

Replies to written questions raised by Finance Committee Members in examining the Estimates of Expenditure 2002-03

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

Reply Serial No.

SB001

Question Serial No.

0015

Head: 151- Government Secretariat: Security Bureau

Subhead(No. & title):

Heads: 23, 27, 28, 30, 31, 37, 42, 45, 48, 70, 100, 121, 122, 166, 168, 170, 176

Programme: (1) Internal Security (2) Immigration Control

Controlling Officer: Secretary for Security

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question(s) :

Regarding consultancy studies for policy making and assessment commissioned by your bureau and departments/offices under your bureau,

- (1) please provide the following details of the consultancy studies for which financial provision has been allocated in 2001-02:

Names of consultants (if available)	Contents of studies	Consultancy fees	Progress and follow-up action (in plan/ in progress/ finished)	Government's follow-up action (if available)

- (2) will there be any financial provision allocated for commissioning consultancy studies in 2002-03? If yes, please provide the following details:

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

Asked by: HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply:

The total amount of consultancy fees for policy making and assessment studies commissioned by departments relating to the policy areas under this Bureau are \$2,184,100 for 2001-02 and \$2,290,000 for 2002-03 respectively. Breakdowns are as follows:

(1) Provision for the financial year 2001-02

Names of consultants (if available)	Contents of studies	Consultancy fees	Progress and follow-up action (in plan/in progress/finished)	Government's follow-up action (if available)
Head 30 – Correctional Services Department				
Correctional Service of Canada (CSC) and a local organization (the latter will be sought in 2002-03).	Review on the evaluation procedures of re-offending risks and rehabilitative needs of offenders with a view to enhancing the management and rehabilitation of offenders.	\$150,000	The study has commenced in February 2002 and is expected to complete in early 2004.	-
Head 45 - Fire Services Department				
The Environment Resources Management (ERM) Hong Kong Ltd.	Study on the storage and conveyance of dangerous goods other than category 1.	\$575,000	Finished	The FSD will consider incorporating the recommendations of the study into the Dangerous Goods Ordinance under amendment.
Crow Maunsell Management Consultants Ltd.	Comprehensive study on the further development of the paramedic ambulance service (PAS) in Hong Kong.	\$959,100	Finished	The FSD has been examining the findings and recommendations of the consultancy study, and has devised a plan to implement the full provision of PAS in a progressive manner in 3 years' time.

Head 122- Hong Kong Police Force				
Pricewaterhouse Cooper (PWC)	Consultancy study to assist HKPF in designing and organizing Forcewide culture change programmes, reviewing and working out strategy on service quality.	\$500,000	In progress	Some recommendations of the consultancy study have been incorporated into the relevant programmes.
Total: \$2,184,100				

(2) Provision for the financial year 2002-03

Names of consultants (if available)	Contents of studies	Consultancy fees	Status of consultancy studies (in plan/in progress/finished)
Head 30 – Correctional Services Department			
Correctional Service of Canada (CSC) and a local organization (the latter will be sought in 2002-03). (continuation of consultancy study mentioned in (1))	Review on the evaluation procedures of re-offending risks and rehabilitative needs of offenders with a view to enhancing the management and rehabilitation of offenders.	\$750,000	The study has commenced in February 2002 and is expected to complete in early 2004.
Head 122- Hong Kong Police Force			
Pricewaterhouse Cooper (PWC) (continuation of consultancy study mentioned in (1))	Consultancy study to assist HKPF in designing and organizing Forcewide culture change programmes, reviewing and working out strategy on service quality.	\$1,000,000	Under planning

Head 151- Security Bureau			
A local organization to be sought.	Consultancy study on measures for handling children below the minimum age of criminal responsibility.	\$540,000	Under planning
Total: 2,290,000			

There is no such consultancy services commissioned by departments/services under Head 23 Auxiliary Medical Service, Head 27 Civil Aid Service, Head 28 Civil Aviation Department, Head 31 Customs and Excise Department, Head 37 Department of Health, Head 42 Electrical and Mechanical Services Department, Head 48 Government Laboratory, Head 70 Immigration Department, Head 100 Marine Department, Head 121 Independent Police Complaints Council, Head 166 Government Flying Service, Head 168 Hong Kong Observatory, Head 170 Social Welfare Department, Head 176 Subventions: Miscellaneous, for both the financial years 2001-02 and 2002-03.

Signature _____ signed

Name in block letters _____ Mrs Regina Ip

Post Title _____ Secretary for Security

Date _____ 20.3.2002

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

Reply Serial No.
SB002

Question Serial No.
0439

Head: 151 Security Bureau

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: 2 Immigration Control

Controlling Officer: Secretary for Security

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question : The Security Bureau has recently submitted a proposal to expand the Lo Wu Terminal Building. This proposal which cost 100 million will be completed by 2005. Is the Administration considering any other improvement measures in the 3 years before 2005?

Asked by: Hon .LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

We are committed to improving the facilities at our boundary control points to cope with the ever increasing passenger traffic. Our proposal to expand the departure clearance hall at the Lo Wu Control Point will be completed by phases. According to our initial plan, expansion of the concourse between the ticket turnstile and the departure hall will be completed in early 2004; followed by expansion of the departure hall and installation of additional counters in mid 2004. The rest of the works will be completed on or before February 2005. In addition, we have pursued a number of other improvement measures as follows:

- (4) To widen the passenger lanes, replace floor tiles, replace ceilings and install 72 jet fans on Lo Wu Footbridge
- (5) Short-term improvement works, a joint-venture with the Shenzhen Port Office, completed in February 2002 before the Lunar New Year.

- i. To install air-conditioning on Lo Wu Footbridge
- 、 Agreement in principle reached with the Shenzhen Port Office to install air-conditioning on the Lo Wu Footbridge.
 - 、 Experts from the two sides would continue to discuss design issues (e.g. relating to the building of independent structures to support curtain walls for enclosing the bridge) and work schedules.
- (3) To widen the existing passageway to the departure hall at the Lo Wu Terminal Building by relocating the Police Reporting Centre to a mezzanine deck to be built above the northern end of platform no. 3
- 、 Works are expected to start in the 3rd quarter of 2002 for completion in early 2004.
- (5) To replace 46 side-facing counters by 48 front-facing counters at the arrival hall at Lo Wu so as to provide 3 more metres of circulation space for each counter
- 、 Works will start in the 3rd quarter of 2002 to be completed by phases by early 2003.
- (6) We will provide 68 additional posts in 2002/03 to enhance passenger clearance at Control Points.

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Reply Serial No.

SB003

Question Serial No.

0502

Head: 151-Government Secretariat:
Security Bureau

Subhead(No. & title): 700 General other non-recurrent
(Item 008-Anti-drug Campaign to educate the public and youth on the harmful effect of psychotropic substance abuse)

Programme: (I) Internal Security

Controlling Officer: Secretary for Security

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question :

1. The balance for implementing anti-drug campaign under Item 008 amounts to over 50% of the approved commitment. Would the Government please account for the huge balance?

Asked by: LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

The Narcotics Division was allocated \$1.5 m in 2001-02 to implement an anti-drug campaign to educate the public and young people on the harmful effect of psychotropic substance abuse. It subsequently applied for and obtained an additional provision of \$2.3 m in 2001 for the continuation and enhancement of educational activities publicising the harmful effect of psychotropic substance abuse in 2002-03. Thus, the total provision for 2001-02 and 2002-03 is \$3.8 m.

The 2001-02 provision of \$1.5 m was spent in that year. The 2002-03 provision of \$2.3 m will be used for the continued implementation of the anti-drug campaign in the coming year.

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Reply Serial No.

SB004

Question Serial No.

0865

Head: 151-Government Secretariat: Security
Bureau

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: (1) Internal Security

Controlling Officer: Secretary for Security

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question :

Has the Government made provisions for conducting clinical researches on naltrexone as a substance for drug detoxification in 2002-03? If yes, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: SZETO Wah

Reply:

The Government has not made any provision in the 2002-03 Budget for conducting clinical trials to assess the effectiveness of naltrexone in relapse prevention for rehabilitated drug abusers. However, one of the applications for the Beat Drugs Fund in 2001-02 is related to a project on conducting a clinical trial to assess the effectiveness of naltrexone maintenance therapy for detoxified opiate drug abusers. The project proposes to recruit detoxified opiate drug abusers of substance abuse clinics, methadone clinics and non-government drug treatment agencies to receive naltrexone maintenance therapy with a view to assessing the efficiency of such therapy. The grant requested for this project is \$3,901,950.00. The result of the Beat Drugs Fund application exercise will be announced in April this year. If the application is approved, the clinical trial on naltrexone is expected to commence in mid-2002 and be completed in 2004.

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Reply Serial No.

SB005

Question Serial No.

1130

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

Programme: (1) Internal Security

Controlling Officer: Secretary for Security

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question :

- (a) Please give details on the staffing of the inter-departmental working group responsible for the review on matters relating to interception of communications and the resources it has spent so far.
- (b) When was the inter-departmental working group formed and when will it complete the review?

Asked by: TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

- (a) The inter-departmental Working Group on Interception of Communications is supported by existing staff of the Security Bureau who also undertake other responsibilities in the Bureau. The expenditure on the review was fully covered within the overall provision for the Security Bureau in the past years. We do not have a breakdown of the resources used for the review.
- (b) The inter-departmental Working Group was formed in late 1999. The review is expected to be completed by the end of 2002.

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

SB006

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

Question Serial

1162

Programme : 15101 Internal Security

Controlling Officer : Secretary for Security

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question :

In 2002-03, has the government reserved any resources for legislation against terrorism as well as legislative proposal under Article 23 of the Basic Law? If yes, please provide details of the legislative timetable and expenditure involved.

Asked by : HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply :

We have reserved resources under this Subhead for one Administrative Officer Staff Grade 'C' post and one Senior Administrative Officer post in 2002/03 for follow-up work in relation to the implementation of anti-terrorism measures mandated under United Nations Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 1373. Under the proposal, the officers will also be responsible for work on the implementation of the Law Reform Commission recommendations on the powers of arrest and to follow up the recommendations by the Inter-Departmental Working Group on Computer-Related Crimes. The salary of these two posts is about \$2.55 million for 2002/03. The preparatory work for introducing a bill to implement UNSCR 1373 to the Legislative Council in April 2002 is basically absorbed by the existing resources of the Security Bureau.

The study work in respect of Article 23 of the Basic Law is now absorbed by the existing resources of the Security Bureau and other relevant departments (e.g. the Department of Justice).

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Reply Serial No.

SB007

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

Question Serial

1163

Programme : 15101 Internal Security

Controlling Officer : Secretary for Security

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question :

Will the directorate post proposed in 2002-03 be responsible for the work under this programme? What are his actual responsibilities?

Asked by : HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply :

We have included under this Subhead resources for a proposed Administrative Officer Staff Grade 'C' post in 2002/03. The proposal is for this officer to be responsible for follow-up work in relation to the implementation of anti-terrorism measures mandated under United Nations Security Council Resolution 1373, work on the implementation of the Law Reform Commission recommendations on the powers of arrest, and to follow up the recommendations of the Inter-Departmental Working Group on Computer-Related Crimes.

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Name in block letters MRS REGINA IP

Post Title Secretary for Security

Date 21 March 2002

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WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

SB008

Question Serial No.

1164

Head: 151

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: (1) Internal Security

Controlling Officer: Secretary for Security

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question:

On the improvement of correctional services and assistance to facilitate offenders' rehabilitation, what are the Administration's actual measures to achieve this objective in 2002-03? Please provide details and the expenses involved.

