outsourcing service contracts? If yes, will this incur additional expenses for the Department?

Asked by : Hon IP Kwok-him

- Reply :
- (a) The 11 posts to be deleted in 2001 – 02 are all existing vacancies.
 - (b) Fire Services Department will pilot outsourcing the catering services of selected fire stations/ambulance depots. The contractor(s) are required to comply with the catering requirements laid down by the Department. There are no terms on wages and working hours of employees of contractor(s) in the contract(s).

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Name in block letters	HSU KING PING
Post Title	Director of Fire Services
Date	15 March 2001

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : Head 45 – Fire Services Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (3) Ambulance Service

Controlling Officer : Director of Fire Services

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question : During the Security Panel's meeting on 6 February 2001, the issue of reviewing and strengthening the paramedic ambulance service was discussed. The Security Bureau has advised that in order to provide paramedic ambulance service, it is necessary to train relevant personnel as qualified Emergency Medical Assistant (EMA) IIs and to upgrade the equipment on ambulances to facilitate the work of EMA IIs, so that sustaining life onboard ambulances can be enhanced and triage can be made in the first instance. In this connection, can the government advise this Council :

- (a) As at 31 March 2001, what was the ratio of qualified EMA IIs to the total number of Ambulancemen? Can the training in 2001 – 02 increase the number of qualified EMA IIs so that there will be enough qualified Ambulancemen to provide such service?
- (b) The number of ambulances expected to have their equipment upgraded in 2001 – 02.
- (c) Can the training of EMA IIs and the upgrading of equipment on all ambulances be completed within 2001 – 02? If yes, how much additional resources does the FSD need? If no, when they will be completed the soonest?

Asked by : Hon IP Kwok-him

- Reply :
- (a) As at 31 March 2001, around 34%, i.e. 264 Senior/Principal Ambulancemen have obtained EMA II qualification. In 2001 – 02, Fire Services Department will continue to train about 50 Senior/Principal Ambulancemen as EMA IIs.
 - (b) It is expected that in 2001 – 02, another 14 ambulances and 5 ambulance aid motorcycles (AAMC) will be upgraded for provision of paramedic service. By that time, there will be a total of 80 ambulances and 20 AAMCs providing paramedic ambulance service.
 - (c) As the Department needs adequate manpower to provide emergency ambulance service at the existing level and also needs time to conduct necessary training, qualifying all required Ambulance personnel to EMA II level for upgrading of all ambulances to paramedic service cannot be completed in 2001 – 02. However, the Department will endeavour to complete the training as soon as possible so that paramedic service can be extended to all ambulances.

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Name in block letters	<u>HSU KING PING</u>
Post Title	<u>Director of Fire Services</u>
Date	<u>15 March 2001</u>

Bureau Serial No.

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Question Serial No.

0032

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 30 Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (1) Prison Management

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Correctional Services

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question : What is the progress in the perimeter fencing improvement works of penal institutions? What is the respective number of institutions with works completed and works not yet completed? What is the expected date of completion for the whole project?

Asked by : Hon LAU Kong-wah

Reply : A total of 13 correctional institutions are included in the project for the upgrading of perimeter fencing. So far 4 institutions have the works completed. For the remaining 9 institutions, works are in different stages of progress and are expected to be completed by September 2003.

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Name in block letters : C K NG

Post Title : Commissioner of Correctional Services

Date : 15 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

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Question Serial No.

0033

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 30 Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (1) Prison Management

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Correctional Services

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question : What is the progress in the 'replacement of the existing mechanical patrol monitoring system in all penal institutions with the smart card patrol management system'? What is the respective number of institutions with works completed and works not yet completed? What is the expected date of completion for the overall replacement project?

Asked by : Hon LAU Kong-wah

Reply : The whole replacement project will cover a total of 29 correctional institutions/premises. The first phase of the project has been completed in early March 2001 and the smart card patrol management system has been installed and operating satisfactorily in 11 correctional institutions/premises. For the remaining 18 institutions/premises, the replacement works will be completed in phases by 2005.

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Name in block letters : C K NG

Post Title : Commissioner of Correctional Services

Date : 15 March 2001

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Question Serial No.

0034

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 30 Subhead (No. & title) :
Programme : (1) Prison Management
Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Correctional Services
Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question : Since the introduction of individual counselling to each prisoner/inmate on a monthly basis in August 1999, the number of counselling sessions has increased by nearly 50% compared with that of 1999. Has the Administration assessed whether there was any increase in the effectiveness of the counselling service? What were the resources (including staff and finance) required for the introduction of the service and how was it compared with before? What is the estimated expenditure for the above service in 2001-02?

Asked by : Hon LAU Kong-wah

Reply : Starting from August 1999, Prisoners' Welfare Officers of CSD would interview each and every prisoner/inmate under their care at least once a month in order to enhance the counselling services provided. We observe that with the enhanced counselling service, Prisoners' Welfare Officers have been able to establish and maintain better personal relationship with the prisoners/inmates. The more personalised assistance rendered would facilitate their rehabilitation which would in turn benefit the community at large.
No additional staff and financial resources were necessary as the change was brought about by reprioritising the duties of the Prisoners' Welfare Officers and refining the foci of the counselling/welfare sessions.
Provision of counselling service is part of the duties of Prisoners' Welfare Officers and the related expenditure is estimated to be \$9.36m in 2001-02 in the draft Estimates.

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Name in block letters : C K NG

Post Title : Commissioner of Correctional Services

Date : 15 March 2001

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0115

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 30 Subhead (No. & title) :
Programme : (2) Re-integration
Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Correctional Services
Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question : The success rate of the Post-release Supervision Scheme (non-conviction during the supervision period) dropped from 92.5% in 1999 to 89.8% in 2000. What were the reasons for this? Is the Administration reviewing the scheme regularly?

Asked by : Hon LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

The Post-release Supervision Scheme (PRSS) commenced operation at the end of 1996. In the initial years of operation, the majority of the supervisees (those who were sentenced before the commencement of the scheme) were subject to a shorter period of supervision as a transitional arrangement provided for in the law. Against this background and with the gradual phasing out of offenders who were subject to the transitional arrangement, the average supervision period increased from 9 months for those who completed their supervision period in 1999 to 12 months for those who completed their supervision in 2000. The corresponding success rates (denoting the percentage of supervisees who have satisfactorily completed their supervision period without re-conviction) also fell from 92.5% in 1999 to 89.8% in 2000, as a longer supervision period would generally see more re-offending cases.

/ Like all other ...

Like all other supervision programmes operated by the Department, the PRSS is subject to on-going review and close monitoring. With an overall success rate of 95% in the past four years since its operation, the Scheme is considered to be effective in helping discharged offenders lead a law abiding life after discharge.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 30 Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (2) Re-integration

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Correctional Services

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question : The average daily numbers of inmates under re-integration programmes in 1999 and 2000 were 1 820 and 1 708 respectively. Has the Administration assessed the effectiveness of the programmes? What are the details of the programmes for the year 2001?

Asked by : Hon LAU Kong-wah

Reply : The ultimate aim of our correctional services is to reintegrate offenders into society upon discharge. With the continuous development and refinement over the years, the reintegration programmes now cover a wide spectrum of services. These include welfare services, psychological services, education, vocational training, aftercare services, half-way house services, etc.

To assess the effectiveness of these separate but interlocking services, a number of performance indicators are used. Among them, the success rates of different post-release supervision schemes are used as the main performance indicators. In this regard, we have achieved an overall 73% success rate for the various supervision schemes.

In 2001, we aim to achieve a higher success rate of the various supervision schemes, to refine CSD's existing reintegration programmes and to promote community support for rehabilitated offenders. In particular, we would strive to :

i) modernise correctional education and enhance vocational training courses to enable offenders to gain external accreditation;

/ii) help develop ...

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0117

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 30 Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (2) Re-integration

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Correctional Services

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question : Concerning the effort in providing education/vocational training to prisoners and inmates to enhance their opportunity of gainful employment on release, has the Administration assessed the success rate of such effort in 2000? Is there any concrete plan for the year 2001? What is the estimated expenditure?

Asked by : Hon LAU Kong-wah

Reply : For offenders discharged under supervision, to engage in gainful employment is one of the supervision requirements with which they have to comply. For those discharged in 2000, 95% of them had secured gainful employment upon discharge. The remaining 5% were housewives, disabled persons and elderly persons. No employment statistics are kept for those discharged offenders who are not put under the Department's supervision schemes. In 2000, we revamped the curricula of the education courses and enhanced 18 vocational training programmes for offenders under the custody of the Department with a view to enabling them to sit for public examinations and acquire accreditations. For 2001-02, we have allocated \$3.893m for setting up two multi-media learning centres in Shek Pik Prison and Pak Sha Wan Correctional Institution by mid-2002.

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Name in block letters : C K NG

Post Title : Commissioner of Correctional Services

Date : 15 March 2001

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 30 Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (2) Re-integration

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Correctional Services

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question : Concerning the publicity campaign to promote community acceptance of and support for rehabilitated offenders, what are the details and estimated expenditure for the year 2001?

Asked by : Hon LAU Kong-wah

Reply : In 2001-02, a new round of publicity campaign will be launched to promote community acceptance of and support for rehabilitated offenders. Major activities include -

- (i) producing a special TV programme (with post-programme phone-in hot-line sessions) to appeal for community support for rehabilitated offenders;
- (ii) launching a community involvement fun-fair cum roving exhibition in different districts;
- (iii) designing, producing and displaying posters to seek community support for rehabilitated offenders in different districts;
- (iv) producing compact discs capturing the musical talents of offenders in the Department's custody; and
- (v) organising jointly with non-government organisations cultural activities, such as essay writing and fashion design competitions, for offenders in the Department's custody to promote their talents to the public.

In 2001-02, \$2.1m has been allocated for the campaign.

