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Bureau Serial No.

S-SB001

Question Serial No.

S001

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 :

Regarding the reply to question serial no 0067(SB073), was the reduction of 32 posts from the establishment of Hung Hom Border Control Point a result of a drop in the number of passengers travelling by through train?

Asked by : Hon Howard YOUNG

Reply :

Upon completion of the KCRC Kowloon Station Renovation and Extension Project in December 1997, the KCRC estimated that more passengers would make use of the Hung Hom Control Point for cross-boundary trips. Specifically, the daily average passenger throughput was expected to increase from 4,251 in 1997 to 9,983 in 1998. To cater for the anticipated increase in passenger traffic, an addition of 43 posts were created in December 1997.

In 1998, the daily passenger traffic at the Hung Hom Control Point was 3,961. The posts created for Hung Hom control point in 1997 were re-deployed to cope with the rapid increase of passenger flow at the Lo Wu Control Point. The deletion of posts from the establishment of the Hung Hom Control Point in 2001-02 is mainly to rectify the existing redeployment arrangement of posts from the Hung Hom Control Point to the Lo Wu Control Point.

The daily average passenger throughput at the Hung Hom control point has increased by 23% in 1999 to 4,859. The number further increased by 14% to 5,517 in 2000.

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

Post Title Director of Immigration

Date 26 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

S-SB002

Question Serial No.

S002

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 :

With regard to reply to Bureau Serial No. SB081 (Question 0590), it appears that most, if not all, of the APEC Business Travel Card (ABTC) scheme joiners are countries that do not require a visa to enter Hong Kong, and conversely, do not require Hong Kong SAR passport holders to obtain a visa. That being the case, are we satisfied that users of the ABTC card are receiving value for money in return for the fees they pay?

Asked by : Hon Howard YOUNG

Reply :

Holders of HKSAR and BN(O) passports enjoy visa-free access to all the participating economies, except Australia, ranging from 7 days to three months. The Scheme will be most attractive to businessmen who need to travel to the APEC economies frequently for a period of stay which is longer than the visa-free period. These persons will save time and money for applying visa extension. They will enjoy speedier clearance service at the designated immigration counters and normally need not undergo immigration questioning, thus saving time in queuing. When arriving/departing Hong Kong, card holders of APEC Business Travel Card may use 'residents' counters for a speedier service. The card will become more attractive as more APEC economies are expected to join the scheme. The card is of good value for money for the users.

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

Post Title Director of Immigration

Date 26 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

S-SB003

Question Serial No.

S005

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 list the number of staff & exact budget estimates related to Admission of Mainland Professionals Scheme.

Asked by : Hon SIN Chung-kai

Reply :

We have not earmarked provision 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 **Ambrose S K LEE**

Post Title Director of Immigration

Date 26 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

S-SB004

Question Serial No.

S006

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 :

Regarding Question No. SB097,

- (a) What is/are the main reason(s) for not convicting employers prosecuted for hiring illegal workers?
- (b) What is/are the main reason(s) for not prosecuting illegal workers arrested?
- (c) What is/are the main reason(s) for not convicting illegal workers prosecuted?
- (d) What are the details of fines or/and imprisonment terms imposed on convicted employers?

Asked by : Hon CHAN Yuen-han

Reply :

- (a) The main reasons of acquittal are :
 - (i) the court found that there was insufficient evidence to prove the offence beyond all reasonable doubt; and
 - (ii) the defendants were given the benefit of doubt by the court.
- (b) The main reason for not prosecuting those arrested illegal workers was that there was insufficient evidence to support any charges.
- (c) Same answer as (a) above.
- (d) The usual penalty imposed on employers of illegal workers was a fine ranging from \$500 to \$10,000 and imprisonment for one to 12 months suspended for up to 3 years. In more serious cases, the employers were given immediate custodial sentences ranging from one to eight months.