Asked by: HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply:

In 2002-03, three new initiatives will be launched by the Correctional Services Department to enhance its rehabilitation and correctional services -

a) Implementation of the Rehabilitation Centres Programme

This new rehabilitation programme is to fill an existing service gap between institutional programmes and non-custodial programmes for young offenders. The programme comprising two phases will be operated starting 2002-03 with a new annual provision of \$4.48M under Head 30 -

- Phase I:
two to five months disciplinary training in a penal institution
- Phase II:
one to four months community-based re-integration programmes in a half-way house setting.

a) Enhancement of vocational training

Vocational training is provided to young offenders under 21 years of age to facilitate their smooth re-integration into the community after discharge. To complete the transformation of all vocational training courses to meet current demands of society and standards recognised by international vocational training authorities, a new annual

provision of \$2.23M has been earmarked under Head 30 for the enhancement of the final batch of eight courses (in such trades as decorative joinery, print production, desktop publishing and fashion & clothing design) to compatible City and Guilds / Pitman craft level in 2002-03.

b) Publicity campaign

In 2002-03, \$2.4 M has been earmarked under Head 30 for organising a publicity campaign entitled “We All Care (for rehabilitated offenders)”. Activities under planning include a TV docu-drama series, Announcements of Public Interest on the radio and television, a special radio programme, posters, community involvement activities and advertisements in public areas.

Signature _____

Name in block letters Mrs Regina IP

Post Title Secretary for Security

Date 20 March 2002

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Reply Serial No.

SB 009

Question Serial No.

1182

Head: 151 - Government Secretariat
 Security Bureau

Subhead(No. & title): 110 Honoraria for members of
 committees

Programme: (I) Internal Security
 (II) Immigration Control

Controlling Officer: Secretary for Security

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question :

Please state the expenditure, the number of cases handled and the average handling time for each case in 2000-01 and 2001-02 for the Immigration Tribunal, the Registration of Persons Tribunal, the Refugee Status Review Board, the Security and Guarding Services Industry Authority and the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Passports Appeal Board under Subhead 110 "Honoraria for members of committees".

Asked by: HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply:

The required statistics are set out below:

<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>2000-2001</u>	<u>2001-2002</u>
	HK\$	(Up to 28.2.2002) HK\$
Immigration Tribunal	1,061,460.00	839,580.00
Registration of Persons Tribunal	322,970.00	256,820.00
Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Passports Appeal Board	123,730.00	92,540.00
Refugee Status Review Board	93,665.00	19,242.03
Security and Guarding Services Industry Authority	141,665.00	168,440.00

Number of Cases Handled

	<u>2000-2001</u>	<u>2001-2002</u> (Up to 28.2.2002)
Immigration Tribunal	3,369	2,361
Registration of Persons Tribunal	47	28
Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Passports Appeal Board	37	74
Refugee Status Review Board	2	2* (* carried forward from 2000-2001)
Security and Guarding Services Industry Authority		
(a) Security Company Licences (No. of hearings on cases) (Note 1)	63	3
(b) Security Personnel Permits (No. of hearings on cases) (Note 1)	11	15
(c) No. of meetings (Note 2)	13	25

Average Handling Time

(Total number of hours spent by Members/
Adjudicators divided by total number of cases handled)

	<u>2000-2001</u>	<u>2001-2002</u> (Up to 28.2.2002)
Immigration Tribunal	0.57 hours	0.59 hours
Registration of Persons Tribunal	12.68 hours	15 hours
Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Passports Appeal Board	6.49 hours	1.62 hours
Refugee Status Review Board	84 hours	16 hours
Security and Guarding Services Industry Authority		
(a) Security Company Licences (average time of each hearing) (Note 1)	0.9 min.	1 hr. 38 min.
(b) Security Personnel Permits (average time of each hearing) (Note 1)	1 hr.	35 min.
(c) Average time of each meeting (Note 2)	1 hr. 56 min.	1 hr. 54 min.

Note :

- (1) Before the Security and Guarding Services (Amendment) Ordinance 2000 came into operation, the SGSIA had to hold hearings to determine all security company licence applications

(including uncontested, straightforward cases and usually in batches). After the amendment of the Ordinance in June 2000, only contested cases were heard. Honorarium is paid to SGSIA Members for the time they spent on scrutinizing applications for grant, revocation or suspension of security company licences / security personnel permits at hearings.

- (2) Honorarium is also paid to SGSIA Members for their regular meetings to monitor the enforcement of the Security and Guarding Services Ordinance, measures to promote the standard of the security industry and related matters.

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Post Title Secretary for Security

Date 3.2002

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Reply Serial No.

SB010

Question Serial No.

1308

Head: 151-Government Secretariat
Security Bureau

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: (1) Internal Security

Controlling Officer: Secretary for Security

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question : In scrutinizing the Drug Dependent Persons Treatment and Rehabilitation Centres (Licensing) Bill which was passed by this Council in 2000-01, Members mentioned existing drug addiction treatment centres that were not in compliance with the statutory standards and expressed concern about whether these agencies could continue to provide quality service. In this connection, will the Government inform this Council whether resources are set aside in the coming year for the bureau concerned to contact operators of existing drug treatment and rehabilitation centres and provide them with the utmost assistance in respect of enforcement and policy, including applications for certificates of exemption and funding applications for improvement works so that these centres can continue to operate according to the existing mode of operation and philosophy?

Asked by: Ip Kwok-him

Reply: To implement the licensing scheme under the Drug Dependent Persons Treatment and Rehabilitation Centres (Licensing) Ordinance, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has set up the Licensing Office of Drug Dependents Treatment Centres. The Office is staffed with one Social Work Officer, one Assistant Social Work Officer and one supporting staff, and is responsible for processing of drug treatment centres' licensing applications. It also provides guidance and advice to the centres on matters relating to such applications.

The Licensing Office, together with other related Government departments, had in the past few months organised sharing sessions for staff of the centres. Details of application procedure and types of financial assistance available were disseminated during these sessions.

The Narcotic Division has been in touch with the Hong Kong Jockey Club Charitable Trust, the Chinese Permanent Cemeteries Fund and other charitable organisations on possible need for financial assistance from the centres. It has also set up a special fund under the Beat Drugs Fund in January 2002 to assist those drug treatment centres which encounter difficulties in seeking support from other funds to carry out the upgrading work to comply with the licensing requirements under the Ordinance. The funding scheme will come into operation at the same time as the Ordinance, i.e., 1 April 2002. The Lotteries Fund administered by the SWD has also agreed to assist.

An inter-departmental working group with representatives from all the concerned government departments will soon be set up to further improve coordination. The working group will monitor licensing applications by the centres and provide the latter with the necessary guidance and assistance on such applications.

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Post Title _____ Secretary for Security

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WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION

Reply Serial No.

SB011

Question Serial No.

0066

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Programme: 12201 – Maintenance of Law and Order in the Community
12202 – Prevention and Detection of Crime
12203 – Reduction of Traffic Accidents
12204 - Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question :

The Police Force will delete 337 non-directorate posts in 2002-03. What is the number of posts to be deleted under the Enhanced Productivity Programme and the Voluntary Retirement Scheme in terms of the post ranking and the above four programmes? What is the resulting saving? Will fewer front-line police officers be deployed as a result? Will resources be re-deployed to ensure there are sufficient front-line police officers to maintain law and order?

Asked by: LEUNG Fu-wah

Reply:

There will be a net deletion of 337 non-directorate posts by the Police Force in 2002-03. The number of posts to be deleted under the Enhanced Productivity Programme is 377 while the number of posts to be deleted under the Voluntary Retirement Scheme is 10. And 50 posts will be created mainly to strengthen Police front-line operations capability. A breakdown of the posts deleted under the Enhanced Productivity Programme and the Voluntary Retirement Scheme and the resulting savings in terms of the post ranking and the above four programmes is attached.

The police officer posts deleted are mainly supporting ones, which means that front-line police officers are not reduced. The Police Force will re-deploy resources as and when required to ensure there are sufficient front-line police officers to maintain law and order.

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Annex

Rank	Enhanced Productivity Programme					Voluntary Retirement Scheme (Remarks)
	Programme (1) Maintenance of Law and Order in the Community	Programme (2) Prevention and Detection of Crime	Programme (3) Reduction of Traffic Accidents	Programme (4) Operations	Total	
Disciplined Staff :	(Post)	(Post)	(Post)	(Post)	(Post)	(Post)
Senior Superintendent	-2				-2	
Superintendent	-4	-2			-6	
Chief Inspector	-8	-5			-13	
Inspector/Senior Inspector	-37	-14	-4	-16	-71	
Station Sergeant	-9	-3		-6	-18	
Sergeant	2	-13	-14		-25	
Police Constable	-39	-68	-14	-43	-164	
Sub-total	-97	-105	-32	-65	-299	0
Civilian Staff:						
Armourer III	1				1	
Senior Clerical Officer/Clerical Officer/Assistant Clerical Officer/Office Assistant	-16	-1		-5	-22	
Senior Executive Officer/Executive Officer II	2				2	
Leisure Services Manager/Assistant Leisure Services Manager II	2	1			3	
Personal Secretary II/Senior Typist	-3				-3	-5
Supplies Assistant/Assistant Supplies Officer	14	1		15	30	
Foreman					0	-2
Assistant Lecturer				1	1	
Police Research Officer				1	1	
Assistant Police Research Officer		1			1	
Telecommunications Engineer/Assistant Telecommunications Engineer	1				1	
Assistant Police Telecommunications Inspector	1	1			2	
Computer Operator II/Student Computer Operator	1				1	
Assistant Force Welfare Officer	1	1		1	3	
Police Communications Officer	17			4	21	
Police Translator I/Police Translator II	-27	-13		-1	-41	
Senior Traffic Warden/Traffic Warden			-14		-14	
Artisan/Cook/Radio Mechanic/Workman II	-10	-3	-19	-33	-65	-3
Sub-total	-16	-12	-33	-17	-78	-10

Total	-113	-117	-65	-82	-377	-10
Savings(\$m)	48.14	36.36	14.93	21.74	121.17	1.80

Remarks : The 10 posts deleted under the Voluntary Retirement Scheme fall under Programme (1)

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Reply Serial No.

SB012

Question Serial No.

0090

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force Subhead(No. & title): 103 - Rewards and special services

Programme: 12204 - Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question :

Under this subhead in 2000-01, 2001-02 and 2002-03, what are the actual and estimated numbers of payments and expenditure made in respect of rewards and special services? What are rewards and special services fees used for?

Asked by: TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

The Rewards and Special Services Subhead 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 subhead 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.

The number of payments in respect of rewards in 2000-01 was 1 127. The number of such payments in 2001-02 is estimated to be in the region of 1 200. It is not possible to estimate the number of payments in respect of rewards in 2002-03 at the moment.

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Reply Serial No.

SB013

Question Serial No.

0091

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force Subhead(No. & title): 103 - Rewards and special services

Programme: 12204 – Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question :

- (a) What are the actual or estimated number of people receiving rewards and the number of people receiving special services fees under this subhead in 2000-01 and 2001-02?
- (b) What are the offences involved in respect of the actual number of payments made under this subhead in 2000-01 and 2001-02?
- (c) What are the actual number of people receiving reward offers, the expenditure and the number of cases involved under this subhead in 2000-01 and 2001-02? What is the one-off, highest reward offer made in each year?

Asked by: TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

Expenses paid under the Subhead of Rewards and Special Services involved police operations of confidential nature, including the investigation of serious crimes, narcotics offences and security matters. Disclosing such expenses will reveal detailed operational arrangements of the Police Force and its capabilities to the criminals, who may be able to elude justice, thus jeopardizing public interests.

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Reply Serial No.

SB014

Question Serial No.

0092

Head: 122 – Hong Kong Police Force Subhead(No. & title): 103 – Rewards and special services

Programme: 12204 – Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question :

- (a) Please provide a breakdown of expenditure of this subhead by department or unit of the Police Force.
- (b) What is the percentage for the expenditure of this subhead for Technical Services Division (TSD)?

Asked by: TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

- (c) The expenditure of the relevant item is reviewed by the Audit Commission annually. The disclosure of the expenditure details will have an adverse impact on the confidential operations of the Police Force. Such action is not appropriate and not in the interests of the public.
- (d) The expenditure for TSD has been included in the vote under subhead 103. TSD is not given any special vote and only has allocation of funds to settle the relevant expenditure when necessary.

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Reply Serial No.

SB015

Question Serial No.