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Post Title : Commissioner of Correctional Services
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0214

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 30 Subhead (No. & title) :
Programme : (1) Prison Management
Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Correctional Services
Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question : The Government has indicated to the Panel on Security that a series of measures is now underway to relieve prison overcrowding. Have the results of those measures been reflected in the estimated occupancy rate for 2001? If yes, why was there improvement in the actual occupancy rate for 2000 over that for 1999, but no improvement for 2001 over 2000?

Asked by : Hon LAU Kong-wah

Reply : The estimated occupancy rate of 117% for 2001 represents an estimated average rate for the whole year of 2001, which takes into account a projected increase of some 350 in the average daily number of prisoners over the year 2000. Within 2001, two prison projects to relieve prison overcrowding, namely the Stanley Prison Area Redevelopment Project Phase II (151 new penal places by mid 2001) and the Redevelopment Project of Tai Lam Correctional Institution (260 new penal places by end 2001), will be completed. The effect of the two projects, however, can only be partly reflected in the whole year average of the occupancy rate. After the completion of the two projects, the occupancy rate is expected to ease off to 113% when compared with the whole year average of 114.5% for 2000. As for the improvement in the actual occupancy rate in 2000 (114.5%) over that in 1999 (119%), this is attributable to the increase in the average number of prison places from 8 728 in 1999 to 9 023 in 2000 and the fact that the average daily penal population saw a slight drop from 10 364 in 1999 to 10 333 in 2000.

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Post Title : Commissioner of Correctional Services
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0614

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 30 Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (2) Re-integration

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Correctional Services

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question : (a) Would the Administration inform us the number of prisoners applying for participation in the following Re-integration programmes and the number of successful applications respectively in 1999 and 2000:

- (1) Release Under Supervision Scheme;
- (2) Pre-release Employment Scheme;
- (3) Post-release Supervision Scheme; and
- (4) Conditional Release Scheme.

(b) What are the respective number of prisoners participating in the above schemes who were recalled back to prison during their supervision period in these two years? What are the reasons?

(c) The Legislative Council is examining the Rehabilitation Centre Bill. How much resources and manpower have been reserved for setting up rehabilitation centres and implementation of the provisions of the legislation in 2001-02?

Asked by : Hon HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply : (a) The statistics requested are as follows:

Scheme*	No. of applications/ cases considered		No. of participants	
	1999	2000	1999	2000
(1) Release Under Supervision Scheme (RUSS)	15	8	4	1
(2) Pre-release Employment Scheme (PES)	25	25	2	3
(3) Post-release Supervision Scheme (PSS)	634	412	633	412
(4) Conditional Release Scheme (CRS)	0	0	0	0
Total	674	445	639	416

* The RUSS and PES are voluntary schemes; eligible prisoners need to submit applications to the boards concerned. For the PSS and CRS, the relevant legislation provides that prisoners' participation is considered and determined by the boards concerned; no application is required.

(b) The statistics and information requested are as follows:

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 30 Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (1) Prison Management

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Correctional Services

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question : It is stated that the Administration will continue to develop a long-term prison development plan in 'Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2001-02'. Please provide information regarding the latest development of the matter.

Asked by : Hon HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply : To address the problems of archaic prison facilities and inadequate penal places and to meet the projected growth in penal population, we need to formulate a long-term prison development plan. In particular, we are considering the concept of co-location of penal institutions.

On 7 December 2000, we consulted the Legislative Council Panel on Security on the co-location concept. While showing no fundamental objection to the concept of co-location, members raised concerns about security in case of emergencies and whether such a large correctional complex might be able to provide a penal environment conducive to the rehabilitation of different types of offenders. Suggestion for co-location of a smaller scale at selected sites of existing penal institutions was also raised.

We are considering the Panel's concerns and suggestions and will revert to the Panel for further consultation in due course.

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Name in block letters : C K NG
Post Title : Commissioner of Correctional Services
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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
 WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 30 Subhead (No. & title) : 194 Prisoners' Welfare

Programme : (2) Re-integration

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Correctional Services

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

- Question :
- (a) As regards prisoners receiving education in 1999 and 2000, please advise on the number of prisoners studying the following curricula :
- (1) primary;
 - (2) junior secondary;
 - (3) senior secondary;
 - (4) matriculation;
 - (5) post-secondary (non-degree course); and
 - (6) post-secondary (degree course)
- Please provide breakdowns by sex and age group (14-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70 or above).
- (b) What are the breakdowns of provision under Subhead 194 Prisoners' Welfare on the payment of lecturers' fees, the purchase of textbooks, stationery and teaching aids, payment of approved recreational activities and religious ministrations expenses for 2001-02?

Asked by : Hon HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply :

- (a) The Department provides half-day compulsory education programmes for young offenders under the age of 21, and they are allocated to classes according to their academic levels. For offenders at the age of 21 or above, they may enrol in various kinds of educational programmes, such as evening education or self-learning classes, on a voluntary basis. The statistics requested are set out in the following table (breakdowns by specified age groups are not readily available).

/Level ...

Level	Year 1999					Year 2000				
	Age 14-21*		Age 21 or above		Total	Age 14-21*		Age 21 or above		Total
	Male	Female	Male	Female		Male	Female	Male	Female	
(1) Primary	166	99	438	12	715	158	94	371	10	633
(2) Junior Secondary	487	115	925	37	1 564	459	108	1 039	42	1 648
(3) Senior Secondary	96	34	154	11	295	100	35	149	11	295
(4) Matriculation	48	10	139	3	200	20	4	123	3	150
(5) Tertiary Education (Non-degree Programmes)	4	0	15	1	20	0	0	13	2	15
(6) Tertiary Education (Degree Programmes)	2	0	60	2	64	4	1	51	1	57
Total	803	258	1 731	66	2 858	741	242	1 746	69	2 798

Note: * All offenders put under the Department's custody are of age 14 or above.

(b) The respective provisions for the five items under this Sub-head in 2001-02 are as follows –

Item	Amount(\$)
1. Lecturers' Fees	2,638,300
2. Text-books	603,040
3. Stationery & Teaching Aids	527,660
4. Approved Recreational Activities	621,000
5. Religious Ministrations	646,000
Total:	5,036,000

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Name in block letters : C K NG

Post Title : Commissioner of Correctional Services

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WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 30 Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (1) Prison Management

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Correctional Services

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question : (a) The occupancy rate for the coming year is estimated to increase to 117%. Based on the various redevelopment and expansion projects which will be implemented in the coming year, to what extent will prison overcrowding be relieved?

(b) In formulating the long-term prison development plan, are there any other response plans apart from the "superprison" which is under study?

Asked by : Hon SZETO Wah

Reply : (a) In year 2001-02, the following projects will be completed and will provide additional penal places as follows -

<u>Project</u>	<u>Additional Prison Places</u>
(i) Redevelopment of Stanley Prison Area	151
(ii) Redevelopment of Tai Lam Correctional Institution	260
Total=	411

With the completion of these two projects, the occupancy rate is expected to reduce to 113% by the end of 2001.

(b) One of the purposes for formulating a long-term prison development plan is to provide sufficient penal places to meet the projected growth of penal population. Apart from considering the concept of the co-location of penal institutions, we also keep under review the traditional approach of building new prison facilities on a project-by-project basis. Under such a traditional approach, we would need to consider a plan to expand the Lai Chi Kok Reception Centre to provide 400 additional penal places and to build a series of new facilities to provide a further 3 400 new places by 2024.

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Name in block letters : C K NG
Post Title : Commissioner of Correctional Services
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SB133

Question Serial No.

1016

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 30 Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (1) Prison Management

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Correctional Services

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

- Question :
- (a) The Department estimated that the average daily number of prisoners for the coming year would be 10 700, representing an increase of 367 over that of the current year. What plan does the Administration have to handle this continuous growing trend in order to reduce the related expenses?
 - (b) Concerning the net deletion of 16 posts in the coming year, what are their ranks and responsibilities?

Asked by : Hon LEUNG Fu-wah

- Reply :
- (a) The projected increase in the average daily penal population of 367 in 2001 would be met by the 2 current redevelopment projects at Stanley Prison and Tai Lam Correctional Institution which will provide 151 and 260 new places by mid and late 2001 respectively. To cope with the projected growth in penal population, we are working on a long-term prison development plan. Specifically, we are exploring the concept of co-location of all penal institutions and are consulting the Panel on Security on the matter. One of the benefits of co-location is economy of scale and sharing of common facilities which can translate into substantial savings in operational and manpower costs on a long-term recurrent basis.

/(b) A breakdown ...

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Question Serial No.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 30 Subhead (No. & title) : 194 Prisoners' Welfare

Programme : (2) Re-integration

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Correctional Services

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

- Question : (1) What are the respective expenditures on lecturers' fees, the purchase of textbooks, stationery and teaching aids, and recreational and religious ministrations under this Subhead?
- (2) What is the average amount of grant under this Subhead for each prisoner?

Asked by : Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung

Reply :

- (1) The respective provisions for the five items under this Sub-head in 2001-02 are as follows –

Item	Amount(\$)
a) Lecturers' Fees*	2,638,300
b) Text-books	603,040
c) Stationery & Teaching Aids	527,660
d) Recreational Activities	621,000
e) Religious Ministration	646,000
Total :	5,036,000

* For employment of part-time lecturers who conduct evening classes for adult prisoners aged 21 or above.

/(2) In 2001-02 ...

- (2) In 2001-02, the estimated numbers of adult offenders and young offenders (in terms of average daily population) are 9 680 and 1 020 respectively. While all young offenders will be subject to compulsory education programmes provided by the Department, it is estimated that about 970 adult offenders will enrol in evening classes on a voluntary basis. Hence, in respect of the provision for prisoners' education (\$3,769,000 in total), the average amount for each prisoner-student is \$1,894. As for the provision for recreational activities and religious ministrations (\$1,267,000 in total), the average amount per prisoner is \$118.