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Name in block letters Ambrose S K LEE

Post Title Director of Immigration

Date 26 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

S-SB005

Question Serial No.

S007

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 :

Regarding Question Serial No. SB094.

- (a) What is/are the main reason(s) for not convicting employers prosecuted for assigning non-domestic duties to foreign domestic helpers (FDHs)/illegal employment of FDHs in 2000?
- (b) What are the details of fines or/and imprisonment terms imposed on convicted employers?

Asked by : Hon CHAN Kwok-keung

Reply :

- (a) The main reasons of acquittal include :
- (iii) the court found that there was insufficient evidence to prove the offence beyond all reasonable doubt ; and
- (iv) the defendants were given the benefit of doubt by the court.
- (b) The usual penalty imposed on employers prosecuted for illegal deployment /employment of foreign domestic helpers was a fine ranging from \$2,000 to \$10,000 and imprisonment for 1 to 6 months suspended for up to 3 years. In more serious cases, the employers were given immediate custodial sentences ranging from two to three months.

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

Post Title Director of Immigration

Date 26 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

S-SB006

Question Serial No.

S014

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 :

As a follow-up to question serial number 1284 (SB101), why did the number of persons coming to Hong Kong to take up employment and the number of workers imported under Supplementary Labour Scheme in 2000 increase by 26% and close to 40% respectively when compared with the figures in 1999? What types of work did these persons who came to Hong Kong and imported workers engage in?

Asked by : Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo

Reply :

The increase in number of persons admitted to work in Hong Kong reflects the demand of the local labour market.

Persons admitted for employment under the existing immigration policy are mainly technical professionals (e.g. engineers and specialists), administrators, managers and other professionals of international companies. Workers admitted under the Supplementary Labour Scheme are mostly technicians, craftsmen and operational staff (e.g. pigfarm workers, care workers for the elderly and sewing machine operators).

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

Post Title **Director of Immigration**

Date **26 March 2001**

Bureau Serial No.

S-SB007

Question Serial No.

S021

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: 12202 - Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Police

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question : Follow up on question SB029, please indicate the percentage of the deployment of manpower of Criminal Intelligence Bureau for different area of work, e.g. anti-triad, anti-narcotics or anti-smuggling operations, etc for the past three years. Please refer to the annual report of the UK intelligence agency and detail information by area of work.

Asked by : Hon James TO Kun-sun

Reply :

Criminal Intelligence Bureau is mainly responsible for the collection, analysis and dissemination of criminal intelligence, and assessment of crime. Criminal intelligence refers to all activities related with criminal offences, especially organized and serious crimes, narcotic offences and economic crimes. Manpower is deployed in accordance with the crime trends and priorities.

The UK intelligence agency, MI5, has not, as you claimed, provided information on its manpower deployment by area of work. I believe such information is not disclosed because of security reasons.

I cannot provide the requested information because if detailed operational arrangements of the Criminal Intelligence Bureau is disclosed, the criminals may figure out its work directions, priorities and strategies by analyzing such information and strike at every opportunity to the detriment of our social order, stability and public interest.

Name in block letters TSANG Yam-pui

Post Title Commissioner of Police

Date 24 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

S-SB008 &
S-SB009

Question Serial No.

S022&S023

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: 12202 - Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Police

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question :

S022

Follow up on question no. SB021, please advise on the expenses of Technical Services Division in connection with various police duties under Subhead 103 (areas like anti-terrorism, political monitoring and criminal intelligence) in the past three years as percentages of the total expenditure under the Subhead. Please refer to the major items and respective percentages of the expenses as published by the UK intelligence agency.

S023

Please advise on how police operations be compromised by the disclosure of merely the major items.

Asked by : Hon James TO Kun-sun

Reply :

I cannot disclose the scope of work of the Technical Services Division and the percentages in respect of the expenses under the Subhead of Rewards and Special Services.

The UK intelligence agency, MI5, has not, as you claimed, disclosed information on its manpower deployment by area of work. I believe such information is not disclosed because of security reasons.