0093

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force Subhead(No. & title): 103 – Rewards and special services

Programme: 12204 - Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question :

Please list the ranks of those empowered to conduct and actually conducted surprise inspections for this subhead in 2000-01 and 2001-02 and state the number of such inspections. How many irregular cases have been detected during such inspections?

Asked by: TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

Surprise inspections of the Rewards and Special Services Fund sub-impressts carried out by Inspecting Officers in 2000-01 and 2001-02 are summarized below :-

	No. of Inspections	
	Inspecting Officer	
	<u>2000-01</u>	
	<u>2001-02</u>	
	(to date)	
Commissioner of Police		8 8
Deputy Commissioner of Police (Operations)		10 10
Deputy Commissioner of Police (Management)		3 3
Director of Crime & Security		20 14
Assistant Commissioner of Police (Crime)		21

	14
Assistant Commissioner of Police (Security)	3
	2
Regional Commander (Hong Kong Island)	17
	11
Regional Commander (Kowloon East)	15
	14
Regional Commander (Kowloon West)	18
	17
Regional Commander (New Territories North)	15
	15
Regional Commander (New Territories South)	15
	14
Regional Commander (Marine)	6
	6
Senior Executive Officer (Internal Audit)	30
	31

No irregular cases have been detected during the inspections.

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Reply Serial No.

SB016

Question Serial No.

0094

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Programme: 12204 - Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question :

Please give an account of the manpower and equipment required in 2002-03 for the installation of permanent closed circuit televisions at public places. What is the estimated funding?

Asked by: TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

The Force is now considering the implementation of a 6-month pilot scheme in the 3rd quarter of 2003 to install around nine closed circuit television cameras in Lan Kwai Fong and its vicinity in Central District. The Scheme aims at assisting the Force in the maintenance of public order and security management. The infrastructure cost for this project is initially estimated to be \$2.9m with annual recurrent expenditure of about \$0.59m. As the closed circuit television systems will have a direct feed to the Central Police Station and the Hong Kong Island Command and Control Centre under the control of the duty officers, no additional manpower is required. During the trial period, the duty officers will directly monitor the system only when operational needs arise, otherwise, reference will be made to the tapes recorded as and when required.

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SB017

Question Serial No.

0095

Head: 122 – Hong Kong Police Force

Programme: 12204 – Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question:

Please provide figures for 2000-01, 2001-02 and 2002-03 on

- (a) the numbers of officers from operations formations responsible for intercepting communications for the purpose of gathering information;
- (b) the actual expenditure and the estimated expenditure for intercepting communications to gather information by operations formations; and
- (c) the number of messages intercepted and estimated to be intercepted by operations formations to gather information.

Asked by: TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

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

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Reply Serial No.

SB018

Question Serial No.

0096

Head: 122 – Hong Kong Police Force

Programme: 12204 – Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question:

Please give a breakdown of the establishment of officers in Security Wing by rank, and state the total provision for 2001-02. Has the Government any plans to increase manpower and other resources of the Security Wing in 2002-03? If yes, what are the estimated figures for the establishment and the total provision?

Asked by: TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

In 2001-02, Security Wing has an establishment of 411 officers. A breakdown by rank is shown in the table attached. The total provision for Security Wing is \$127.69 m for the year.

Presently, the Government has no specific plan to increase the manpower and resources of the Security Wing in 2002-03.

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Rank	No. of Post
Disciplined Staff	
	2001-02
	(as at 1.3.2002)
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
Sub-total	323

Civilian Staff

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
Sub-total	88

TOTAL

411

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Reply Serial No.

SB019

Question Serial No.

0097

Head: 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 state the number of cases handled by the Complaints Against Police Office (CAPO) in 2001-02 and the estimated figures for its establishment and expenditure for 2002-03.

Asked by: TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

The number of cases handled by the Complaints Against Police Office (CAPO) in 2001-02 was 3 246.

The establishment of CAPO for 2002-03 is as follows :-

Rank

Establishment

Senior Superintendent	1
Superintendent	4
Chief Inspector	14
Senior Inspector	23
Station Sergeant	10
Sergeant	65
Police Constable	5
Senior Police Translator	2
Police Translator I	

	8
Assistant Clerical Officer	4
Clerical Assistant	14
Personal Secretary II	4
Senior Typist	3
Typist	10
Workman II	3
	170

The estimated expenditure for the Complaints Against Police Office for 2002-03 is \$60.394m.

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Reply Serial No.

SB020

Question Serial No.

0098

Head: 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) Please state the current population of each Police district and the Police Force establishment and strength by Police district. Also, please state the proposed establishment for 2002-03, in particular a breakdown of uniformed police officers and crime officers.
- (b) What are the savings on manpower and other resources that the amalgamation of front-line operations, a pilot scheme to be implemented in 2002-03, is expected to achieve? And what is the possible impact on beat coverage? How long will the pilot scheme last and when will it be reviewed?

Asked by: TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

- (a) The figures for the estimated population of each Police District and the Police Force establishment and strength by Police District for 2002, and the projected establishment for 2002-03 with a breakdown of uniformed police officers and crime officers are attached.
- (b) In 2002-03, the Police Force will implement two schemes on amalgamation of Police Districts. Details are as follows :-

Eastern Police District Amalgamation Project

Under the Eastern Police District Amalgamation Project, North Point, Shau Kei Wan and Chai Wan Divisions will be amalgamated into two divisions. After the amalgamation, front-line police officer posts will increase by 19 while disciplined staff posts and civilian staff posts will reduce by 20 and 17 respectively. The Police can save nearly \$8 m a year in salaries and emolument and the Shau Kei Wan Police Station site can be released for use by Traffic Hong Kong Island. A reporting centre at the site will continue to serve the public.

After the amalgamation, beat coverage in the District will be enhanced significantly, with the number of patrolling beats raised from 38 to 43. This will boost the sub-units in terms of manpower and supervision, thereby strengthening Police front-line operations capability and allowing more flexibility in staff deployment.

A pilot scheme on amalgamation of Eastern Police District, which began in September 2001 and completed in December the same year, has been reviewed and was found to be satisfactory. The amalgamation will start in 2002-03.

Sha Tin Police District Amalgamation Project

Under the Sha Tin Police District Amalgamation Project, Siu Lek Yuen, Sha Tin, Tin Sum and Ma On Shan Divisions will be re-demarcated and amalgamated into three divisions. After the amalgamation, front-line police officer posts will increase by 7 while disciplined staff posts and civilian staff posts will decrease by 12 and 7 respectively. This can save the Police Force more than \$6 m a year in salaries and emolument and the Siu Lek Yuen Police Station site can be released for use by other operational units. A reporting centre at the site will continue to serve the public.

In addition, the number of patrolling beats in Sha Tin Police District will increase from 74 to 76, enhancing beat coverage to meet the development of the District.

A pilot scheme on amalgamation of Sha Tin Police District, which began in December 2001 and completed in February 2002, has been reviewed and was found to be satisfactory. The amalgamation will start in 2002-03.

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Establishment and Strength of Disciplined Staff By District

Region/District	2002 Estimated Population	Current Situation (1.3.2002)				Projected Establishment	
		Establishment		Strength		2002-03	
		Uniform Branch	Crime	Uniform Branch	Crime	Uniform Branch	Crime
Hong Kong Island Region							
Central District	104 149	649	98	657	101	649	98
<i>Eastern District</i>	615 593	608	145	602	141	610	137
<i>Wanchai District</i>	163 721	510	119	531	132	506	119
<i>Western District</i>	422 537	605	113	625	112	602	113
<i>Hong Kong Island Regional HQs</i>	-	914	224	964	227	911	224
Sub-Total:	1 306 000	3 286	699	3 379	713	3 278	691
Kowloon East Region							
Kwun Tong District	593 837	504	129	500	135	532	136
<i>Mass Transit Railway District</i>	-	288	-	288	-	304	-
<i>Sau Mau Ping District</i>	329 709	482	147	476	146	480	147
<i>Wong Tai Sin District</i>	519 799	698	145	694	144	689	145
<i>Kowloon East Regional HQs</i>	-	750	169	859	160	756	169
Sub-Total:	1 443 345	2 722	590	2 817	585	2 761	597
Kowloon West Region							
Kowloon City District	368 281	676	143	682	144	672	143
<i>Mongkok District</i>	170 146	443	158	461	155	448	158
<i>Shamshuipo District</i>	391 236	700	188	706	191	697	188
<i>Yau Tsim District</i>	125 869	727	211	761	207	739	211
<i>Kowloon West Regional HQs</i>	-	1 049	307	1 119	327	1 067	307
Sub-Total:	1 055 532	3 595	1 007	3 729	1 024	3 623	1 007
New Territories North Region							
Border District	35 140	1 098	46	997	46	1 086	46
<i>Tai Po District</i>	571 960	508	148	552	151	546	148
<i>Tuen Mun District</i>	542 200	553	148	507	144	545	148
<i>Yuen Long District</i>	504 300	571	173	585	170	593	173
<i>New Territories North Regional HQs</i>	-	1 038	208	1 113	209	1 106	208
Sub-Total:	1 653 600	3 768	723	3 754	720	3 876	723
New Territories South Region							
Airport District	-	345	32	332	31	345	32
<i>Kwai Tsing District</i>	405 448	503	110	533	112	507	110
<i>Lantau District</i>	84 500	249	44	270	44	249	44
<i>Sha Tin District</i>	657 777	706	162	743	161	734	134
<i>Tsuen Wan District</i>	363 028	611	159	655	158	608	157
<i>New Territories South Regional HQs</i>	-	849	204	938	204	845	207
Sub-Total:	1 510 753	3 263	711	3 471	710	3 288	684
Marine Region	36 570	2 500	81	2 359	79	2 463	81
Other Formations	-	3 549	1 573	2 445	1 595	3 608	1 595
Leave Reserve under PHQ	-	41	88	313	-	41	88
Training Reserve in PTS	-	472	-	269	-	233	-
Sub-total (Other Formations & Reserves)	-	4 062	1 661	3 027	1 595	3 882	1 683
Total	7 005 800	28 668	10 000	27 962	10 000	28 637	10 000

Notes:

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

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SB021

Question Serial No.

0099

Head: 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) How many identity card checks and searches were conducted by the Police on members of the public in 2001? How do they compare with those of 2000 and 1999?
- (b) Why was there more raids in 2001 than 2000? Please list by type of crimes the number of raids conducted and the percentage of change compared with that of the previous year.

Asked by: TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

- (a) The records of identity card checks and searches conducted on members of the public are stored in the Enhanced Police Operational Nominal Index Computer System (EPONICS). The system does not have separate records of the above. In 2001, 2 072 711 identity card checks and searches were conducted on members of the public, representing a decrease of 21.21% and 5.63% respectively when compared with those of 2000 (2 630 600) and 1999 (2 196 290).
- (b) The number of raids refers to the number of operations against target premises relating to dangerous drugs, illegal gambling and vice activities.

The year under review has seen enhanced cooperation with the enforcement authorities in the Mainland and overseas. The Force have also joined forces with other local enforcement departments in intelligence collection as well as dangerous drugs, illegal gambling and vice raids. These operations were very effective. The combination of these factors has resulted in the increase in police raids on target premises.

As we do not keep separate records of the breakdown of the number of raids by category of crimes, we are unable to give the details.

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Reply Serial No.

SB022

Question Serial No.

0100

Head: 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 establishment of Technical Services Division by rank and the total provision for 2002-03?
Please give the details of the technical services provided by the Technical Services Division in 2001-02.

Asked by: TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

A breakdown of the establishment of Technical Services Division by rank for 2002-03 is as follows:

Rank

Establishment

Disciplined Staff

2002-03

Chief Superintendent

1

Senior Superintendent

1

Superintendent

5

Chief Inspector	8
Inspector/Senior Inspector	15
Station Sergeant	16
Sergeant	18
Police Constable	<u>30</u>
Sub-total	94

Rank

Establishment

Civilian Staff

2002-03

Confidential Assistant	9
Police Communications Officer	2
Assistant Clerical Officer	1
Personal Secretary I	1

Personal Secretary II	2
Clerical Assistant	1
Technical Officer	1
Workman II	1
Sub-total	18
Total	112

The total provision for Technical Services Division for 2002-03 excluding Rewards and Special Services is \$40.95 m.