Signature : _____

Name in block letters : _____ C K N G _____

Post Title : _____ Commissioner of Correctional Services _____

Date : _____ 15 March 2001 _____

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WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 30 Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (1) Prison Management

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Correctional Services

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question : It is stated that the redevelopment works for Stanley Prison and Tai Lam Correctional Institution are in progress in order to provide additional accommodation and to relieve the overcrowded condition of the prisons in Hong Kong. At the same time there will be a net deletion of 16 posts under the establishment for prison management. Could the Administration advise this Committee the following:

- (a) Upon completion of the redevelopment works for the above two penal institutions, accommodation for prisoners will be increased but there will not be a corresponding increase in manpower for managing the prison. Will this affect the working hours and workload of the correctional staff? Are there measures to ensure that prison security will not be affected?
- (b) Under Subhead 603 Capital Account, the redevelopment works for the above two prisons are not mentioned. What is the expenditure for the projects in 2001-02?

Asked by : Hon IP Kwok-him

Reply : The deletion of 16 posts in 2001-02 is the net result of the deletion of 114 posts under the Enhanced Productivity Programme, offset by the creation of 98 posts mainly for leave reserve purposes and the redevelopment of Tai Lam Correctional Institution. Specifically, an addition of 66 and 52 uniform officer posts are provided for the Stanley Prison and Tai Lam Correctional Institutional redevelopment projects in 2000-01 and 2001-02 respectively to cope with the resultant increase in prison population.

/(a) With a ...

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Question Serial No.

0211

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 31 Customs and Excise Department

Subhead (No. & title) : N.A.

Programme : (2) Anti-narcotics Investigation

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Customs and Excise

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question : On the joint efforts of Hong Kong Customs and overseas customs administrations/other law enforcement agencies to combat international drug trafficking and money laundering in 2000, what are the respective numbers of cases investigated and cracked? What is the average time taken in investigating each case? And what is the proportion of resources allocated to such efforts under programme (2)?

Asked by : Hon LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

The figures on joint efforts with overseas Customs administrations and other law enforcement agencies to combat international drug trafficking and money laundering in 2000 are as follows -

No. of investigations	40
No. of successful cases	10

The time taken to handle an investigation depends to a large extent on the nature and complexity of the case as well as the number of syndicate members involved. From past experience, it could take a few days to complete a simple case or more than a year for a complex case. Joint cooperation with overseas law enforcement agencies could take various forms ranging from collection, collation and exchange of intelligence to surveillance, tracing and confiscation of drug-related assets. It is impractical to apportion the resources allocated to such efforts under programme (2).

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Name in block letters _____

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Post Title _____

Commissioner of Customs & Excise (Ag)

Date

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0212

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 31 Customs and Excise Department

Subhead(No. & title) : N.A.

Programme : (2) Anti-narcotics Investigation

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Customs and Excise

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question : In view of Customs' seizure of 134,921 synthetic drugs (tablets) and 2,356,649 poisons/antibiotics (tablets) in 2000, will additional manpower be deployed on investigation and detection of the illegal import, export and abuse of drugs in 2001? And what measures will be taken to combat the relevant drug trafficking activities in Hong Kong?

Asked by : Hon LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

Through internal reemployment of resources, the Customs has established a new Control Points Investigation Division comprising 34 officers since 28 February 2001 to strengthen its interdiction and intelligence capabilities at the land boundary control points for suppressing cross-boundary smuggling activities including drug trafficking.

The Customs is actively participating in the Task Force on Psychotropic Substances Abuse formed by the Narcotics Division of the Security Bureau. Apart from this, the Customs will continue to adopt the following measures -

- (a) strengthening intelligence and information collection to enhance the accuracy of profiling in cargo, mail parcel and passenger clearance through the application of risk management;
- (b) enhancing cooperation and intelligence exchange with the Mainland authorities, including the exchange of training programmes and conduct of parallel operations at the land boundary;
- (c) stepping up enforcement action at the boundary areas by conducting regular joint operations with the Police;
- (d) enhancing drug detection capability through the deployment of drug detector dogs and application of technology; and
- (e) promoting anti-drug publicity.

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LI WAI-MAN

Bureau Serial No.

SB139

Question Serial No.

0412

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 31 Customs and Excise Department

Subhead(No. & title) : N.A.

Programme : (2) Anti-narcotics Investigation

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Customs and Excise

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question : The quantities of cannabis and synthetic drugs seized in 2000 far exceeded those in 1999. Do these figures indicate changes in the types of drugs trafficked? Has the Customs allocated additional funding to increase manpower for checking the inflow of these kinds of drug?

Asked by : Hon LAU Wong-fat

Reply :

The surge in the seizure of cannabis and synthetic drugs in 2000 reflects to a certain extent the growing popularity of these drugs amongst drug abusers in the community. Nonetheless, heroin remains the major drug of abuse in Hong Kong.

On cannabis, out of the total seizure of 61.4 kg in 2000, 58.85 kg of herbal cannabis were seized in eight cases from parcels and courier shipments. To strengthen our enforcement capability, we have procured additional specialized equipment, including ion-scanners and portable contraband detectors for drug detection purpose, enhanced the training of our frontline officers and heightened the detection capability of our drug detector dogs.

On synthetic drugs, the majority of cases seized in 2000 were detected at land boundary control points. We have established, through internal redeployment of resources, a new Control Points Investigation Division comprising 34 officers since 28 February 2001 to strengthen our interdiction and intelligence capabilities at the land boundary control points for suppressing cross-boundary smuggling activities including drug trafficking.

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Date 15 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

SB140

Question Serial No.

1022

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 31 Customs and Excise Department

Subhead (No. & title) : N.A.

Programme : (2) Anti-narcotics Investigation

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Customs and Excise

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question : What measures will the Customs take to step up control on the illegal import of soft drugs?
What will be the manpower and resources involved?

Asked by : Hon Kenneth TING Woo-shou

Reply :

Customs will continue to step up control on the illegal import of dangerous drugs including psychotropic substances which are commonly known as "soft" drugs through -

- (a) strengthening intelligence and information collection to enhance the accuracy of profiling in cargo, mail parcel and passenger clearance through the application of risk management;
- (b) enhancing cooperation and intelligence exchange with the Mainland authorities, including the exchange of training programmes and conduct of parallel operations at the land boundary;
- (c) stepping up enforcement action at the boundary areas by conducting regular joint operations with the Police;
- (d) enhancing drug detection capability through the deployment of drug detector dogs and application of technology; and
- (e) promoting anti-drug publicity.

Apart from existing resources in tackling drug trafficking, the Customs has established a new Control Points Investigation Division (CPID) comprising 34 officers since 28 February 2001 to strengthen our interdiction and intelligence capabilities at the land boundary control points for suppressing cross-boundary smuggling activities including drug trafficking. The CPID, which involves a recurrent expenditure of \$10.5 million in personnel emoluments, has been established through internal redeployment of resources.

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LI WAI-MAN

Post Title Commissioner of Customs & Excise (Ag)

Date 15 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

SB141

Question Serial No.

1215

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 31 Customs and Excise Department

Subhead (No. & title) : N.A.

Programme : (2) Anti-narcotics Investigation

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Customs and Excise

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question : According to the figures provided by the authorities, the estimated levels of the various drug seizures in 2001 are similar to those in 2000 while there will only be 0.4% increase in the relevant provision. In this connection, will Government inform the Council:

- (a) In recent years, there have been frequent reports of Hong Kong people going north for trafficking and consumption of different kinds of drugs, and bringing them to Hong Kong for sale, which has attracted wide concern among members of public. Has this trend been taken into account in the figures provided?
- (b) There are a wide variety of drugs, the abuse of which among young people has been increasingly serious. Has the Customs considered stepping up anti-narcotics efforts? If so, what will be the additional requirements in manpower and recurrent expenditure?

Asked by : Hon IP Kwok-him

Reply :

- (a) The Customs is fully aware of the emerging trend of Hong Kong people taking various psychotropic drugs in the Mainland and bringing them back to the territory. Efforts are being stepped up through enhanced strategies and more effective allocation of resources.
- (b) Through internal redeployment of resources, the Customs has established a new Control Points Investigation Division (CPID) comprising 34 officers since 28 February 2001 to strengthen its interdiction and intelligence capabilities at the land boundary control points for suppressing the cross-boundary smuggling activities, including drug trafficking. The CPID involves a recurrent expenditure of \$10.5 m in personnel emoluments.

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LI WAI-MAN

Post Title Commissioner of Customs & Excise (Ag)

Date 15 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

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Question Serial No.

1216

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 31 Customs and Excise Department

Subhead (No. & title) : N.A.

Programme : (1) Control and Enforcement

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Customs and Excise

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question : While the flow of passengers and cargo has kept increasing year after year with frequent reports of contraband detection at control points of Lo Wu, Lok Ma Chau, Man Kam To and Sha Tau Kok, no increase in expenditure and manpower has been noticed in control and enforcement. In this connection, will Government inform the Council:

- (a) whether deployment of additional manpower for this year has been considered in order to maintain a reasonable level of capability of contraband detection and expedite clearance at the above control points?
- (b) if increasing manpower is called for, what will be the additional requirements in manpower and recurrent expenditure?

Asked by : Hon IP Kwok-him

Reply :

- (a) We have redeployed substantial manpower resources internally to enhance our enforcement capability at the land boundary control points in 2000-01. The major redeployments are –
 - (i) the establishment of a 20-man Textile Task Force to intensify the conduct of blitz checks on textile consignments at the land boundary control points to combat illegal textile transshipment;
 - (ii) the establishment of a joint Customs/Police Check Post at Chung Ying Street in Sha Tau Kok, manned by eight Customs officers in three shifts, to strengthen control and enforcement against smuggling activities at Chung Ying Street; and
 - (iii) the establishment of a 34-man Control Points Investigation Division to strengthen our interdiction and intelligence capabilities to suppress cross-boundary smuggling activities including drug trafficking.
- (b) We shall closely monitor the volume of passenger, vehicle and cargo throughput as well as the trend of smuggling activities across the land boundary, and will flexibly deploy our manpower resources to conduct special operations at various control points from time to time.