I think that giving operational details of the Technical Services Division will enable criminals to figure out its level of resources, capability, work directions and strategies so that they will strike at every opportunity to the detriment of our social order and stability, hampering public interests in the end.

Name in block letters TSANG Yam-pui

Post Title Commissioner of Police

Date 24 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

S-SB010

Question Serial No.

S024

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: 12202 - Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

- Question: a) Follow up on question SB032, please provide the percentages in respect of manpower and equipment.
 b) Please state why the disclosure of the respective percentages for merely two major items may compromise police operations. Under what circumstances (e.g. in closed-door briefings or LegCo Members signing a confidentiality declaration) will a breakdown be provided for expenses paid under Subhead 103 with the percentages?

Asked by: Hon James TO Kun-sun

Reply:

- (a) I cannot list the percentages of those items.
- (b) As to these questions, on the premise of public interests, I think that details of the expenses paid under the Subhead of Rewards and Special Services should not be disclosed. This is because in doing so, criminals may figure out the Police Force priorities of confidential operations, work directions and strategies in relation to the fight against crimes and strike at every opportunity to the detriment of our social order and stability.

Name in block letters TSANG Yam-pui

Post Title Commissioner of Police

Date 24 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

S-SB011

Question Serial No.

S025

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: 12202 - Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Police

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

- Question :
- a) Please provide the respective percentages of expenses paid under Subhead 103 for different areas, say anti-terrorism, political monitoring, criminal intelligence, etc.
 - b) Apart from the informers' fee, could the government please advise if there is payment of salaries or wages under Subhead 103? If expenses on salaries cannot be disclosed, please state why, and please state how police operations would be compromised by advising the LegCo if expenses are paid under Subhead 103 as salaries.

Asked by : Hon James TO Kun-sun

Reply :

It is because expenses paid under the Subhead of Rewards and Special Services involved police operations of a confidential nature, including the combat of serious crimes and narcotics offences, and also security matters. Disclosing such expenses would reveal detailed operational arrangements of the Police Force and its capabilities to the criminals, who may be able to evade lawful sanctions, thus jeopardizing public interests.

Name in block letters TSANG Yam-pui

Post Title Commissioner of Police

Date 24 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

S-SB012

Question Serial No.

S026

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 : 12204 - Operations

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Police

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question : Follow up on question no. SB012, please state the percentage of the manpower deployed by the Security Wing for different areas of work, e.g. counter-terrorism, protection of VIPs, political monitoring, major security exercises conducted in Hong Kong or internal security etc. Please refer to the information published by the UK intelligence agency and detail information by area of work.

Asked by : Hon James TO Kun-sun

Reply :

Previously I have provided information about the establishment of the Security Wing. I now repeat that the establishment of the Security Wing is 411, of which 323 are disciplined officers and the remaining 88 are civilians.

The UK intelligence agency, MI5, has not, as you claimed, provided information on its manpower deployment by area of work. I believe such information are not disclosed because of security reasons.

I reiterate that I cannot disclose information of manpower deployment of the Security Wing for the sake of public interests. This is because the criminals may figure out the work directions, priorities and strategies of the Security Wing by analysing its manpower deployment, and strike at every opportunity to the detriment of our social order and stability.

Name in block letters TSANG Yam-pui

Post Title Commissioner of Police

Date 24 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

S-SB013

Question Serial No.

S027

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: 12202 - Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Police

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question : Follow up on question no. SB013, why doesn't the Police Force keep any statistics on the number of people receiving informer fees? Do those receiving informer fees need to acknowledge receipt? Why doesn't the Police Force have any figures on the number of cases in which payments for informer fees were made? Does the Police Force have any plan to keep such figures?

Asked by : Hon James TO Kun-sun

Reply :

People receiving informers fees are required to acknowledge receipt. This is one of the important monitoring measures taken by the Force to ensure proper control on the payments made under provision of the Rewards and Special Services.