The main role of Technical Services Division is to assist other formations in investigating crimes and gathering evidence by providing them with technical services. Disclosure of details of the technical services provided by the Division is not in the interest of the public as it will reveal the Police Force's law enforcement capabilities to the criminals, who may be able to elude justice.

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Reply Serial No.

SB023

Question Serial No.

0101

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Programme: 12202 - Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question :

- (a) What is the amount of resources allocated for procuring equipment and providing manpower resources to collect and test DNA samples in 2002-03? What is the number of samples expected to be collected in 2002-03?
- (b) How many samples have been collected?

Asked by: TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

- (a) The Hong Kong Police Force has deployed 57 police constables to collect DNA samples from suspects and latent DNA evidence at the crime scenes. In 2002-03, the strength will be maintained and \$670,000 will be reserved for the procurement of equipment and the tools for collecting DNA samples. It is estimated that in 2002-03 the Police will collect about 1 600 samples from suspects, convicted persons and people who give samples of their own accord under the Police Force Ordinance, and about 6 800 samples at the crime scenes.
- (b) From the enactment of the Dangerous Drugs, Independent Commission Against Corruption and Police Force (Amendment) Ordinance 2000 (i.e. 1 July 2001) to 28 February 2002, the Police collected 1 159 samples from suspects, convicted persons and people who give samples of their own accord under the Ordinance, and about 1 470 samples at the crime scenes.

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Reply Serial No.

SB024

Question Serial No.

0102

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Programme: 12202 - Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question :

Please state the number of operations carried out by the Organized Crime and Triad Bureau in 2001, the numbers of persons arrested and the number of cases of successful prosecution.

Asked by: TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

The figures in respect of the Organized Crime and Triad Bureau are as follows :-

2001

(a) Number of operations conducted

501

(b) Number of persons arrested

554

(c) Number of cases of successful prosecution

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Reply Serial No.

SB025

Question Serial No.

0103

Head: 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 following in 2001-02 and 2002-03:

- (a) the establishment, strength, expenditure and estimated expenditure of the Criminal Intelligence Bureau; and
- (b) the establishment, strength, expenditure and estimated expenditure of the Technology Crime Division and the Technology Crime Initial Response Cadre?

Asked by: TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

(a) The establishment and strength of the Criminal Intelligence Bureau in 2001-02 are as follows :-

(b) The establishment and strength of the Criminal Intelligence Bureau in 2001-02 are as follows :-

Disciplined Staff

Establishment

Strength

Chief Superintendent

1

1

Senior Superintendent

1

1

Superintendent

5

5

Chief Inspector	15
	15
Inspector / Senior Inspector	31
	30
Station Sergeant	21
	20
Sergeant	66
	66
Police Constable	<u>163</u>
	<u>162</u>
Sub-Total:	<u>303</u>
	<u>300</u>

Civilian Staff

**Establishment
Strength**

Executive Officer I	1
	1
Chinese Language Officer II	1

	1
Clerical Officer	
	1
	1
Assistant Clerical Officer	
	3
	3
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	
	<u>23</u>
	<u>22</u>
Sub-total:	
	<u>44</u>
	<u>42</u>

**Total:
(Disciplined + Civilian Staff)**

347

342

There is no change in the establishment in the Criminal Intelligence Bureau in 2002-03.

(c) In 2001-02, the estimated expenditure of the Criminal Intelligence Bureau under departmental expenditure under subhead 000 was \$101,753,738. The actual expenditure was \$101,710,867.

There is no change in the establishment in the Crime Intelligence Bureau in 2002-03.

(a) The establishment and strength of the Technology Crime Division are as follows -

Disciplined Staff

Establishment

Strength

Senior Superintendent

1

1

Superintendent

1

1

Chief Inspector

3

3

Senior Inspector

9

9

Station Sergeant

1

1

Sergeant

9

8

Police Constable

16

		16
Sub-total :		<u>40</u>
		<u>39</u>
Civilian Staff		
	Establishment	
	Strength	
Assistant Clerical Officer		1
		1
Personal Secretary II		<u>1</u>
		<u>1</u>
Sub-total :		<u>2</u>
		<u>2</u>
Total:		
(Disciplined + Civilian Staff)		<u>42</u>
		<u>41</u>

There is no change in the establishment and strength of the Technology Crime Division in 2002-03. However adjustment will be made according to crime trend and service requirements.

In 2001-02, there were 73 staff members in the Technology Crime Initial Response Cadre. Since they were attached to frontline formations and deployed to assist the initial handling of computer evidence when demanded, no additional resources was required. The Police intend to train another 50 front-line officers in 2002-03 to enhance the capability in computer crime investigation.

Since the estimated expenditure of the Technology Crime Division has been included in the estimated expenditure of the Commercial Crime Bureau, no specific breakdown in this area is available.

There is no change in the estimated expenditure in the Commercial Crime Bureau in 2002-03.

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Reply Serial No.

SB026

Question Serial No.

0104

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Programme: 12204 - Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question :

- (a) Please state the numbers and types of exercises conducted for major incidents, disasters or counter-terrorist activities in 2001-02 and the formations and departments participating in these exercises and the costs involved.
- (b) Please state the numbers and types of exercises expected to be conducted for major incidents, disasters or counter-terrorist activities in 2002-03 and the formations and departments participating in these exercises and the estimated expenditure.

Asked by: TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

- (a) A total of 12 exercises were conducted for major incidents, disasters or counter-terrorist activities in 2001-02 with an expenditure of \$420,000. The details are as follows:

Date
Type
**Police Formations/
Government Departments involved**

- (a)
7 June 2001
Disaster
(Airplane crash)
- (b) Airport District
- (c) Fire Services Department
- (d) Hospital Authority
- (e) Hong Kong Airport Authority
- (f) Civil Aviation Department

- (g)
10&11 September 2001
Counter Terrorism

- (h) All Police Counter Terrorist Units
- (i) Civil Aviation Department
- (j) Hong Kong Airport Authority

(k)

12 October 2001

Sea Search & Rescue

- (l) Police Marine Region
- (m) Marine Department
- (n) Fire Services Department
- (o) Government Flying Service

(p)

17&18 October 2001

Major Incident

(Oil spill at sea)

- (q) Police Marine Region
- (r) Marine Department
- (s) Fire Services Department

(t)

18 October 2001

Disaster (Hillfire)

- (u) All relevant Police Formations
- (v) Fire Services Department
- (w) Hospital Authority
- (x) Government Flying Service
- (y) Social Welfare Department
- (z) Home Affairs Department

(aa)

14 November 2001

Disaster

(Train Incident)

- (bb) All relevant Police Formations
- (cc) Fire Services Department
- (dd) Hospital Authority

(ee)

30 November 2001

Major Incident (Passenger Terminal for Oceanliners Emergency)

- (ff) Police Marine Region
- (gg) Yau Tsim Police District
- (hh) Marine Department
- (ii) Fire Services Department
- (jj) Immigration Department
- (kk) Customs & Excise Department

(ll)

5 December 2001

Major Incident

(Dangerous Goods Store Accident)

- (mm) Police Marine Region
- (nn) Police New Territories South Region
- (oo) Fire Services Department

(pp)

11 December 2001

Major Incident (Passenger Terminal for Oceanliners Emergency)

(qq) Police Marine Region

(rr) Police Kowloon West Region

(ss) Marine Department

(tt) Fire Services Department

(uu) Immigration Department

(vv)

25 January 2002

Major Incident

(Airplane Emergency)

(ww) Police Airport District

(xx) Fire Services Department

(yy) Hospital Authority

(zz) Civil Aviation Department

(aaa)

25 February 2002

Major Incident

(Handling Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Agent)

(bbb) Police Explosive Ordnance Disposal Unit

(ccc) Fire Services Department

(ddd)

19 March 2002

Major Incident

(Handling Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Agent)

(eee) Police Explosive Ordnance Disposal Unit & Emergency Unit

(fff) Fire Services Department

(ggg) The following exercises for major incidents, disasters or counter-terrorist activities are expected to be conducted in 2002-03 with an estimated expenditure of \$420,000:

Type
No. of Times
Police Formations/

Government Departments involved

Counter Terrorism

2

- (hhh) All Police Counter Terrorist Units
- (iii) Civil Aviation Department
- (jjj) Hong Kong Airport Authority

Major Incident

5

- (kkk) All relevant Police Formations
- (lll) Transport Department
- (mmm) Information Services Department
- (nnn) Highways Department
- (ooo) Hospital Authority
- (ppp) Department of Health
- (qqq) Fire Services Department
- (rrr) Marine Department
- (sss) Immigration Department
- (ttt) Customs & Excise Department

Disaster

2

- (uuu) All relevant Police Formations
- (vvv) Hong Kong Airport Authority
- (www) Civil Aviation Department
- (xxx) Hospital Authority
- (yyy) Fire Services Department
- (zzz) Government Flying Service
- (aaaa) Social Welfare Department
- (bbbb) Home Affairs Department

Search & Rescue

2

- (cccc) All relevant Police Formations
- (dddd) Civil Aviation Department
- (eeee) Marine Department
- (ffff) Fire Services Department
- (gggg) Government Flying Service

Total:

11

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Reply Serial No.

SB027

Question Serial No.

0105

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Programme: 12202 – Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question :

- (a) In 2001-02, what measures were taken to prevent and combat dangerous drugs-related crimes? What was the expenditure incurred?
- (b) In 2002-03, what measures will be taken to prevent and combat dangerous drugs-related crimes? What is the financial commitment involved?

Asked by: TO Kun-sun, James

Reply :

- (a) Specifically, the Police have:-
- 、 augmented enforcement at border control points to interdict the importation of drugs;
 - 、 strengthened the existing intelligence gathering network with a view to acquiring more useful intelligence to target at suspected personalities and syndicates;
 - 、 mounted and conducted territory-wide operations against venues and black spots where narcotic drugs were trafficked and psychotropic substances were abused;
 - 、 enhanced cooperation with the Mainland and neighbouring countries to facilitate intelligence exchange with a view to further improving the Police's ability in combating transnational drug syndicates. During the period several cross-border operations were mounted in cooperation with drug enforcement agencies outside Hong Kong; and
 - 、 continued to roll out programmes coordinated by the Narcotics Bureau to disseminate anti-drug messages in primary and secondary schools by School Liaison Officers.

The Police are committed to combating drugs problems in the Territory at Headquarters, Regional and District levels through a multi-agency approach. No breakdown is available in respect of expenditure in this area as the above is only part of the work in preventing and

combating drugs.

- (b) The abuse of drugs, especially of psychotropic substances by young persons, will remain one of the Police's enforcement priorities this year. The Police will continue to step up its efforts in the areas of enforcement, research, prevention, education, legislation enactment and international liaison to combat drug problems.

Specifically, while maintaining a high profile in its anti-drug campaign, the Police will also :-

- 、 embark on a publicity campaign designed to publicize channels for reporting drug trafficking; and
- 、 enhance cooperation with overseas drug enforcement agencies.

No breakdown is available in respect of expenditure in this area as the above is only part of the work in preventing and combating drugs.

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Reply Serial No.

SB028

Question Serial No.

0106

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police

Programme: 12202 - Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question :

- (a) Please list the number of juveniles arrested for crimes in 2001 by the type of crimes.
- (b) What measures and resources are available in 2002-03 to combat juvenile crimes?

Asked by: TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

- (a) Please see the attached.
- (b) Combating and preventing juvenile crimes especially crimes relating to psychotropic drug abuse is one of the Police's enforcement priorities this year. The Force as a whole is committed to combating and preventing juvenile crimes at Headquarters, Regional and District levels in line with the strategies and policies by other relevant government departments (such as the Narcotics Division under Security Bureau, Social Welfare Department and Education Department) and coordinating committees at various levels.