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LI WAI-MAN

Post Title Commissioner of Customs & Excise (Ag)

Date 16 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

SB143

Question Serial No.

0323

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 23-Auxiliary Medical Service Subhead(No. & title) :

Programme : Auxiliary Medical Service

Controlling Officer : Chief Staff Officer, Auxiliary Medical Service

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question :

The actual response to non-emergency ambulance transfer service tendered in the years 1999 and 2000 is similar to the estimated response to such service requests in the year 2001. While there will be no significant increase in the demand for such service, examination of the non-emergency ambulance transfer service was mentioned in "Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2001-02" in Auxiliary Medical Service's Estimate. Would the department / bureau concerned inform (this Council) : -

- a) Why does the government authority consider that it is necessary to conduct such review and what are the resources required?
- b) What are the details of the review? When will the review be completed and improvement recommendations implemented?

Asked by : The Hon NG Ching-fai

Reply :

- a) The Auxiliary Medical Service (AMS) has initiated the review of the non-emergency ambulance transfer service with a view to improving the service quality and enhancing its productivity. It aims at providing a more efficient service to the public by optimising its existing resources. The review itself requires no additional resources.
- b) The review started in December 2000 and is being carried out by a Committee with members drawn from the AMS, Department of Health and the Hospital Authority. Data will be collected and analysed and improvement measures proposed. It is expected that the review will be completed by June 2001 and improvement recommendations will be put on trial for 6 months before full implementation.

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Name in block letters LOK CHAM CHOI

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Date 15 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

SB144

Question Serial No.

0406

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 23-Auxiliary Medical Service Subhead(No. & title) :

Programme : Auxiliary Medical Service

Controlling Officer : Chief Staff Officer, Auxiliary Medical Service

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question :

When did the Auxiliary Medical Service start to provide life-guard service on gazetted urban beaches ?
How many life-guards would be deployed for this service in the coming year and what is the expenditure to be incurred ?

Asked by : The Hon LAU Wong-fat

Reply :

The Auxiliary Medical Service (AMS) has started to provide life-guard service at the major beaches in the territory since 1968.

At the request of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, AMS will provide life-guard service at the following eight beaches on Sundays and public holidays from June to August inclusive in 2001 (total 15 days) :-

Hong Kong : Repulse Bay Beach, Deep Water Bay Beach, Shek O Beach and Big Wave Bay Beach.

New Territories East : Clear Water Bay (1st Beach and 2nd Beach).

New Territories West : Golden Beach and Lido Beach

A total of 24 life-guards would be deployed for the above service each day during the period. The estimated total expenditure is \$133,000.

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Date 15 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

SB145

Question Serial No.

1208

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 23-Auxiliary Medical Service

Subhead: 246 Training expenses for the auxiliary services

Programme : Auxiliary Medical Service

Controlling Officer : Chief Staff Officer, Auxiliary Medical Service

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question :

There is a decrease of expenditure amounting to \$59,000 (6.5%) under Subhead 246 "Training expenses for the auxiliary services" as compared to last year. The Estimate explains that it is due to the reduced provision for overseas training. While the number of new recruits for the year 2001 is almost the same as last year (i.e. 570 and 569 respectively), the target man-hour for recruit training in 2001 is 51,000 which indicates a decrease of 13.8% over last year's 59,160 man-hours. In this connection, would the government advise this Council: -

- a) What training is being provided by the Auxiliary Medical Service to the new recruits currently? What training will be cut for the new recruits and the impact that would have on the services to be rendered by the new recruits in future?
- b) What training was provided to the members by the previous overseas training? Can the internal training programmes conducted in Hong Kong provide the same training to AMS members? How many AMS members can benefit from such internal training programmes?

Asked by : The Hon IP Kwok-him

Reply :

- a) The training provided by the Auxiliary Medical Service to recruits covers mainly basic first aid skills and foot drill. The reduction in training hours is mainly on the foot drill part. When the new recruits are deployed to operational units after the initial training, they will receive reinforcement foot drill training to make up the requirement.

After successful completion of the initial training, the new recruits will become qualified first aiders and will be capable of providing first aid treatment to casualties. Their services to the public will not be affected by the reduction in initial training.

- b) In the past, AMS has sent instructors overseas to receive Disaster Medicine Training. To pass on what they have learnt from overseas, these instructors have drawn up an internal training programme for AMS members and conducted training to other trainers.

A total of 3,000 frontline members receive Disaster Medicine Training every year.

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Post Title Chief Staff Officer, Auxiliary Medical Service

Date 15 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

SB146

Question Serial No.

1210

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 27 Civil Aid Service

Subhead (No. & title) : 001 Salaries

Programme : Civil Aid Service

Controlling Officer : Chief Staff Officer, Civil Aid Service

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question :

According to the "targets" of the draft Estimates, the planned man-hours of cadet training and cadet non-hazardous community services fall by 11% and 9.5% respectively comparing to last year. As shown in the "indicators", all the estimated activities of the Cadet Corps diminish. At the same time, the expenses under Subhead 001 Salaries in 2001-02 show a decrease due to the deletion of 3 permanent posts under the Enhanced Productivity Programme. Could the government inform this Committee of the following?

- (a) What is the aim of Civil Aid Service Cadet Corps? The draft Estimate shows that the Service has reduced the service hours of the Cadet Corps. What is the reason for the reduction? Does such reduction contravene the aim of the Civil Aid Service Cadet Corps?
- (b) Are the three posts to be deleted responsible for activities of the Cadet Corps? If yes, what is the reason for deleting the related posts? If not, what are the previous duties of the related staff? What is the impact of their departure on the service of the department? Will the workload of other colleagues be increased?
- (c) What arrangements does the Civil Aid Service make for the staff to be deleted?

Asked by : The Hon IP Kwok-him

Reply :

- (a) The aim of the Civil Aid Service Cadet Corps is to provide young people with the opportunity to develop self-confidence and civic-mindedness.

In 2001 the target man-hours of cadet training and non-hazardous community services remain the same as in 1999 and 2000. In the Draft Estimates, the figures attributed to 2000 represent the actual performance which exceeded the original targeted man-hours. The additional man-hours were allocated to enhanced training on environmental protection and information technology to tie in with the Government's policy to create a quality living environment, and to special community services for the Millennium celebrations. As such, the aim of the Civil Aid Service Cadet Corps will not be affected.

- (b) The three posts to be deleted in 2001-02 are not responsible for the activities of the Cadet Corps. They are the posts of one Workman I, one Workman II and one Property Attendant who are responsible for cleansing and security duties. Their duties will be contracted out with close monitoring by the Department to ensure a satisfactory service level. The workload of other colleagues of the Department will not be affected.
- (c) The three staff concerned will retire in 2001-02 and the three posts will be deleted upon their retirement.

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Name in block letters Robert M K Chan

Post Title Chief Staff Officer, Civil Aid Service

Date 16.3.2001

Bureau Serial No.

SB147

Question Serial No.

1211

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 27 Civil Aid Service Subhead (No. & title) : 149

General Departmental Expenses

Programme : Civil Aid Service

Controlling Officer : Chief Staff Officer, Civil Aid Service

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question :

Subhead 149 shows an increase of 20.5% in the general departmental expenses, including the outsourcing of cleansing and security services. Could the government inform the Committee about the following items?

- (a) What is the required manpower for such services prior to the outsourcing? Does the Civil Aid Service make any arrangement on resignation/transfer for the related staff?
- (b) Is any clause relating to fair wages and working hours included in the outsourcing contract? If yes, will such clause incur any extra expenses for the department?
- (c) Regarding the overseas training provided for the Civil Aid Service staff and volunteer officers in 2001-02, could the department provide the figures on the estimated number of trainees and the related expenses? Are such expenses included in the general departmental expenses? If not, under which subhead are they included?

Asked by : The Hon IP Kwok-him

Reply :

- (d) The cleansing and security services to be contracted out are currently provided by one Workman I, one Workman II and one Property Attendant. The three staff will retire in 2001-02.
- (e) A clause requiring fair rates of wages and working hours has been included in the outsourcing contract. Such a clause will not incur additional expenses for the Department.
- (f) The Department is planning to send 2 staff and 4 volunteer officers to attend overseas training on disaster management and mountain search and rescue in 2001 - 02. The estimated expenses are as follows -

	<u>Subhead</u>	<u>Estimated Expenses</u>
149	General departmental expenses	\$ 65,000
245	Pay and allowances for the auxiliary services	\$ 100,000
246	Training expenses for the auxiliary services	\$ 100,000
	Total	<hr/> \$ 265,000

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Post Title Chief Staff Officer, Civil Aid Service

Date _____ 16.3.2001 _____

Bureau Serial No.

SB 148

Question Serial No.

1368

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 166 Subhead (No. & title) : 603 Plant, Vehicles & Equipment

Programme : Government Flying Service

Controlling Officer : Controller, Government Flying Service

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question :

Item 230 under subhead 603 reveals that the Government Flying Service will replace eight helicopters in this financial year and estimated costs are \$147.543m. On the other hand, the performance targets in respect of search and rescue, police operation and fire fighting indicate that one more hour will be needed for operations “requiring additional crew or specialized equipment” when compared to those “not requiring additional crew or specialized equipment”. There is a 1 hour and 40 minutes lag between the call-outs and the on-scene time. For those who are in unknown circumstances, or get lost in the wilds or at sea, an hour is a matter of life and death. In this regard, will the Government inform this Council:

- (a) whether the extra hour taken for operations “requiring additional crew or specialized equipment” is in general used for transporting specialized equipment from other places or for waiting additional crew? If it involves the transportation of equipment, can additional equipment be installed at the aircraft berths so as to enhance efficiency? If it involves the waiting of additional crew, can additional staff be employed to quicken the on-scene time? What is the amount of additional expenditure required?
- (b) Whether the existing helicopters can still be used upon their replacement by eight new helicopters so as to enhance the services of the Government Flying Service?