Disclosing details about the number of people receiving informers fees and number of cases will jeopardize public interests. It is because the Police Force's capabilities in law enforcement may be compromised by the disclosure of such statistics. With these knowledge, criminals may be able to evade lawful sanctions.

Name in block letters TSANG Yam-pui

Post Title Commissioner of Police

Date 24 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

S-SB014

Question Serial No.

S028

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: 12202 - Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Police

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question : Follow up on question no. SB013, in view of the fact that similar questions were raised in the past few years, does the Force have any plan to keep statistics on this subject? If not, please state the reason. Does the Police Force think that maintaining such figures may compromise police operations?

Asked by : Hon James TO Kun-sun

Reply :

The Police do not maintain figures relating to the items of information money raised in your question because such figures carry no practical value.

As regards expenses paid under the Rewards and Special Services vote, they involved police operations of a confidential nature, including the combat of serious crimes and narcotics offences, and also security matters. Disclosing such expenses would reveal detailed operation arrangements of the Police Force and its capabilities to the criminals, who may be able to evade lawful sanctions, thus jeopardizing public interests.

I appreciate Hon James TO's concern over the issue. The Police Force is as concerned as all LegCo Members with public interests. Expenses paid under the Rewards and Special Services Subhead are subject to tight scrutiny. I have drawn up in detail a set of internal guidelines for strict observation by the police officers concerned. Included in the in-house monitoring mechanism are endorsement by senior police officers for every item of expenditure, and also regular and surprise inspections of all payments and accounts.

In addition, regular and surprise inspections are carried out by the Police Force Internal Audit Division as well as the Government's Audit Commission to ensure compliance with the Government's Financial and Accounting Regulations by the account holders. It is therefore in my opinion that existing monitoring mechanism is very sound and adequate.

Name in block letters TSANG Yam-pui

Post Title Commissioner of Police

Date 26 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

S-SB015

Question Serial No.

S029

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: 12202 - Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Police

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question : Follow up on question no. SB041, please explain why the Police do not keep statistics on the expenditure of informers fees.

Asked by : Hon James TO Kun-sun

Reply :

Disclosing details about the number of people receiving informers fees and number of cases will jeopardize public interests. It is because the Police Force capabilities in law enforcement may be compromised by the disclosure of such statistics, with the knowledge of which the criminals may be able to evade lawful sanctions.

Name in block letters TSANG Yam-pui

Post Title Commissioner of Police

Date 24 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

S-SB016

Question Serial No.

S030

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: 12202 - Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Police

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question : In view of the fact that members had raised similar questions in the past, do the Police plan to keep such statistics in the future?

Asked by : Hon James TO Kun-sun

Reply :

The Police Force have no plan to maintain figures on the percentage of information money to Subhead 103 because such figures carry no practical value.

As regards expenses paid under the Rewards and Special Services vote, they involved police operations of a confidential nature, including the combat of serious crimes and narcotics offences, and also security matters. Disclosing such expenses would reveal detailed operation arrangements of the Police Force and its capabilities to the criminals, who may be able to evade lawful sanctions, thus jeopardizing public interests.

I appreciate Hon James TO's concern over the issue. The Police Force is as concerned as all LegCo Members with public interests. Expenses paid under the Rewards and Special Services Subhead are subject to tight scrutiny. I have drawn up in detail a set of internal guidelines for strict observation by the police officers concerned. Included in the in-house monitoring mechanism are endorsement by senior police officers for every item of expenditure, and also regular and surprise inspections of all payments and accounts.

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Post Title Commissioner of Police

Date 26 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

S-SB017

Question Serial No.

S070

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 : 12202 - Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Police

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question : Follow up on Question SB022,

- a) Why has not STA(FC) inspected expenditure items under Subhead 103 in the past two years?
- b) Please briefly describe how inspections are carried out?