To tackle the problem of drug abuse amongst youngsters, the Police will step up law enforcement in black spots selling psychotropic drugs such as rave parties and discos through more raids and search operations. The Police will also step up measures to curb the supply and marketing of psychotropic drugs. In addition, the Police will follow up on the policies and suggestions of the Task Force on Psychotropic Substance Abuse under the Action Committee Against Narcotics in terms of legislation and enforcement, preventive education and publicity, treatment and rehabilitation, coordination and research.

Since these services fall under the Programme of Prevention and Detection of Crime, 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 approach to work with other government departments and youth service organizations to prevent and combat juvenile crimes through various crime prevention, law-enforcement and corrective programmes at Headquarters, Regional and District levels.

In 2002-03, the Police will continue to work in this area by building upon the infrastructure of 41 juvenile initiatives launched at the Headquarters, Regions and Districts such as the Smart Teen Challenge Camp and Operation Polar Star.

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Annex

The Numbers of juveniles (aged 7 – 15) arrested for crime in 2001 by type of crimes are as follows :-

Type of Crimes	Persons Arrested	Type of Crimes	Persons Arrested
VIOLENT CRIMES AGAINST PERSON		SERIOUS NARCOTICS OFFENCES	
1 Rape	2	36 Manufacturing of Dangerous Drugs	1
2 Indecent Assault	85	37 Trafficking in Dangerous Drugs	36
3 Murder & Manslaughter	2	38 Possession of Dangerous Drugs	39
4 Attempted Murder	0	39 Other Serious Narcotics Offences	0
5 Wounding	109	OFFENCES AGAINST LAWFUL AUTHORITY	
6 Serious Assault	626	40 Mislead/Give False Information To Police	25
7 Assault on Police	3	41 Perjury	1
8 Kidnapping & Child Stealing	0	42 Resisting Arrest	2
9 Cruelty to Child	0	43 Escape and Rescue	4
10 Criminal Intimidation	34	44 Other Offences against Lawful Authority	1
VIOLENT CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY		SERIOUS IMMIGRATION OFFENCES	
11 Robbery with Firearms/Arms	0	45 Aiding And Abetting of Illegal Immigrants	0
12 Robbery with Pistol Like Object	0	46 Using ID Card Relating to Another	26
13 Other Robberies	582	47 Other Serious Immigration Offences	3
14 Aggravated Burglary	1	MISCELLANEOUS CRIMES	
15 Blackmail	106	48 Criminal Damage	220
16 Arson	25	49 Other Offences Against Person	5
TOTAL FOR VIOLENT CRIMES (1 – 16)	1 575	50 Disorder/Fighting in Public Place	100
BURGLARY, THEFT & HANDLING STOLEN GOODS		51 Offences Against Public Order	114
17 Burglary with Breaking	84	52 Unlawful Society Offences	199
18 Burglary without Breaking	80	53 Money Lending	0
19 Theft (Snatching)	57	54 Serious Gambling Offence	1
20 Theft (Pickpocketing)	23	55 Conspiracy	8
21 Theft (Shop Theft)	1 770	56 Object Dropped from Height	14
22 Theft from Vehicle	57	57 Other Crime	13
23 Taking Conveyance without Authority	7	TOTAL FOR OTHER CRIMES (17 – 57)	4 179
24 Abstracting of Electricity	0		

25 Theft from Construction Site	8	PREVENTIVE CRIMES	
26 Other Miscellaneous Thefts	1 157	58 Possession of Arms and Ammunition	1
27 Handling Stolen Goods	38	59 Possession of Offensive Weapon	72
		60 Going Equipped for Stealing	55
FRAUD & FORGERY		61 Possession of Unlawful Instrument	2
28 Deception	23	62 Tampering with Vehicle	3
29 Business Fraud	0	63 Unlawful Pawning Offence	0
30 Forgery and Coinage	10	64 Loitering	16
		TOTAL FOR PREVENTIVE CRIMES	149
		(58 – 64)	
SEXUAL OFFENCES			
31 Unlawful Sexual Intercourse	45		
32 Keeping Vice Establishments	0		
33 Procuration, Abduction of Female	0		
34 Unnatural Offences	0		
35 Other Offences against Public Morality	8		
TOTAL FOR ALL CRIMES	5 903		

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Reply Serial No.

SB029

Question Serial No.

0107

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police

Programme: 12202 - Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question :

How many sergeant rank officers are now deployed for secondary school liaison in various police districts and how many secondary schools do they cover? How many sergeant rank officers are now deployed for primary school liaison and how many primary schools do they cover?

Asked by: TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

The Force launched the Secondary School Liaison Officers Programme in August 2001 with 33 sergeant posts created as School Liaison Officers to enhance communication with secondary schools. Their duties are :-

- (a) to disseminate crime prevention message to the students through conducting seminars on the importance of positive values and community spirit and through leading group discussions on the seriousness of committing crime;
- (b) to act as role model for secondary school students so as to help them develop positive values and realize the importance of maintaining discipline; and
- (c) to work actively in partnership with schools, social workers and parents to help and support students at risk to stay away from crime.

In addition, a total of 25 Sergeants are deployed in various police districts as School Liaison Officers who serve primary schools as well as other educational institutions such as tertiary institutions. Their service cover 517 secondary schools and 829 primary schools. Please see the attached for the deployment of School Liaison Officers and Secondary School Officers in various police districts.

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Deployment of School Liaison Officers and Secondary School Liaison Officers

Formation	No. of School Liaison Officers (Note)	No. of Secondary School Liaison Officers
Eastern	1	2
Central	1	1
Wan Chai	1	2
Western	2	2
Wong Tai Sin	1	2
Sau Mau Ping	1	1
Kwun Tong	1	2
Sham Shui Po	2	2
Kowloon City	2	3
Yau Tsim	1	1
Mong Kok	1	1
Tuen Mun	2	2
Yuen Long	2	2
Tai Po	2	3
Border	1	0
Sha Tin	2	3
Kwai Tsing	1	2
Tsuen Wan	1	2
Total	25	33

(Note: A School Liaison Officer is responsible for liaison with all educational institutions other than secondary schools in the district.)

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Reply Serial No.

SB030

Question Serial No.

0108

Head: 122- Hong Kong Police Force

Programme: 12202 - Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question :

- (a) What were the results for the review of video interview? How many sets of equipment are there at present? Will there be any supplementary provision of funding in this area in 2002-03?
- (b) What were the results for the review of One-way Viewer Identification Parade Suites? How many sets of equipment are there at present? Will there be any supplementary provision of funding in this area in 2002-03?

Asked by: TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

- (a) By the end of 2001, the review on video interview has been completed by the Police Force. In brief, the video interview system is operating satisfactorily and its use enhances the transparency of the interview process between the Police and the arrested persons. Moreover, Police officers are also satisfied with the equipment and operational arrangement.

There are 69 Video Interview Rooms (VIRs) in the Police Force. All Regional Headquarters, District Police stations, major Divisional Police stations and Headquarters crime units are equipped with the facilities for video interview. The 70th VIR at Cheung Chau Police Station will come into operation in mid-2002.

Video interview is mainly used for cases for trial at the District Courts or the Courts of First Instance. The Police will in future exercise discretion to extend the use of video interview for Magistrate Court cases utilizing existing resources and equipment.

In the financial year of 2002-2003, the Police Force will not allocate additional funds to set up new VIR.

- (b) At present, the Police Force have 15 One-way Viewer Identification Parade Suites with standard equipment. Another 7 suites are under construction and expected to be completed in April or May this year. After the completion of the works, the Police Force will have 22 suites in different Police stations for use by witnesses.

A review will be conducted to evaluate the effectiveness of such facility after all of the 22 suites have been completed.

In the financial year of 2002-2003, the Police Force will not allocate additional funds to set up new

identification parade suites.

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Reply Serial No.

SB031

Question Serial No.

0172

Head: 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) In 2001, the Police commissioned consultants to conduct one staff opinion survey and one public opinion survey. What was the expenditure incurred? What were the findings of the surveys?
- (b) In respect of the three surveys to be conducted in 2002-03, namely the staff opinion survey, customer satisfaction survey and management survey, what are their objectives? What is the expected financial commitment?

Asked by: LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply:

- (a) In 2001, the Police commissioned the University of Hong Kong to conduct staff and public opinion surveys. The expenditure thus incurred was as follows :-

Staff Opinion Survey
\$398,000

Public Opinion Survey
\$400,000

The Staff Opinion Survey 2001 found that the Police Force have improved significantly in various areas: 76% of the respondents were satisfied with the Force's overall performance, an increase of 12% compared with the figure in 2000; 61% of the staff agreed that the Force performed well in demonstrating the Force's values, up 7% compared with that in 2000; 34% of the staff were satisfied with the communication in the Force, a rise of 10% compared with that in 2000; and 42% of the staff were satisfied with the frequency of internal transfer, representing a 18% jump compared with that in 2000.

The Public Opinion Survey 2001 found that 73% of the members of the public maintained high confidence in the Force, same as 1999's result; 64% of the members of the public were satisfied with the Force's overall performance, an increase of 4% compared with that in 1999; 84% of the members of the public felt safe under the state of law and order during daytime, a rise of 6% compared with that in 1999; 50% felt safe under the state of law and order at night time, up 13% compared with that in 1999.

- (b) The estimated expenditure for each of the three surveys to be conducted in 2002-03 is around \$400,000. The Staff Opinion Survey aims at gauging the staff's satisfaction with the performance of the Police on various aspects, identifying their concerns and collecting their suggestions for improvement. The Management Survey collects views and suggestions from the Police management on Police strategy management, resource management and programme management. The Customer Satisfaction Survey collects opinions from members of the public who had contacts with the Police on their satisfaction with the service provided and on areas where there is room for improvement.

We plan to conduct these surveys regularly and make use of the findings for long-term comparison.

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Reply Serial No.

SB032

Question Serial No.

0178

Head: 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 in 2001 was 44%.

- (a) Please list the detection rates by category of crimes.
- (b) Which categories of crimes were more difficult to detect? What was the reason?
- (c) How do the detection rates compare with those in the last three years?
- (d) Compared with other countries, is the detection rate of the Hong Kong Police high or low?

Asked by: LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply:

- (a) Please see the attached for the detection rates by category of crimes.
- (b) The figures indicated that the detection rates for burglary, criminal damage and arson were relatively low. In general, detection rates of cases in the three categories are relatively low because it is relatively difficult to collect useful information from the witnesses, victims and members of the public, and evidence at the crime scenes.
- (c) The detection rates in the last three years were 46.1% in 1998, 42.5% in 1999 and 43.6% in 2000. Compared with the rates in the past two years, the detection rate in 2001 (44%) has slightly improved.
- (d) For the detection rates in 2000, the rate of Hong Kong was relatively higher than those in places like Singapore (38.2%), Tokyo (30.9%) and Ottawa (17.4%).