Asked by : Hon IP Kwok-him

Reply :

At present, between 0700 – 2159 hrs, there is a team of 2 pilots and 2 air crewmen on immediate emergency response (ER) standby at the GFS Headquarters. This ER crew is capable of responding immediately to all emergency callouts such as in-shore and off-shore search & rescue (SAR), casualty evacuation (casevac), fire fighting and police operations.

During the silent hours between 2200 – 0659 hrs, a reduced crew of 1 pilot and 1 air crewman will be on standby which is capable of responding to casevac and other emergency tasks which only require single pilot and single air crewman. For flight safety reasons, 2 pilots are required for off-shore searches, off-shore police operations, operations in poor weather and those which need the use of night vision goggles or forward looking infra-red equipment. An additional air crewman is required for any operations involving winching. Should this occur, the additional one hour response time enables the additional crew to travel from home to CLK and prepare for the flight.

In year 2000, out of a total of 27 SAR callouts during the silent hours, only 13 cases required additional crews to be recalled from home. No additional crews were required for the other 25 police callouts during the silent hours in 2000.

For multi-helicopter operations during day time, such as large scale operations or extensive fire-fighting, the additional one hour response time enables us to recall crews deployed on routine flying tasks to back up the ER crews. Time is also required to re-role our helicopters to the configuration required for the task in hand. It is worth noting that this will not be of concern with the new helicopters as they will have a greater power margin and therefore capable of carrying a full compliment of emergency equipment.

In view of the small number of cases requiring additional crew during the silent hours, we do not consider it cost-effective to provide a complete 24-hour crewing.

- (b) The replacement helicopters are more capable in all respects than the existing ones. To retain the existing fleet would require additional crews and resources that would not improve our operational efficiency. As indicated in our submission to FC in 1998 (FCR(97-98)94), we shall sell the nine existing helicopters and the associated spares when the eight replacement helicopters are in service.

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Name in block letters BRIAN BUTT

Post Title Controller, Government Flying Service

Date 16 March 2001

Replies to written questions raised by Finance Committee Members in
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Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security
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Bureau Serial No.

SB 149

Question Serial No.

0654

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001 - 02

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 121 Independent Police Complaints Council Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : Police Complaints Administration

Controlling Officer : Secretary, Independent Police Complaints Council

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question(s) :

Please provide the number of recommendations made by the Independent Police Complaints Council to the Commissioner of Police and the Chief Executive, and the number of recommendations accepted by the Commissioner of Police in 1999 and 2000 respectively.

Asked by : Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan

Reply : In 1999, the Independent Police Complaints Council (IPCC) made 17 recommendations to the Police on improvement to police procedures with a view to minimizing the incidents of complaints. Of these, 9 were accepted and the rest were satisfactorily explained/followed up by the Police. In 2000, 25 recommendations on improvement to police procedures were made, 8 of which were accepted and the rest were satisfactorily explained/followed up by the Police.

Apart from improvement to police procedures, the IPCC may recommend to the Police changes to CAPO's proposed classification for an allegation after examining the investigation report. In 1999, the IPCC made 90 such recommendations. Of these, 48 were accepted and the rest were satisfactorily explained/followed up by the Police. In 2000, 194 such recommendations were made to the Police, 118 of which were accepted and the rest were satisfactorily explained/followed up by the Police.

In 1999 and 2000, the IPCC did not draw any recommendations to the attention of the Chief Executive.

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MRS ANNIE LEUNG

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Secretary, Independent Police
Complaints Council

Date

15 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

SB 150

Question Serial No.

0714

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001 - 02

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 121 Independent Police Complaints Council Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : Police Complaints Administration

Controlling Officer : Secretary, Independent Police Complaints Council

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question(s) :

- (a) How much provision did the Government reserve in 2000-01 to implement the Observers Scheme? How many observers took part in the observations, and how many investigation cases were observed?
- (b) How much provision will the Government reserve in 2001-02 to implement the Observers Scheme? How many observers are expected to take part in the observations, and how many investigation cases are expected to be observed?

Asked by : Hon James TO Kun-sun

Reply : (a) At present, the IPCC has a total of 76 Observers (inclusive of IPCC Members). In the year 2000-01 (up to 10 March 2001), 31 Observers have made a total of 226 observations, involving 158 complaint cases.

No specific provision has been made under Head 121 : IPCC for the IPCC Observers Scheme. Expenditure on the Observers Scheme, mainly in the form of travelling allowance payable to Lay Observers at the rate of \$190 per visit, is absorbed in the Departmental Expenses vote under Head 121 : IPCC. This practice will continue in 2001-02.

- (b) The IPCC Observers are at present placed on a bi-weekly duty roster. In addition to conducting observations which take place in their duty shifts, IPCC Observers are also welcome to be on-call round the year for particular types of cases, by nature or district, as specified by them. The IPCC Observers may make scheduled as well as surprise observations. It is therefore difficult to estimate the number of IPCC Observers who will make observations and the number of complaint cases involved in 2001-02.

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MRS ANNIE LEUNG

Post Title

Secretary, Independent Police
Complaints Council

Date

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SB 151

Question Serial No.

0715

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 121 Independent Police Complaints Council Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : Police Complaints Administration

Controlling Officer : Secretary, Independent Police Complaints Council

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question(s) :

In the 2000 Policy Address, the Government has planned to reintroduce the Independent Police Complaints Council Bill to the Legislative Council in 2001. In this respect, how much provision will the Government reserve in 2001-02 to implement this plan, including the additional resources that may be required after the passing of the Bill?

Asked by : Hon James TO Kun-sun

Reply : The provision sought for Head 121 : IPCC in the 2001-02 draft Estimates is for the implementation of existing services only. The IPCC will examine the resource implications, if any, arising from the IPCC Bill when details of the Bill are available.

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Post Title

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MRS ANNIE LEUNG

Secretary, Independent Police
Complaints Council

15 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

SB 152

Question Serial No.

1319

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 121 Independent Police Complaints Council Subhead (No. & title) : 001 Salaries

Programme : Police Complaints Administration

Controlling Officer : Secretary, Independent Police Complaints Council

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question(s) :

The Independent Police Complaints Council has set out higher goals for all its indicators in 2001-02 than in the past, at the same time, one post has been deleted under the Enhanced Productivity Programme. Will such an arrangement have any impact on the standard of performance? Is there any increase in the working hours per day/week for the Council's staff? If the standard of performance is not affected and the working hours for the staff remain unchanged, how could the Council attain the goals as set out in the indicators?

Asked by : Hon IP Kwok-him

Reply : The performance standard of the Independent Police Complaints Council (IPCC) will not be adversely affected as a result of the deletion of an Executive Officer II post in 2001-02 under the Enhanced Productivity Programme. The Executive Officer II in question is responsible for the internal administration duties of the IPCC Secretariat. Upon deletion of the post, the duties concerned will be absorbed by the existing administrative staff in the Secretariat.

The IPCC Secretariat aims to provide the highest standard of performance in assisting the Council to monitor the investigation results of complaints conducted by the Complaints Against Police Office. In performing their monitoring function, the Secretariat staff may occasionally need to work beyond their normal working hours as and when necessary in order to process urgent and complicated cases.

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MRS ANNIE LEUNG

Post Title

Secretary, Independent Police
Complaints Council

Date

15 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

SB 153

Question Serial No.

0012

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 35 Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Beijing Office
Programme : (2) HKSAR Immigration-related Matters

Controlling Officer : Director, Beijing Office

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question :

- (a) How many cases involving the detention of Hong Kong residents in the Mainland did the Beijing Office receive in 2000? Till now how many Hong Kong residents are still detained in the Mainland?
- (b) Please provide breakdown of the number of Hong Kong residents who were and are detained in the Mainland by reasons (or nature) of detention.
- (c) How many times has the Beijing Office visited the Hong Kong detainees in the past? How many visits as such does the Office plan to make in 2001-02?

Asked by : Hon James TO Kun-sun

Reply :

- (a) In 2000, the Beijing Office received 91 cases involving the detention of Hong Kong residents in the Mainland. Of them, 26 people are still detained in the Mainland.
- (b) Between March 1999 when the Office was established and the end of February 2001, we have handled 155 cases involving Hong Kong residents being subject to criminal compulsory measure in the Mainland. The situation of 120 of these cases has changed so far, as follows: under residential surveillance (13), on bail (19), on appeal (19), parole on medical grounds (3), imprisonment (29), executed (1), and return to Hong Kong (36). The nature of these cases is categorised as follows (figures in brackets): fraud (57), smuggling and tax evasion (33), robbery/drug manufacturing/explosion cases/rape/kidnapping (6), killing/injuring with intent (6), gambling/patronizing a prostitute (2), selling entry and exit permits/ organizing illegal immigration (3), organization of triad society/ breach of state order (2), official tort/ misappropriation (6), illegal operation of financial institution (1), corruption and bribery (3) and forgery of currency (1).

The breakdown of the remaining 35 cases where Hong Kong residents are being detained in the Mainland is as follows (figures in brackets): fraud (12), smuggling (11), drug trafficking (1), inflicting bodily injuries (1), gambling (1), official tort/ misappropriation (4), illegal operation of financial institution/ loan-sharking (2), false capital contribution (1), loan dispute (1) and forgery of note (1).

- (c) Current Mainland laws do not provide any legal basis for the Beijing Office to visit Hong Kong residents detained in the Mainland. We therefore cannot conduct such

visits.

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Post Title	Director, Beijing Office
Date	15.3.2001

Bureau Serial No.

SB 154

Question Serial No.