Asked by : Hon James TO Kun-sun

Reply :

According to the Standing Accounting Instruction 1950, Controlling Officers or their delegates should carry out surprise inspections on sub-impres, checking cash balances in the safe boxes. Previously, Senior Treasury Accountant (Financial Control) would carry out surprise inspections on the cash balances of the sub-impres (including sub-impres under the Subhead of the Rewards and Special Services). Meanwhile, commanders at various levels would also check the cash balances of the sub-impres when carrying out surprise inspections on the expenses paid under the Rewards and Special Services Subhead. Such inspections conducted by commanders also meet the requirements laid down in Standing Accounting Instructions. In order to avoid duplication of work and wastage of human resources, Senior Treasury Accountant (Financial Control) has ceased to conduct surprise inspections on the cash balances of sub-impres under this Subhead since 1999-2000. Nevertheless, Senior Executive Officer (Internal Audit) still performs random checks every year to ensure that commanders at various levels conduct checks on the relevant sub-impres in accordance with the Standing Accounting Instruction 1950.

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Surprise inspections conducted by commanders at various levels include checking of

payment items to ensure that the criteria for expenditure charged to this Subhead have been met. Cash book balances, receipts and cash in safe boxes are also subject to inspection to ensure that all payments are clearly recorded in cash books with supporting receipts.

Name in block letters TSANG Yam-pui

Post Title Commissioner of Police

Date 24 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

S-SB018

Question Serial No.

Q1
(Oral)

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02

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

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

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

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question: Follow up on Question SB068 - Police to give written information on the increase of patrol officers' establishment in new towns over the years e.g. at Ma On Shan.

Asked by: Hon IP Kwok-him

Reply:

The establishment of a Police Division is based on population; projected crime figures; number of miscellaneous and traffic accident reports.

In order to maintain law and order and to meet community expectations in the new towns, Police Headquarters as well as the local District Commanders will review the establishment figures of their respective districts on a regular basis with regard to local developments. The frequency of review depends on the policing requirements which prevail in the new towns.

The establishment of Uniform Branch Police Officers in the new towns for the past 3 years is given below :-

	<u>2000-2001</u>	<u>Establishment</u> <u>1999-2000</u>	<u>1998-1999</u>
Tung Chung	86	86	86
Ma On Shan	143	97	97
Tseung Kwan O	171	108	108
Tin Shui Wai	148	149	111

Name in block letters TSANG Yam-pui

Post Title Commissioner of Police

Date 24 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

S-SB019

Question Serial No.

Q2
(Oral)

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 : PricewaterhouseCoopers has been hired on implementation of the Force Strategy on Service Quality. Please elaborate the scope of consultancy with special focus on the work to be done by PricewaterhouseCoopers for the estimates of \$1m in 2001-2002.

Asked by : Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing

Reply :

The PricewaterhouseCoopers consultancy is providing expertise, advice and support to the Force in the following 8 areas :-

Project Areas	Objectives
Consultancy and support and sponsorship	Sustain and build on experience already available within the Force : Develop a greater sense of ownership and participation at senior levels.
Culture change	Build on the results of the Commissioner's workshop to secure a common understanding of what the Force is trying to achieve and how it will realize its goals.
Force Management	Assess, streamline and integrate the activities contributing to the strategic direction of the Force.
Force training	A broad-based review of Force-wide training requirements to support quality of service.
Communication	Identify communication processes required to support the quality of service programme.
Customer Focus	Review the existing work of Formations against the needs and priorities identified by stakeholders. Develop internal and external standards to reflect those priorities.

Performance Measurement	Define, implement and track key measures to support the vision and mission of the Force.
Specific change project (divisional management)	Analyse the work of a division and draw up a framework for planning and objective setting.

All of these project areas are being pursued under the Force Strategy on Service Quality, and are ongoing change management initiatives.