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Annex
Statistics on Reported and Detected Crimes 1999 - 2001
(in Descending Order of Detection Rate in 2001)

Type of Crime	1999			2000			2001		
	No. of Cases Reported	No. of Cases Detected	Detection Rate	No. of Cases Reported	No. of Cases Detected	Detection Rate	No. of Cases Reported	No. of Cases Detected	Detection Rate
Attempted Murder	9	9	100.0%	7	7	100.0%	3	3	100.0%
Kidnapping & Child Stealing	4	4	100.0%	4	3	75.0%	6	6	100.0%
Keeping Vice Establishment	381	381	100.0%	429	429	100.0%	400	400	100.0%
Manufacturing of Dangerous Drugs	16	16	100.0%	17	17	100.0%	16	16	100.0%
Trafficking in Dangerous Drugs	736	735	99.9%	844	842	99.8%	961	961	100.0%
Possession of Dangerous Drugs	1 493	1 493	100.0%	1 451	1 449	99.9%	1 494	1 494	100.0%
Other Serious Narcotics Offences	1	1	100.0%	-	-	-	2	2	100.0%
Possession of Arms and Ammunition	68	68	100.0%	67	66	98.5%	75	75	100.0%
Going Equipped for Stealing	148	148	100.0%	139	138	99.3%	150	150	100.0%
Possession of Unlawful Instrument	54	52	96.3%	52	52	100.0%	47	47	100.0%
Unlawful Pawning Offences	15	15	100.0%	26	26	100.0%	31	31	100.0%
Other Serious Immigration Offences	767	756	98.6%	1 014	1 002	98.8%	920	917	99.7%
Resisting Arrest	377	376	99.7%	295	293	99.3%	284	283	99.6%
Disorder/Fighting in Public Place	1 265	1 255	99.2%	1 222	1 214	99.3%	1 124	1 119	99.6%
Handling Stolen Goods	113	113	100.0%	116	116	100.0%	124	123	99.2%
Possession of Offensive Weapon	552	547	99.1%	500	495	99.0%	523	518	99.0%
Assault on Police	602	598	99.3%	547	535	97.8%	431	426	98.8%
Loitering	128	128	100.0%	161	158	98.1%	138	136	98.6%
Aiding and Abetting of Illegal Immigrants	660	659	99.8%	463	459	99.1%	233	228	97.9%
Perjury	21	19	90.5%	31	31	100.0%	64	62	96.9%
Serious Gambling Offences	296	279	94.3%	253	239	94.5%	237	229	96.6%
Procuration, Abduction of Female	178	175	98.3%	240	236	98.3%	108	104	96.3%
Other Offences Against Public Morality	16	13	81.3%	23	19	82.6%	24	23	95.8%
Unnatural Offences	16	13	81.3%	16	15	93.8%	14	13	92.9%
Conspiracy	111	95	85.6%	80	73	91.3%	76	70	92.1%
Offences Against Public Order	28	22	78.6%	28	23	82.1%	45	41	91.1%
Misleading/Giving False Information to Police	312	300	96.2%	281	271	96.4%	302	275	91.1%
Using ID Card Relating to Another	427	344	80.6%	531	444	83.6%	501	454	90.6%
Cruelty to Child	197	190	96.4%	178	173	97.2%	181	164	90.6%
Theft (Shop Theft)	6 227	5 704	91.6%	6 973	6 394	91.7%	7 470	6 756	90.4%
Escape and Rescue	25	21	84.0%	22	18	81.8%	24	21	87.5%
Rape	91	70	76.9%	104	84	80.8%	95	83	87.4%

Other Offences Against Lawful Authority	112	96	85.7%	141	118	83.7%	139	119	85.6%
Unlawful Sexual Intercourse	308	258	83.8%	230	188	81.7%	207	175	84.5%
Unlawful Society Offences	1 057	851	80.5%	1 014	813	80.2%	919	750	81.6%

Statistics on Reported and Detected Crimes 1999 - 2001
(in Descending Order of Detection Rate in 2001)

(Cont'd)

Type of Crime	1999			2000			2001		
	No. of Cases Reported	No. of Cases Detected	Detection Rate	No. of Cases Reported	No. of Cases Detected	Detection Rate	No. of Cases Reported	No. of Cases Detected	Detection Rate
Other Offences Against Person	229	158	69.0%	136	97	71.3%	79	64	81.0%
Aggravated Burglary	8	3	37.5%	5	1	20.0%	5	4	80.0%
Abstracting of Electricity	92	82	89.1%	97	84	86.6%	69	55	79.7%
Money Lending	71	43	60.6%	56	33	58.9%	43	33	76.7%
Business Fraud	27	20	74.1%	26	24	92.3%	41	31	75.6%
Tampering with Vehicle	71	57	80.3%	57	43	75.4%	43	32	74.4%
Murder & Manslaughter	63	47	74.6%	43	29	67.4%	66	48	72.7%
Forgery and Coinage	894	604	67.6%	1 078	732	67.9%	1 259	872	69.3%
Indecent Assault	1 047	729	69.6%	1 124	804	71.5%	1 007	696	69.1%
Other Crime	403	163	40.4%	429	212	49.4%	310	202	65.2%
Blackmail	576	416	72.2%	550	383	69.6%	556	357	64.2%
Serious Assault	5 437	3 302	60.7%	5 093	3 125	61.4%	4 771	3 001	62.9%
Wounding	1 973	1 141	57.8%	1 810	1 076	59.4%	1 701	984	57.8%
Criminal Intimidation	1 320	578	43.8%	1 135	552	48.6%	888	430	48.4%
Theft (Pickpocketing)	806	296	36.7%	865	353	40.8%	717	339	47.3%
Robbery with Pistol Like Object	65	8	12.3%	76	13	17.1%	56	24	42.9%
Robbery with Firearms/Arms	5	1	20.0%	8	1	12.5%	6	2	33.3%
Other Miscellaneous Thefts	13 418	4 071	30.3%	13 969	4 300	30.8%	13 318	4 098	30.8%
Object Dropped from Height	502	168	33.5%	423	150	35.5%	366	107	29.2%
Other Robberies	3 570	796	22.3%	3 349	828	24.7%	3 105	877	28.2%
Theft (Snatching)	1 107	231	20.9%	1 032	225	21.8%	845	191	22.6%
Deception	3 423	852	24.9%	3 986	902	22.6%	4 051	898	22.2%
Criminal Damage	7 594	1 345	17.7%	7 022	1 625	23.1%	5 904	1 064	18.0%
Burglary without Breaking	2 138	290	13.6%	2 019	324	16.0%	2 016	296	14.7%
Theft from Vehicle	3 430	466	13.6%	3 228	436	13.5%	2 881	404	14.0%
Arson	738	82	11.1%	779	104	13.4%	674	84	12.5%
Taking Conveyance w/o Authority	2 642	220	8.3%	2 862	238	8.3%	2 573	191	7.4%
Theft from Construction Site	1 324	113	8.5%	1 544	108	7.0%	1 669	111	6.7%
Burglary with Breaking	6 987	509	7.3%	6 945	426	6.1%	6 621	382	5.8%
Total	76 771	32 595	42.5%	77 245	33 668	43.6%	73 008	32 151	44.0%

Remark : The shaded part indicates crimes with detection rates lower than the overall detection rate in 2001.

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SB033

Question Serial No.

0370

Head: 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 plan to install 24-hour crowd surveillance facilities at Lan Kwai Fong. What is the installation cost ?
What is the annual recurrent expenditure?

Asked by: LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply:

The Police are now studying the implementation of a 6-month pilot scheme in the 3rd quarter of 2003 to install permanent closed circuit television systems at Lan Kwai Fong, Central, to assist them in their duties of maintenance of public order and security management. The infrastructure cost for the project is initially estimated to be \$2.9m with annual recurrent expenses of about \$0.59m.

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SB034

Question Serial No.

0371

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Programme: 12204 - Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question :

- (b) In the light of the revised estimated expenditure for the above programme in 2001-02, please give an account of the expenditure incurred by the Force to maintain security of the "Fortune Global Forum" held in May 2001 (e.g. the number of police officers deployed, working hours, and materials used, etc).
- (c) Will there be any similar international events held in Hong Kong in the coming year? What is the provision allocated for security maintenance work?

Asked by: LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply:

- (b) In May 2001 when the "Fortune Global Forum" was held, the Force deployed about 3 000 officers for security duties. Expenditure incurred for the security of the Forum is \$2.057m, including the non-recurrent expenses for the purchase and hire of equipment, and hire of vehicles, etc.
- (c) Up till now, it has come to the knowledge of the Force that the following international events will be held in Hong Kong in 2002-03 :-
1. Forbes Global CEO Conference, to be held in September 2002; and
 - (b) ITU Telecom Asia 2002, to be held in December 2002.

At the present stage, it is not possible to estimate the expenditure for security maintenance work of these two events but any expenditure thus incurred will be covered by existing resources.

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SB035

Question Serial No.

0422

Head: 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 :

In 2001, how did the Station Improvement Project progress? What are the stations where the improvement works were completed? And what are those stations where the improvement works will be completed by the end of 2002? What is the estimated expenditure?

Asked by: LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

The budget of \$649m was approved in 1999 for the Station Improvement Project covering 59 police stations. The scope of works includes improvements to report rooms, areas of public interface, staff changing rooms, staff resource centres and Automated Station Security Systems. In 2001, the project progressed as scheduled. Up till now, works at the following 35 police stations have been completed:

- (b) Western
- (c) Ngau Tau Kok

- (d) Mong Kok
- (e) Tai Po

- (f) Tuen Mun
- (g) Happy Valley

- (h) Kwai Chung
- (i) Tsim Sha Tsui

- (j) Yau Ma Tei
- (k) Sham Shui Po

- (l) Wong Tai Sin
- (m) Cheung Sha Wan

- (n) Sheung Shui
- (o) Castle Peak

- (p) Cheung Chau
- (q) Tsuen Wan

- (r) Wan Chai
- (s) Tai Hing

- (t) Waterfront
- (u) Lantau South

- (v) Sai Kung
- (w) Tseung Kwan O

- (x) Tin Sum
- (y) Kowloon City

- (z) Kwun Tong
- (aa) Tin Shui Wai

- (bb) Yuen Long
- (cc) Shek Kip Mei

- (dd) Ma On Shan
- (ee) Sha Tin

- (ff) Marine Harbour
- (gg) North Point

- (hh) Chai Wan
- (ii) Sau Mau Ping

- (jj) Hung Hom

Improvement works on the remaining 24 police stations are planned to be completed in 2002:

- (kk) Marine South
 - 、 Sha Tau Kok
- (ll) Siu Lek Yuen
 - 、 Tai Wan Shan
- (mm) Marine East
 - 、 Pat Heung
- (nn) Aberdeen
 - 、 Stanley
- (oo) Tsing Yi
 - 、 Lamma Island

(pp) Lok Ma Chau (Border Crossing Point)

、 Man Kam To

(qq) Shau Kei Wan

、 Marine West

(rr) Lantau North

、 Ta Kwu Ling

(ss) Marine North

、 Airport

(tt) Tsz Wan Shan

、 Lok Ma Chau (Division)

(uu) Lei Muk Shue

、 Central

(vv) Border

、 Lo Wu

The cost of works for the stations varies depending on their particular circumstances. The actual cost for the improvement works of individual stations is not available for the time being, pending a detailed analysis of costing. Overall, expenditure of the works is kept within budget.

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Question Serial No.

0423

Head: 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 :

- (b) What are the criteria for the amalgamation of Ho Man Tin and Kowloon City Divisions into one new division? How is the operations efficiency of uniformed officers affected after the amalgamation? And what is the expenditure for additional manpower and other resources after the amalgamation?
- (c) In 2002-03, Sha Tin, Tin Sum, Siu Lek Yuen and Ma On Shan Divisions will be amalgamated into three divisions. What are the details and the reasons? What are the objectives of this pilot scheme of amalgamation of front-line operations? Has the amalgamation anything to do with the shortage of front-line officers? What is the effect of the amalgamation on resource allocation?

Asked by: LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

- (d) In support of the government's Enhanced Productivity Programme and in view of the information technology advancement and restructuring over the previous years, the Police have launched the Station Amalgamation Project to better use the resources and enhance efficiency.

In respect of the Kowloon City District Amalgamation Project, the Police now amalgamate the Ho Man Tin, Kowloon City and Hung Hom Divisions into two divisions, upholding the principle of Enhanced Productivity Programme. In the process, the main consideration is to take into account the special features, population distribution and types of crimes in the district.

Through amalgamation, the organisation structure of the Police district is streamlined and front-line resources strengthened. It facilitates the front-line officers to carry out patrols and raise service quality and efficiency.

After the amalgamation, five posts of front-line police officers have been created while 24 posts of police officers at management level and 21 civilian posts were deleted. It saves more than \$11m in salaries annually. At the same time, the former Hung Hom station has been converted into the Operation Centre of Traffic Kowloon West. Nevertheless, members of the public in Hung Hom can still make reports at the Centre.

- (e) Under the Sha Tin Police District Amalgamation Project, Sha Tin, Tin Sum, Siu Lek Yuen and Ma On Shan Divisions will be re-demarcated and amalgamated, with the resources and jurisdiction of Siu Lek Yuen shared by the other three divisions. By amalgamation, the organisation structure of the Police district is streamlined and front-line resources strengthened. Quality of service and management efficiency are enhanced too. The plan is not made because of shortage of front-line officers.