0251

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 35 Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Beijing Office
Programme : (2) HKSAR Immigration-related Matters

Controlling Officer : Director, Beijing Office

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question :

Regarding the Beijing Office's offer of practical assistance to Hong Kong residents in distress in the Mainland, including handling of cases involving the detention of Hong Kong residents in the Mainland,

- (a) what is the forecasted number of requests for assistance for 2001-02?
- (b) how many manpower and resources are planned for this aspect of work?
- (c) how are the above 2 items compared with those in last year?
- (d) specifically what practical assistance does the Beijing Office provide to those Hong Kong residents?

Asked by : Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing

Reply :

- (a) The Beijing Office has not made any forecast on the number of requests for assistance by Hong Kong residents in the Mainland for 2001-02.
- (b) Follow up work related to most assistance-seeking cases was not planned as the work of the Beijing Office when it was set up and no resources were set aside for this area of duty. The Beijing Office has so far managed to cope with these extra tasks through enhancement of productivity and internal redeployment of staff and other resources which accounted for about 35% of the current resources allocated to its Immigration Section. In the 2001-02 Draft Estimates, no additional manpower and resources have been applied for in this aspect. We shall continue to monitor the situation and keep it under review when necessary.
- (c) For manpower and resources, please refer to answer (b). As the Beijing Office has not estimated the number of requests for assistance from Hong Kong residents in the Mainland, no comparison is available. But we can provide actual figures for your information. From 2 March 1999 till 28 February 2001, the Beijing Office received a total of 276 requests for assistance. Among them, 144 cases were received directly by the Beijing Office. The remaining 132 cases concerning detention of Hong Kong residents in the Mainland were

referred to the Beijing Office by the Security Bureau through the Constitutional Affairs Bureau for follow-up action.

(d) The Beijing Office provides the following practical assistance for Hong Kong residents in distress in the Mainland:

(1) for loss of travel documents and monies, after confirmation of the identity of the Hong Kong resident, we will issue Entry Permit for their return to Hong Kong; contact their family in Hong Kong for remittance to settle their expenses incurred in the Mainland; provide information on how to apply for exit permit from the Mainland authorities and make arrangement for their transportation to HK.

(2) for HK residents seeking assistance due to traffic accidents, injuries, illness, accidents during travel or fatal cases requiring follow up actions with their families etc., we will contact the relevant Mainland authorities for immediate assistance.

(3) since August 1999, the Security Bureau has through the Constitutional Affairs Bureau referred cases involving the detention of Hong Kong residents to the Beijing Office for follow up action. The Beijing Office works through the liaison network it has built up with the Mainland authorities at both the central and local government levels to follow up on these cases, and channel the requests or reflect the views made by the families of the detained HK residents to the appropriate Mainland authorities.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 35 Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Beijing Office
Programme : (2) HKSAR Immigration-related Matters

Controlling Officer : Director, Beijing Office

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question :

Regarding Programme 2, please provide information on the figures, nature, work direction, progress or results, as well as expenditure in relation to the cases where the Beijing Office provided practical assistance to the Hong Kong residents in distress in the Mainland in the past year.

Asked by : Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong

Reply :

In 2000, the Beijing Office received 168 requests for assistance. Among them, 77 cases involving Hong Kong residents in distress in the Mainland were received by the Beijing Office directly. The remaining 91 cases involved detention of Hong Kong residents in the Mainland; 79 of which were referred to the Beijing Office by the Security Bureau through the Constitutional Affairs Bureau, and the other 12 cases were received by the Beijing Office directly.

2. For the 77 requests for assistance due to distress, 49 concerned the loss of travel documents or monies. After confirmation of the identity of the Hong Kong residents, the Beijing Office would issue Entry Permit for their return to Hong Kong; contact their family in Hong Kong for remittance to settle their expenses incurred in the Mainland; provide them with information on the application for exit permit from the Mainland authorities and make arrangement for their transportation to Hong Kong. The remaining 28 cases involved accidents during travel, traffic accidents or injuries, requests for help in searching missing family members, follow up action on fatal cases, and arrangement for transporting mentally ill Hong Kong residents to Hong Kong.

3. Since its establishment, the Beijing Office has accumulated certain experience in providing practical assistance to Hong Kong residents in distress in the Mainland. We have also built up liaison with the concerned Mainland offices, thus facilitating our receiving their assistance. In future, the Beijing Office will continue to broaden its liaison network with the Mainland central and local authorities, and do its best to provide help for Hong Kong residents in distress in the Mainland.

4. For the loss of travel documents, the Beijing Office will normally issue Entry Permit to the Hong Kong resident in 1 working day and give them advice on how to apply to the Mainland public security department for exit permit to return to Hong Kong. If the Hong Kong residents are located outside Beijing, we will contact the local public security department and other appropriate offices to provide assistance for them, so that they can return to Hong Kong as soon as possible. The assistance we provide for cases of other nature will depend on the requests received, which

usually involve the provision of information and referral to the appropriate Mainland authorities.

5. The expenditure on the work of handling the requests for assistance due to distress and the follow up action on detention cases has taken up 35% of the existing resources of the Immigration Section of the Beijing Office. Follow up work related to detention cases was not planned as the work of the Beijing Office when it was set up and no resources were set aside for this area of duty. The Beijing Office has so far managed to cope with this extra task through enhancement of productivity and internal redeployment of staff and other resources. In the 2001-02 Draft Estimates, no additional manpower and resources have been applied for in this aspect. We shall continue to monitor the situation and keep it under review when necessary.

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Question Serial No.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 35 Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Beijing Office
Programme : (2) HKSAR Immigration-related Matters

Controlling Officer : Director, Beijing Office

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question :

As mentioned in the Brief Description of the Programme, the Beijing Office provides practical assistance to Hong Kong residents in distress in the Mainland. Please give details.

Asked by : Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung

Reply :

The Beijing Office will provide practical assistance for Hong Kong residents in distress in the Mainland as follows:

- (1) for loss of travel documents and monies, after confirmation of the identity of the Hong Kong residents, we will issue Entry Permit for their return to Hong Kong; contact their family in Hong Kong for remittance to settle their expenses incurred in the Mainland; provide information on how to apply for exit permit from the Mainland authorities and make arrangement for their transportation to Hong Kong;
- (2) for Hong Kong residents seeking assistance due to traffic accidents, injuries, illness or accidents during travel, or fatal cases requiring follow up actions with their families etc., we will contact the relevant Mainland authorities for immediate assistance; and
- (3) since August 1999, the Security Bureau has through the Constitutional Affairs Bureau referred cases involving the detention of Hong Kong residents to the Beijing Office for follow up action. The Beijing Office works through the liaison network it has built up with the Mainland authorities at both the central and local government levels to follow up on these cases, and channel the requests or reflect the views made by the families of the detained Hong Kong residents to the appropriate Mainland authorities.

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Post Title Director, Beijing Office

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Question Serial No.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 35 Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Beijing Office
Programme : (2) HKSAR Immigration-related Matters

Controlling Officer : Director, Beijing Office

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question : How many cases involving detention of Hong Kong residents in the Mainland did the Beijing Office receive in 2000-01? In how many cases could the Beijing Office contact the detainees? In how many cases could the Beijing Office arrange meetings between the detainees and their families? How many detainees have been released?

Asked by : Hon CHAN Yuen-han

Reply :

1. Between January 2000 and February 2001, the Beijing Office received 102 cases involving Hong Kong residents detained in the Mainland. Among them, 88 were referred to the Beijing Office by the Security Bureau through the Constitutional Affairs Bureau for follow up action, while the remaining 14 were raised directly with the Office.
2. According to the current Mainland laws, only the immediate family of the Hong Kong residents detained can, with the consent of the concerned authorities and approval of the public security department, correspond and meet with the detainees. Therefore, the Beijing Office cannot directly contact the Hong Kong residents detained.
3. In the said period, we had written to the relevant authorities concerning 24 requests from the detainees' families to visit them. Three were approved while 6 were rejected on grounds that the cases were still under investigation. Replies to the remaining 15 requests are still awaited.
4. In 20 out of the 102 detention cases, the Hong Kong residents involved have returned to Hong Kong upon release.

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Name in block letters BOWEN LEUNG

Post Title Director, Beijing Office

Date 16.3.2001

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Head : 35 Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Beijing Office
Programme : (2) HKSAR Immigration-related Matters

Controlling Officer : Director, Beijing Office

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question :

How many cases involving detention of Hong Kong residents in the Mainland in which the Beijing Office provided assistance in 2000? Please provide the details of the work, the results and expenses involved.

Asked by : Hon LAU Chin-shek

Reply :

In 2000, the Beijing Office received 91 cases involving Hong Kong residents detained in the Mainland. Among them, 79 were referred to the Beijing Office for follow up action by the Security Bureau through the Constitutional Affairs Bureau, while the remaining 12 were received directly by the Office.

2. In handling the above cases, the Beijing Office mainly works through the liaison network it has built up with the Mainland authorities at both the central and local government levels to follow up on these cases. For requests made by the families of the detained Hong Kong residents, we will channel or reflect them to the appropriate Mainland authorities, including public security, procuratorate, court authorities and public mail registry, etc.

3. The Beijing Office has written to the relevant law enforcement or judicial authorities on the 91 detention cases. Progress has been seen in some cases, for example, prosecution procedures have been expedited, information on the development of the cases has been given, replies to the requests made by the detained Hong Kong residents or their families have been given, medical examination has been given to those who applied for parole on medical grounds, parole on medical grounds has been granted in some cases, compulsory measures have been changed to bail, etc.

4. Follow up work related to most of the above cases was not planned as the work of the Beijing Office when it was set up and no resources were set aside for this area of duty. The Beijing Office has so far managed to cope with these extra tasks through enhancement of productivity and internal redeployment of staff and other resources which accounted for about 35% of the current resources allocated to its Immigration Section. In the 2001-02

Draft Estimates, no additional manpower and resources have been applied for in this aspect. We shall continue to monitor the situation and keep it under review when necessary.