In 2001-2002, the focus of the consultancy will be to offer advice and support in the following areas :-

- Force management
- Performance Measurement
- Divisional management
- Internal communication

Name in block letters TSANG Yam-pui

Post Title Commissioner of Police

Date 24 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

S-SB020

Question Serial No.

S004

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

Programme : (1) Internal Security

Controlling Officer : Secretary for Security

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question :

At present, there is no Mutual Legal Assistance Agreement between the HKSAR and the Mainland. Will the Administration inform this Council –

- (a) of the resources used by the local law enforcement agencies in providing assistance to the Mainland law enforcement agencies (both in Hong Kong and the Mainland) last year?
- (b) of the number of Mainland law enforcement agencies assisted by the local law enforcement agencies in interviewing witnesses and obtaining exhibits in Hong Kong last year and the number of such witnesses and exhibits?
- (c) of the estimated expenditure in this regard in the coming year?
- (d) whether there are guidelines for officers of the law enforcement agencies requiring them to inform the Hong Kong citizens invited to offer assistance to the Mainland law enforcement agencies of their own rights?

Asked by : Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing

Reply :

- (a) We are fully committed to law enforcement cooperation with other jurisdictions in combating cross-boundary crimes. The law enforcement agencies in Hong Kong would render assistance to law enforcement administrations in other jurisdictions including the Mainland upon request. As the assistance is part of the regional cooperation efforts, no separate provision has been earmarked for these activities. The expenditure is absorbed within existing resources.
- (b) Last year, a total of 172 Mainland investigative delegations requested the assistance of the Hong Kong Police during their visits in Hong Kong. However, the Police has no statistics on the number of witnesses being interviewed or the number of items collected as exhibits. The assistance rendered by the Customs and Excise Department to the Mainland Customs has

been confined to arranging interviews with informed persons in Hong Kong. Six visits to Hong Kong were made by the Mainland Customs officers last year and a total of 10 informed persons were interviewed. No exhibits have been collected in any of their visits. The Immigration Department has not assisted any Mainland authorities in interviewing witnesses or collecting evidence in Hong Kong in the past year.

- (c) As the assistance rendered is part of the regional cooperation efforts, no separate provision has been earmarked for this purpose in the coming year.
- (d) There are specific guidelines requiring officers of the law enforcement agencies to inform any Hong Kong residents who have been invited to offer assistance to Mainland law enforcement agencies of their rights including explaining to them clearly that the assistance should be rendered on a strictly voluntary basis.

Signature _____

Name in block letters REGINA IP

Post Title Secretary for Security

Date March 2001

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

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Programme : (2) Immigration Control

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Question :

As a follow-up to question serial no. 1172 (SB010), the Secretary for Security has indicated that no provision has been made for the implementation of Admission of Mainland Professionals Scheme. At the initial stage, the Immigration Department would make use of the existing resources to cope with the additional workload arising from the Scheme. However, with reference to the Admission of Talents Scheme implemented last year, how much manpower has been mobilised or how many working hours have actually been spent by the relevant department in implementing the Scheme? What was the expenditure involved? Can the working hours and expenditure required for the Admission of Mainland Professionals Scheme be assessed on this basis?

Asked by : Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo

Reply :

In the 2000/01, the Entry Visa (Admission of Talents) Section staffed by 1 CIO, 1 SIO, 2 IO, 1 ACO and 1 CA was set up in the Immigration Department to process applications under the Admission of Talents Scheme. The cost for these 6 posts is \$2.7 million.

The manpower requirement for implementing the Admission of Mainland Professionals Scheme will depend on the volume of applications to be received and the pledged time for processing. We are unable to make an accurate assessment on the amount of resources required at this stage. As such initially, the Immigration Department will absorb the additional workload arising from the Admission of Mainland Professionals Scheme within its existing resources. Immigration Department will review the situation periodically to assess whether additional staffing resources are required.

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Post Title **Secretary for Security** _____

Date **26 March 2001** _____