After the amalgamation, front-line police officer posts will increase by 7 while disciplined staff posts and civilian staff posts will decrease by 12 and 7 respectively. This can save the Police Force more than \$6m a year in salaries and the Siu Lek Yuen Police Station site can be released for use by other operational units. A reporting center at the site will continue to serve the public.

In addition, the number of patrolling beats in Sha Tin Police District will increase from 74 to 76, enhancing beat coverage to meet the development of the district.

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SB037

Question Serial No.

0424

Head: 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 :

In Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2002-03:

- (b) Three surveys (one staff opinion survey, one customer satisfaction survey and one management survey) will be conducted. Will consultants be hired? If so, what is the estimated cost? To what extent are the previous surveys effective?
- (c) The newly developed performance measurement system will be implemented. What are the details and the estimated expenditure?

Asked by: LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

- (b) Consultants will be hired to ensure that the three surveys are conducted independently, objectively and professionally. The budget for the surveys is around \$400,000 each.

The surveys conducted previously have served as an effective mechanism for the Police to understand to what extent the staff and members of the public were satisfied with the performance of the Police, their concerns and suggestions for improvement. These findings are useful in our efforts to achieve excellence. They also help us to monitor the quality of service provided.

- (c) This is a project to develop and implement a system which gauges performance by key indicators and appropriate measurement standards. It will be supported by the use of computer technology.

On manpower, internal resources will be deployed to develop and implement the system, requiring no additional staff. On estimated expenditure, allocation of additional funds is not required as the new performance measurement system will be supported by the Force computer systems.

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Question Serial No.

0425

Head: 122 – Hong Kong Police Force

Programme: 12202 – Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question :

- (b) Data showed that the number of calls received by Police Hotlines in 2001 is 43.5% greater than that of 2000. How many of these calls in 2000 and 2001 involved crimes and false reports? Have the authorities any measures to stop people from abusing the Hotlines?
- (c) What was the average time for handling the calls received by the Hotlines in 2001? What is the strength of the hotlines centre? What additional manpower or resources are required to cope with the workload?

Asked by: LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

- (b) In the past two years, most of the calls received by Police Hotlines involved mainly provision of crime information or enquiry from members of the public. Very few involved false reports. There are no signs showing that the Hotlines were abused. The Police do not keep records on the number of mischievous calls since the number is too small, and therefore cannot provide statistics in respect of this area.
- (c) In 2001, Police Hotlines handled 34 calls on average every day. The time spent on handling each of these calls varied from five to ten minutes depending on the nature of the call. Police Hotlines operate round the clock to ensure that all calls are handled promptly. Since the officers manning the police hotlines centre also attend to other duties, the breakdown of manpower is not available. At present the Police do not require additional manpower or resources to manage the rising number of calls to Police Hotlines.

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Question Serial No.

0426

Head: 122 – Hong Kong Police Force

Programme: 12202 – Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question :

In 2001, how many computer crime cases were handled and investigated with the assistance of the Technology Crime Initial Response Cadre? How does it compare with the number in 2000? Which type of computer crime is increasing? What additional manpower and resources are required?

Asked by: LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

The number of computer crime cases handled and investigated with the assistance of the Technology Crime Initial Response Cadre in the past two years are as follows :-

Year
Number of Cases

2000

22

2001

20

The Police plan to expand the Technology Crime Initial Response Cadre from 73 officers to around 120 in 2002-03. Since the Cadre members are frontline officers who will assist in handling computer evidence when required, no extra resources are required.

Computer crime cases in the past two years mainly involved “unauthorized access” (commonly known as “hacking”). However the number is decreasing. Meanwhile the number of internet commercial frauds showed an upward trend. Details are as follows :-

Year
Total Number of Cases
Hacking
Internet Fraud

2000

368

275

50

2001
235
114
81

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Question Serial No.

0427

Head: 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 develop resources and strengthen the measures to prevent juvenile crimes in 2002-03. What are the details and the estimated financial implication in expenditure?

Asked by: LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

Combating juvenile crimes is one of the Police's enforcement priorities this year. The Police will continue to adopt a three-pronged multi-agency approach to work with other government departments (such as Social Welfare Department and Education Department, etc) and youth service organizations to prevent and combat juvenile crimes through various crime prevention, punishment and rehabilitation projects or initiatives at Headquarters, Regional and District levels.

In 2002-03, the Police will continue to work in this area by building upon the infrastructure of 41 juvenile initiatives launched at various Police Regions and Districts.

Since these services fall under the Programme of Prevention and Detection of Crime, no specific breakdown can be provided in respect of the expenditure in this area.

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SB041

Question Serial No.

0428

Head: 122 – Hong Kong Police Force

Programme: 12202 – Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question :

In 2002-03, the Police are committed to strengthening its investigation capabilities through enhancement, expansion, streamlining and connection of the existing Criminal Intelligence System. What are the details (including the technology applied or intelligence systems involved) and the estimated expenditure? What is the percentage of the expenses of replacing out-dated information systems or application technology? With respect to investment on the application of information technology, will reference be drawn from other countries?

Asked by: LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

In 2002-03, the Criminal Intelligence Bureau will continue to use the existing computer systems to manage criminal intelligence and assist the analysis of such information. The operational expenditure, including the expenses of enhancing or upgrading some of the hardware and software, is \$11.30 m in total. The sum will be absorbed by departmental expenditure.

To cope with the needs in medium term and long term, the Police intend to upgrade the Criminal Intelligence System. The main objective is to enhance the overall efficiency of all criminal intelligence units and effective analysis of criminal intelligence. Through advanced technology, data sorting, storage and retrieval are made more quickly and easily. New analysis software will also be used. Thus the overall capacity in the analysis of criminal intelligence is enhanced.

Before formulating a plan to upgrade the Criminal Intelligence System, the Police have studied the experiences of police in other countries, mainly Europe and the USA, on the application and management of criminal intelligence systems. A new system with a development blueprint applicable to Hong Kong has been worked out by drawing reference from other countries and taking into account the requirements and experience of the Hong Kong Police Force.

The proposal and estimated expenditure of the system were submitted to the Finance Committee for approval in 1999. A sum of more than \$66 m was approved in March 2000 to upgrade the computerized Criminal Intelligence System and EPONICS. We have prepared the tendering documents for the new system and forwarded them to the Department of Justice and Government Supplies Department for comment. The new system is expected to replace the old one in 2005.

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Question Serial No.

0429

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Programme: 12202 – Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question :

In 2001, the number of youngsters arrested for crimes decreased by 5.23% when compared with the figure in 2000? Do you detect any rising trend in the figures for certain types of crime? If yes, does it highlight inadequacy in the work to prevent juvenile crimes and the resources thus deployed?

Asked by: LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

The figures for 2001 when compared with that of 2000 showed that there was a downward trend in most types of crimes relating to the youngsters arrested. However, certain types of crimes such as crimes relating to drugs showed an upward trend. The Police are very much concerned about drug offences involving youngsters. The Police are working with schools, Parents' and Teachers' Associations, youth service organizations and other government departments such as the Education Department and the Social Welfare Department to disseminate widely anti-drug messages.

› tackle the rising trend of drug abuse amongst youngsters, the Police will continue to step up efforts in law enforcement, research, prevention, education, legislation and international liaison.

The Police have sufficient resources to adopt effective measures to prevent juvenile crimes and will continue to adopt a three-pronged multi-agency approach to work with other government departments and youth service organizations to prevent and combat juvenile crimes through various crime prevention, punishment and rehabilitation projects or initiatives at Headquarters, Regional and District levels.

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Question Serial No.

0443

Head: 122 – Hong Kong Police Force

Programme: 12203 - Reduction of Traffic Accidents

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question :

In 2002-03, the authorities will use more automatic traffic enforcement systems such as the Speed Enforcement Camera System. Are the authorities planning to install more of these cameras in different locations? If yes, what is the estimated expenditure? What are the determining factors as to how many cameras will be installed and where they are going to be installed? On the other hand, it has recently come to the Police's attention that a batch of laser guns showed deviant readings when used. Will the Police, in 2002-03, consider the procurement of new laser guns? If yes, what is the estimated expenditure?

Asked by: LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

The Legislative Council's Finance Committee has, in 1999, allocated \$25.16m and \$16.2m to the Transport Department to install more Automatic Speed Enforcement Camera Systems and the Red Light Camera Systems respectively. These systems will come into operation one by one before March 2003, and will be installed at identified traffic black spots and potentially dangerous road junctions. The number of installations is as follows :-

	Number of Cameras	Number of Housings
Automatic Speed Enforcement Camera System (Traffic Speedphoto)	8	75
Red Light Camera System	12	60

More evidence is required to ascertain whether the laser guns that were recently ceased to be used show deviant readings when used. The Police are planning to procure 4 additional laser guns in 2002-03, and the estimated expenditure will be around \$260,000. Decision on the model to be procured will only be made pending advice by the experts after more testing.

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Question Serial No.

0444

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Programme: 12204 - Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question :

In 2001, there were 441 cases of disposal of explosives handled by the Force, 2.44 times more than that of 2000. In how many cases were sizable explosives used? What was the number of cases when explosives were detonated at the scene? Have studies been made to find out the reasons for the surge and other related details? Were smuggling or crimes involved? If so, what are the plans to combat such activities?

Asked by: LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

The marked increase of cases of disposal of explosives in 2001 over that in the previous year is mainly due to the retrieval of unexploded explosives on numerous occasions by dredgers during reclamation works.

Breakdown of cases of the disposal of sizable explosives is not available. Detonation at the scene of the unexploded explosives found in 55 cases was necessary because transportation of these explosives in unstable condition was dangerous.

Among all cases, no sizable explosives were used in connection with crimes while 16 cases involving the use of small amounts of explosives were connected with illegal activities.

The Force is very much concerned with criminal activities involving the use of explosives. In 2002-03, we will continue to counter these illegal activities by education, intelligence gathering and enforcement strategy. In respect of intelligence gathering and enforcement, particular attention will be paid to the areas along the sea and land boundaries to prevent the illegal import of explosives.

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Question Serial No.

0445

Head: 122 – Hong Kong Police Force

Programme: 12204 – Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question :

What was the expenditure on upgrading Marine Police technical equipment in 2001? And what were the details? In addition to procuring six vessels, two surveillance barges and six high-speed interceptors, the authorities plan to upgrade Marine Police technical equipment in 2002, what are the details and the estimated expenditure? And when will the authorities complete the project on upgrading all the equipment for Marine Police?

Asked by: LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

2001

New Vessels

In January and March 2002, Marine Police took delivery of the first two of six new Divisional Patrol Launches at a cost of \$47.626 m 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.

The procurement programme is expected to complete in 2005. In addition, a sum of \$24.43 m has been provided for the acquisition of two barges and six high speed interceptors to replace the weather-beaten Water Jet Boats which are policing Deep Bay. Delivery of the new vessels is expected in May 2002.

Communications

The final phase of a new and sophisticated Marine Police Region Communications System comprising Automatic Vessel Location (AVL) and data transmission is under testing and will soon come into operation. This modern digital system costs \$84.389 m. In addition, \$18.26 m has been allocated for the upgrading of radars and ancillary systems to enhance the radar coverage of Hong Kong waters.

Equipment

\$2.772 m has been allocated for the purchase of a replacement 15.5 tonne crane for lifting police vessels, detained crafts and heavy machinery. The crane will be delivered to Marine Police not later than the end of March 2002. \$580,000 has been provided for the purchase of pneumatic life-saving line throwing devices to replace the existing equipment used to rescue people from the sea.

Marine Police Base

Work on the reconstruction of the Marine Police West Division base pier in Tai Lam Chung is in progress. This project costs \$52.3 m and is to be completed in 2003.

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Provision for Miscellaneous Improvements and Replacement of Police Launch Equipment

\$1.3 m has been allocated for the improvement and replacement of Police launch equipment.