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Question Serial No.

0368

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 702 - Port and Airport Development Subhead : 2054GI Procurement of air traffic control, meteorological and postal mechanisation equipment and systems and related construction works for the new airport at Chek Lap Kok.

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Architectural Services

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Economic Services (for Subhead 2054GI and 2052GI)
Secretary for Security (for Subhead 2057GI)

Question : Please state the reasons for the big difference between the estimates and the revised estimates for the following subheads :

Subhead 2054GI

- (a) The estimate for 2000-01 was \$2.441m but the revised estimate is \$28.1m. What is the reason for the big difference?

Subhead 2052GI

- (b) The estimate for 2000-01 was \$3.068m but the revised estimate is \$52.19m. What is the reason for the big difference?

Subhead 2057GI

- (c) The estimate for 2000-01 was \$49.065m but the revised estimate is \$76.83m. Why is there a difference of \$27.765m?

Asked by : Hon Eric LI Ka-cheung

Reply : All the concerned projects have been completed. The revised estimate 2000-01 exceeds the original estimate because of better than expected progress in finalisation of accounts relating to various projects, including those managed by the Airport Authority (AA), Civil Aviation Department (CAD) and Postmaster General (PMG) Trading Fund. They include the following :

- (a) 2054GI - (1) Supply and installation of the postal mechanization system (managed by PMG Trading Fund).
- (2) Modification and enhancement items for various air traffic control systems (managed by CAD).
- (3) Construction of microwave link relay station and construction of automatic weather stations for windshear detection.
- (b) 2052GI - (1) Building works entrusted to the AA for the operation of the first runway.
- (2) Provision of electronic system entrusted to the AA for various government departments for operation of the first runway.
- (3) Modification and additional works for the existing traffic control complex and tower at the new airport.
- (c) 2057GI - (1) Building works entrusted to the AA for the operation of the first runway, other than those covered under 2052GI.
- (2) Provision of electronic system entrusted to the AA for various government departments for operation of the first runway, other than that covered under 2052GI.
- (3) Detailed design, documentation and execution of the fitting out works entrusted to the AA for government accommodation in the passenger terminal building.

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Name in block letters _____ S.H. PAU

Post Title _____ Director of Architectural Services

Date _____ 15 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

ESB068
SB160
WB009

Question Serial No.

0370

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 702 - Port and Airport Development

Subhead : 2054GI Procurement of air traffic control, meteorological and postal mechanisation equipment and systems and related construction works for the new airport at Chek Lap Kok.

2057GI Stand-alone government buildings, fitting-out works within Passenger Terminal Building and remaining equipment and systems.

2060GI Government facilities for the second runway of the new airport at Chek Lap Kok.

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Architectural Services

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Economic Services (for Subhead 2054GI)
Secretary for Security (for Subhead 2057GI)
Secretary for Works (for Subhead 2060GI)

Question : There are substantial differences between 2000-01 Estimate and Revised Estimate 2000-01 for subheads 2054GI, 2057GI and 2060GI. The Estimates of 2001-02 for these three subheads are all \$10 million. Please give the bases for making the estimates.

Asked by : Hon Eric LI Ka-cheung

Reply : All three projects have been completed. Settlement of final accounts is in progress. This process depends, to a certain extent, on the submission of evidence and substantiation from contractors. The estimates for all three projects were based on information available at the time of preparation of the 2001-02 Estimate. Further payments may be made for these projects after 2001-02 subject to the result of negotiations with contractors.

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Post Title _____ Director of Architectural Services

Date _____ 15 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

SB161*

Question Serial No.

0391a

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 702 - Port & Airport Development Subhead : 2136GK Immigration, Fire
Services and Customs &
Excise facilities at the River
Trade Terminal, in Area 38,
Tuen Mun

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Architectural Services

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question : Please list out the Original 2000-01 Estimate of the following item and provide
explanations for the Revised 2000-01 Estimate :
(a) 2136 GK

Asked by : Hon Eric LI Ka-cheung

Reply : The project has been completed. The Government facilities covered by this project
have been included as part of the development package of the River Trade Terminal
(RTT) to allow a timely scheduling of works and a more integrated design for the
development. The design and construction of these Government facilities have been
entrusted to the RTT developer to avoid any interface problems. There is no
provision in the 2000-01 Original Estimate. The 2000-01 Revised Estimate is
\$390,000, which is reimbursed to the developer as part of the charges incurred for
additional government works required to meet the operational requirements of the
user departments. The cost of the additional works can be adequately absorbed by
the project contingencies.

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Post Title _____ Director of Architectural Services

Date _____ 16 March 2001

* Please refer to the following for a full reply to this question -
SB161, ESB065 and PLB083

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY WRITTEN QUESTION**

Head : 48 – Government Laboratory

Programme : 3 – Forensic Science Service

Controlling Officer : Government Chemist

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question : Targets in many work areas including biochemical grouping, trace evidence, accident reconstruction, handwriting examination, counterfeiting/forgery, routine illicit drug seizures, major drug seizures and manufacturing, analytical toxicology and drug urinalysis were not met in 1999 and 2000, that is more working days than targeted were required to complete 80 per cent of the cases. Please explain in details why there were such failures. How are the problems being addressed? When could the targets be met?

Asked by : Hon Bernard CHAN

Reply :

Biochemical grouping (DNA Profiling) : During the past year, considerable staff resources have been deployed towards planning and setting up of the DNA Database section (in preparation for implementation of the Dangerous Drugs, ICAC and Police Force (Amendment) 2000 Ordinance and the Parentage Testing section in response to the anticipated enactment of the Immigration (Amendment) Ordinance). This deployment has had a temporary adverse effect on casework throughput. However, with staff having now been recruited for both new sections and their training nearing completion, it is anticipated that biochemical grouping should be back on target during the coming months.

Trace evidence: the number of items submitted for trace evidence examination increased by some 20% in 2000. This has meant that despite measures having been taken to improve work efficiency, their effectiveness has been counteracted by this work increase. Further measures to streamline work efficiency will be taken this year involving re-engineering of operational protocols.

Traffic accident reconstruction (TAR): Staff changes together with an increasing demand for new services in the section have resulted in a slight deterioration of TAR case throughput. Staff are now fully operational again and it is anticipated the service will be closer to target by the end of the year.

Handwriting examination/ Counterfeiting/forgery: These services have been adversely affected by the large increase in express identity document cases. Two extra non-civil service contract staff

have now been recruited and trained with the anticipation that the normal services should get back on target during the year.

Routine illicit drug seizures: During 2000 the downward trend of routine drug seizures experienced over the previous few years reversed dramatically with a particularly notable increase in the number of psychotropic drugs encountered (e.g. ecstasy, ketamine, LSD). Analysis of these drugs is more resource demanding than heroin which has meant that new approaches to high volume drug analyses have had to be devised. Combined with temporary staff shortages in the section involved, the result has been a slight deterioration in throughput. During the year, the throughput will be back on target with the staff situation improved and the deployment of improved analytical protocols.

Major drug seizures and manufacturing, analytical toxicology and drug urinalysis: Minor shortfalls in reaching targets in these work measures owing to pressure from elsewhere in the Forensic Science Division necessitated diversion of resources to alleviate various situations. These departures from target are temporary and are already being addressed with a positive effect.

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Name : Dr D G Clarke

Rank: Government Chemist

Date: 13.3.2001

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY WRITTEN QUESTION**

Head : 48 – Government Laboratory

Programme : 3 – Forensic Science Service

Controlling Officer : Government Chemist

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question : Taking into account the recent immigration incidents, is there any provision for additional manpower for passport verification?

Asked by : The Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP

Reply :

- (a) The Questioned Documents Section (QDS) of the Government Laboratory conducts express forensic examination of suspect documents. The performance pledge is to complete 80% of such cases within one working day. Notwithstanding a large increase in the number of express cases over the past 12 months, we have been able to complete 99% of such cases within one working day with the majority of cases being completed within a matter of hours. To cater for the increase in demand for express cases and to strengthen the work of the QDS, the Immigration Department has provided funds from its departmental expenditure in 2000 for the employment of two Forensic Analysts (FA) to undertake this express service. These staff have been recruited and trained.

We will continue to monitor the workload situation and will consider the need to increase the staff establishment if necessary, having regard to the need to maintain stability and continuity in the delivery of service, to develop expertise in-house, and to retain staff after substantial investment of staff training to support operation.

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Name : Dr D G Clarke

Rank: Government Chemist

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WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY WRITTEN QUESTION**

Head : 48 – Government Laboratory

Programme : 3 – Forensic Science Service

Controlling Officer : Government Chemist

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question : The use of the express counterfeiting/forgery service relating to travel documents was involved in a recent immigration case. To avoid the recurrence of similar incidents, will the Administration inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) Does the Government Laboratory have any plans to improve the express counterfeiting/forgery service relating to travel documents? How will the Government Laboratory enhance its communication and cooperation with the Immigration Department?
- (b) If there are plans to improve the express counterfeiting/forgery service relating to travel documents, is additional manpower needed? If yes, what is the amount of the additional recurrent expenditure required?

Asked by : Hon IP Kwok-him, JP

Reply :

- (a) The Questioned Documents Section (QDS) of the Government Laboratory conducts express forensic examination of suspect documents. The performance pledge is to complete 80% of such cases within one working day. Notwithstanding a large increase in the number of express cases over the past 12 months, we have been able to complete 99% of such cases within one working day with the majority of cases being completed within a matter of hours. To cater for the increase in demand for express cases and to strengthen the work of the QDS, the Immigration Department has provided funds from its departmental expenditure in 2000 for the employment of two Forensic Analysts (FA) to undertake this express service. These staff have been recruited and trained.

- (b) We will continue to monitor the workload situation and will consider the need to increase the staff establishment if necessary, having regard to the need to maintain stability and continuity in the delivery of service, to develop expertise in-house, and to retain staff after substantial investment of staff training to support operation.

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Name : Dr D G Clarke

Rank: Government Chemist

Date: 13.3.2001

Bureau Serial No.

SB165

Question Serial No.

0408

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 28 Civil Aviation Department Subhead.(No. & title) :

Programme : 2 Airport Standards

Controlling Officer : Director-General of Civil Aviation

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question :

What will be the expenditure in respect of aviation security measures of the Hong Kong International Airport in the coming year? What is the percentage increase over the expenditure in the previous year? How much of it will be expenses in strengthening security measures?

Asked by : Hon LAU Wong-fat

Reply :

Regarding aviation security measures of Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA), Civil Aviation Department (CAD) performs the role of the regulator by conducting audit inspections to ensure that the aviation security measures are performed up to the required standard, and the enhancement measures are kept pace with evolving international standards and changing needs of the HKIA. The estimated expenditure of CAD on the regulation of aviation security at HKIA in 2001-02 is \$7.4M which are mainly staff costs and the provision is the same as that in 2000-01.

The expenditure for the day-to-day operations of aviation security at the HKIA are paid by the Airport Authority. The day-to-day operations are performed by its subsidiary company the Aviation Security Co. Ltd. Other parties including airlines, airport tenant restricted area operators and regulated agents for cargo are required by law (Aviation Security Ordinance) to establish and implement security programmes and they are responsible for their own expenditure in these aspects.

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Name in block letters ALBERT K Y LAM

Post Title Director-General of Civil Aviation

Date 14 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

SB166

Question Serial No.

0748

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 82 Buildings Department

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : Buildings and Building Works

Controlling Officer : Director of Buildings

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question : 51) Can the government advise the Council on the following:

- a) The number of prescribed commercial premises and specified commercial premises which were in breach of the Fire Safety (Commercial Premises) Ordinance last year, and the number of prosecutions.
- b) The details of relevant prosecution policy and criteria.

Asked by : Hon IP Kwok-him

Reply :

- (a) The Fire Safety (Commercial Premises) Ordinance empowers the Buildings Department (and the Fire Services Department) to issue Fire Safety Directions or Fire Safety Improvement Directions to require owners or occupiers of Prescribed Commercial Premises (PCP) or Specified Commercial Buildings (SCB) to upgrade the fire safety measures therein. In 2000, owners or occupiers in respect of 3 PCP and 11 SCB failed to show any response to Directions issued by the Buildings Department. Prosecutions have been initiated and 2 convictions have been secured so far.
- (b) In implementing the Fire Safety (Commercial Premises) Ordinance, BD's policy is to assist owners or occupiers to comply with the Directions as far as possible. Owners or occupiers of targeted premises are required to comply with the Directions normally within 12 months. An extension of time would be given if an owner or occupier made an application with sufficient justification. Prosecution would only be initiated if an owner or occupier has failed without any reasonable excuse to respond positively to the Direction after its expiry (by initiating improvement works or seeking an extension of time).

Signature

Name in block letters

Post Title

Date

C M LEUNG

Director of Buildings

Bureau Serial No.

SB167

Question Serial No.

1035

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 37 Department of Health Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : 6 Treatment of Drug Abusers

Controlling Officer : Director of Health

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question : Where is the location of the new residential treatment centre for young drug abusers to be commissioned in the coming year? What are the details of its provision and staff establishment? How many places are provided? What is the age group of the young people it serves? Have service targets been set for such new residential treatment centre for young drug abusers? If yes, what are the service targets? If no, why? What is the anticipated number of people served annually by that new residential treatment centre for young drug abusers?

Asked by : Hon CHAN Yuen-han

Reply :

The new residential treatment centre for young drug abusers to be commissioned in 2001-02 will be located at Tuen Mun. In the 2001-02 draft estimates, recurrent subvention for the centre amounts to \$6.0M, which include \$5.1M for the employment of 17 staff and \$0.9M for other operating expenses. The centre will have a bed capacity of 20. The targeted clientele is young male aged at 30 or below, with priority given to those under 21. Female abusers will also be accepted for the centre's out-patient treatment programme. It is expected that the new centre would serve about 80 in-patients and 100 out-patients each year.

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Name in block letters Dr Margaret CHAN

Post Title Director of Health

Date 15 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

SB168

Question Serial No.

1218

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 37 Department of Health Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : 6 Treatment of Drug Abusers

Controlling Officer : Director of Health

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question : The expenditure under this Programme is \$10M higher than this year due to provision for a new residential treatment centre for young drug abusers and salary increments for staff. Please explain the staffing and recurrent expenditure of the new treatment centre.

Asked by : Hon IP Kwok-him

Reply :

Out of the \$10M increase in 2001-02 provision, \$6M is the recurrent subvention provided for the new residential treatment centre for young drug abusers to be operated by Hong Kong Christian Service. Within this \$6M of recurrent subvention, \$5.1M is for the employment of 17 staff and \$0.9M is for other operating expenses.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
 WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 37 Department of Health Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : 6 Treatment of Drug Abusers

Controlling Officer : Director of Health

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question : With the widespread concern about the problem of drug abuse by local young people in recent years, has consideration been given to providing treatment and rehabilitation services to drug abusers? If yes, what are the number of staff and recurrent expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon IP Kwok-him

Reply :

Treatment and rehabilitation services for drug abusers including young people provided or subvented by the Department of Health include Methadone Treatment Programme, residential treatment programme by the Society for the Aid and Rehabilitation of Drug Abusers (SARDA) and the Caritas Hong Kong*. A new centre to be run by the Hong Kong Christian Service (HKCS) will be commissioned later. The amount of recurrent expenditure and number of staff for these services in 2001-02 are :

	Methadone Clinics	<u>SARDA</u>	<u>Caritas Hong Kong</u>	<u>HKCS</u>
Recurrent provision (\$M)	35.0	79.5	5.1	6.0
Number of staff	37 (plus 45 part-time doctors and 150 Auxiliary Medical Service members)	188	15	17

*Note : There are other treatment and rehabilitation services provided by non-government organisations, some of which are subvented by Social Welfare Department. In 2001-02, such subventions provided by Social Welfare Department will amount to \$31M.

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WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 37 Department of Health Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : 6 Treatment of Drug Abusers

Controlling Officer : Director of Health

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question : Please provide the number of clients served by the existing and new residential treatment centres for young drug abusers, and also the number of residential treatment cases and applications for residential treatment of the existing treatment centre(s) last year.

Asked by : Hon IP Kwok-him

Reply :

In 2000, the number of applications and number of admissions to the residential treatment centres for young drug abusers subvented by the Department of Health are as follows:

	SARDA Au Tau Youth Centre	Caritas Hong Kong Wong Yiu Nam Centre
No. of applications	135	250
No. of admissions	86	201

A new centre for young drug abusers is being planned.

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Question Serial No.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 168 Hong Kong Observatory Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (2) Radiation Monitoring and Assessment

Controlling Officer : Director of the Hong Kong Observatory

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question : It was mentioned in the document that the Hong Kong Observatory has been monitoring the radiation levels in various parts of Hong Kong. In this connection, will the Government inform us of the following:

In view of the increasing public concern over radiation in our living environment, will the Hong Kong Observatory disseminate information on radiation levels in different parts of Hong Kong to local media daily as in the case of air pollution index and lay down relevant standards to alert the public?

Asked by : the Hon IP Kwok-him

Reply :

The Hong Kong Observatory publishes a bulletin on "Yesterday's Weather and Radiation Level" to the public and media daily. The information includes the average ambient gamma radiation dose rate of the day before as measured by the Observatory's radiation monitoring stations. An explanatory note is included in the bulletin to facilitate interpretation of the data. The bulletin is also available on the Hong Kong Observatory website (<http://www.info.gov.hk/hko> or <http://www.weather.gov.hk>).

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Post Title Director of the Hong Kong Observatory

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1370

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Head : 168 Hong Kong Observatory Subhead(No. & title) :

Programme: (2) Radiation Monitoring and Assessment

Controlling Officer : Director of the Hong Kong Observatory

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question : It was mentioned in the document that the Hong Kong Observatory has been monitoring the radiation levels in various parts of Hong Kong. In this connection, will the Government inform us of the following:

Except during the period from the preparatory stage to shortly after the commissioning of the Daya Bay Nuclear Power Station, the construction of which has been completed for a long time, there has been little propaganda on the contingency arrangements for nuclear accidents or incidents. To ensure the safety of the community in the event of a nuclear accident, will the Hong Kong Observatory conduct publicity activities on a regular basis so as to promote public awareness and preparedness?

Asked by : the Hon IP Kwok-him

Reply :

Since the commissioning of the Guangdong Nuclear Power Station at Daya Bay, the Security Bureau has regularly published and distributed through a wide network of established channels publicity materials to inform and educate the public on matters related to nuclear accident response. These include pamphlets entitled "Simple Guidelines in the Event of Major Mishaps" and "Guangdong Nuclear Power Station at Daya Bay Contingency Plan of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region" and a booklet on "Understanding Radiation". The pamphlet "Guangdong Nuclear Power Station at Daya Bay Contingency Plan of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region" was last updated in 1999; an updated edition of the booklet "Understanding Radiation" has just been published. Publicity materials have also been put on the Security Bureau's website under the section "Emergency Response Management" (<http://www.info.gov.hk/sb/erm/erm.htm>) since 1999. In addition, the Security Bureau is planning to put the full text of the "The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Daya Bay Contingency Plan" onto the website later this year.

An exhibition at the Hong Kong Observatory headquarters, which introduces the basic concepts of nuclear radiation, has been open to the public since 1989. The exhibition receives visitors from some 30 organisations and 140 schools each year. The Observatory's website (<http://www.info.gov.hk/hko> or <http://www.weather.gov.hk>) also features a section on environmental radiation monitoring for public information and education purposes.

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