Equipment

\$300,000 has been provided for the Marine Police Training School to procure and replace training aids and facilities and with a view to upgrade the production of training materials and training efficiency and to enrich frontline officers' navigation knowledge and sharpen their skills.

Digital Cameras

To enhance the efficiency of case processing, \$161,000 has been allocated for the purchase of 32 digital cameras for image transmission to the regional control centres using the latest communications system.

Police Launch Replacement Programme

At present the Force have made no changes to the Police Launch Replacement Programme.

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Question Serial No.

0446

Head: 122 – Hong Kong Police Force

Programme: 12204 – Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question

Under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2002-03:

- (b) The Police will start procurement of information technology systems. Will the said systems be used solely for the support for the command and control centres? What are the details of the plan and the estimated expenditure?
- (b) Have the authorities any plans to enhance the Police Force's capability to avert and handle disasters (such as providing training or comparing notes with other countries' enforcement agencies)? If yes, what is the estimated expenditure?

Asked by: LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

- (b) Tender for the Police Force's Third Generation Command and Control System (CC III) started on 1 February 2002 and will close on 10 May 2002. The contract will be awarded in December 2002 and full implementation of the system is tentatively scheduled for the end of 2005. The budget for the project is \$948 m.

The main function of the CC III is to support the command and control centres. The CC III will comprise a new radio system for land-based police officers, three replacement command and control centres, a new 999 emergency telephone system and mobile computing facilities for use by Police patrol vehicles and motorcycles.

- (b) In 2002-03, the Force will enhance its capability to avert and handle disasters through exercises and training and fostering cooperation with other emergency services and comparing notes with other countries' enforcement agencies.

We invite other Government departments to participate in the exercises to add realism and to ensure constructive cooperation and effective communication in the real situation.

Also, we will provide training (some organised by other emergency services and thus no additional cost will be incurred) to the officers concerned to strengthen their capability.

In addition to exchanging experience with other Government departments through exercises and training, the Force has meetings (formal and informal) with these departments from time to time to examine ways to enhance capability and co-ordination for the prevention and management of disasters.

The Force also draw reference from neighbouring areas through regional meetings. In addition, the Force send officers to contingency training courses on disaster-management in England every year. The additional expenditure involved for such training is about \$29,000.

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Post Title Commissioner of Police
Date 20 March 2002

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Reply Serial No.

SB047

Question Serial No.

0952

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Programme: 12203 – Reduction of Traffic Accidents

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question :

Please answer the following questions under Programme (3): Reduction of Traffic Accidents:

- (b) On how many occasions did the police exercise discretion to cancel fixed penalty tickets in 2001?
- (c) The actual figure of 2001 has indicated that there was a drastic increase in the number of drivers prosecuted for speeding. What are the reasons?

Asked by: LAU Kin-yee, Miriam

Reply:

- (b) The Police do not maintain statistics on the number of occasions in which front-line officers have exercised discretion. However, from 1993 onwards, the Police have adopted the 'Selective Traffic Enforcement Policy'. Instructions have been given to front-line law enforcement officers to exercise discretion in respect of minor traffic offences, such as unlawful parking without causing serious obstruction and moving offences which will not lead to serious traffic accidents.
- (c) As speeding has so far been one of the key factors to traffic accidents, active prosecution is the policy adopted by the Police. This policy remains unchanged in 2001. The main reason for the 7.5% increase in the number of prosecutions against speeding in 2001 when compared with that of 2000 is that the Police have temporarily suspended the use of laser guns between November 1999 and March 2000, which are specifically used to detect speeding. This accounts for the relatively low figures for prosecution in 1999 and 2000.

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Reply Serial No.

SB048

Question Serial No.

1061

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Programme: 12204 - Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question :

There were 441 cases of disposal of explosives handled by the Force in 2001, which is a marked increase when compared with 128 cases in 2000. What accounts for the surge? What are the measures taken to prevent deterioration of the situation?

Asked by: LAU Hon-chuen, Ambrose

Reply:

The marked increase of cases of disposal of explosives in 2001 over that of the previous year is mainly due to the retrieval of unexploded explosives on numerous occasions by dredgers during reclamation works. At present there is no evidence indicating that such cases will constitute a long-term problem. But the Force will continue to keep in view the situation.

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Reply Serial No.

SB049

Question Serial No.

1073

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead(No. & title): 000 - Operational expense

Programme: 12201-04

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question :

Regarding the Force target of reduction of disciplined manpower on administrative duties to the minimum and deployment of these resources to operations in 2001, will the government inform this Committee:

- (b) What is the number of disciplined officers who are now taking up administration duties full time? What is the percentage of these disciplined officers among the 34 676 officers of the Force?
- (c) What is the number of officers/working hours in respect of the deployment from administrative posts to operational posts in 2001? What will be the number of officers/working hours for such under the 2002 target? When will the deployment work complete? What are the savings in salaries and allowances upon completion of the deployment work?
- (d) In 2002, the total expenditure of the Force is estimated to be as much as \$12.4 billion, of which \$10.9 billion will be spent on salaries and allowances. Have the Force planned to achieve savings by administrative means which will not lead to salary cuts, redundancy and low morale? If yes, what will be the estimated savings annually?

Asked by: IP Kwok-him

Reply:

- (b) As at 1st March 2002, the Force has 2 165 disciplined officers taking up administrative duties full time and they account for 6.48% of the 33 410 officers in the Force or 7.74% of the 27 962 disciplined officers in the Force.
- (c) The number of front-line posts to be created in 2001-02 and 2002-03 is as follows :-

Number of Front-line posts to be increased

-02

138

-03

152

Streamling of administrative work has been achieved by re-engineering,

civilianization, service out-sourcing and computerization. Some police officers engaged in administrative work have been re-deployed to carry out front-line operations duties. Although 138 and 152 front-line posts have been created in 2001-02 and 2002-03 respectively, the establishment of police officers remains unchanged.

Establishment of police officers

arch 2001	28 686
arch 2002	28 668
-03 (Estimate)	28 637

It is expected that \$36.58 m and \$46.2 m in term of notional annual mid-point salary value for the newly created front-line posts can be saved in 2001 and 2002 respectively.

As the police work is labour-intensive by nature and only indoor work can be contracted out or handled by civilian staff, reduction in police manpower can only be scant.

- (d) In 2002-03, the Force, through the implementation of the Enhanced Productivity Programme, will save \$259.78 m in expenditure.

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

SB050

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme : (1) Pre-entry control

0164

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question :

- (a) Please list in detail the establishment and actual manpower currently involved in the processing of Certificate of Entitlement (COE) cases, and the estimated establishment and actual manpower required for 2002-03.
- (b) 28 186 COE cases were processed in 2000 as compared with 21 704 cases in 2001. Why isn't there a similar decrease in the estimated number of such cases for 2002? Of the estimated number of cases for 2002, how many are outstanding applications as at the end of 2001 and how many are applications expected to be referred from the Mainland?

Asked by : TO Kun-sun, James

Reply :

- (a) The Eligible Children Verification Unit (ECVU) of the Immigration Department is responsible for processing applications for Certificates of Entitlement. As at 1.3.2002, the establishment and strength of ECVU are as follows:

Rank	Establishment	Strength
Chief Immigration Officer	1	1
Senior Immigration Officer	4	4
Immigration Officer	11	11 + 3#
Chief Immigration Assistant	1	1 + 2#
Immigration Assistant	0	1#
Assistant Clerical Officer	1	1
Clerical Assistant	4	2 + 9*
	22	20 + 6# + 9*

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* Non-civil
Service
Contract
(NCSC)

We have no plan to change the establishment of the ECVU in 2002-03. The number of reinforcement staff and NCSC staff are subject to frequent review and will be adjusted according to the actual workload.

- (b) The number of COE applications processed in a particular year depends on the number of cases carried forward from the previous year and the number of new applications received during the year.

For 2000, 28 186 COE applications were processed which included a heavy backlog of cases carried forward from the previous year. The backlog has largely been cleared in 2000 which mainly accounted for the decrease in the number of cases processed in 2001. As a result, despite the drop in the number of cases processed between 2000 and 2001, it is not projected that there would be a similar decrease between 2001 and 2002.

The estimated figure of 21 650 cases processed for 2002 includes 4 674 cases carried forward from 2001. The rest are new applications.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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SB051

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme : (4) Vietnamese Migrants

0231

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question :

(b) In December 2000, there were still some 400 Vietnamese migrants/illegal immigrants in Hong Kong and the actual expenditure in handling these cases amounted to \$18m in 2001-02. In December 2001, the number of such Vietnamese migrants/illegal immigrants dropped to about 280. However, the estimate for 2002-03 is only slightly reduced to \$15m, representing a drop of about 17%. What accounts for it?

(b) How many staff involved in handling the cases of Vietnamese migrants/illegal immigrants can be released in 2002-03? What other cases or duties will they be re-deployed to do?

Asked by : TO Kun-sun, James

Reply :

(a) Compared with the decreased caseload of 30% in Vietnamese migrants/illegal immigrants, the financial provision for 2002-03 is not proportionally adjusted downward in the same rate because :

- (i) 62% of the overall financial provision in 2002-03 is spent on personal emolument which dropped by about 15% as compared with that of previous year. After the deletion of 5 posts (elaborated in (b) below), the establishment of the Vietnamese Section (25 in number) is the minimum skeleton staffing requirements to ensure the smooth running of the office to cope with the expected workload of Vietnamese migrant/illegal immigrants as well as other related duties;
- (ii) Apart from the caseload of Vietnamese migrant/illegal immigrants, the Section is still committed to the handling of the residual Vietnamese refugee cases and various court cases, the workload of which has not dropped significantly;

- (iii) There is an upward trend that more Vietnamese illegal immigrants are prosecuted for committing criminal offences and subsequently sentenced to imprisonment. In 2001, 66% of the arrestees were prosecuted compared with 47% in 2000. Additional workload is likely to be involved in terms of deportation procedures against those convicted of a criminal offence punishable with imprisonment for not less than two years; and
- (iv) In an attempt to alleviate the congested condition in penal institutions, more commercial flights would be operated to repatriate Vietnamese illegal immigrants in smaller groups (not more than 10 on each trip) at the first opportunity. This arrangement will require extra manpower resources, as Immigration Department officers have to escort them during the flight and hand them over to the Vietnamese Government.
- (b) In 2002-03, 5 posts (2 Immigration Officers, 2 Immigration Assistants and 1 Clerical Assistant) will be deleted from the establishment of the Vietnamese Section, and the resources will be redeployed within the department to meet other service need.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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SB052

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme : (2) Control upon Entry

0232

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question :

- (a) The performance standard of clearing passengers travelling by sea and land within the pledged waiting time was 98.5% in 2000 and 98.7-98.8% in 2001, both showing an increase. An undertaking was made last year not to lower the performance standard in 2002. Why has the performance standard been lowered to 92.0% this year? Does the lowering of the target have anything to do with manpower and the automation of immigration control?
- (b) Please list separately the establishment and actual manpower of all boundary control points in 2001-02 and 2002-03.

Asked by : TO Kun-sun, James

Reply :

- (a) To clear 92% of the passengers within 30 minutes' waiting time is the performance pledge set by the Immigration Department for land and sea control points. The actual performance standards achieved by these control points were 98.5% in 2000, and 98.8% and 98.7% respectively in 2001. The pledged performance standard for 2002 is the same as the previous years, i.e. to clear 92% of the passengers within 30 minutes. There is no question of lowering of the performance standard in the coming year.
- (b) The staffing establishment and strength in 2001-02 and the proposed establishment in 2002-03 of the five land boundary control points of the Border Division are as follows:

Control Points	Establishment	Strength			Establishment
	1.4.2001	1.4.2001	1.9.2001	1.2.2002	1.4.2002
Lo Wu	665	616	638	683	741
Hung Hom	82	75	80	76	81
Lok Ma Chau	253	225	241	246	253
Man Kam To	140	115	125	115	140
Sha Tau Kok	54	58	66	62	62

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SB053

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme : (2) Control upon Entry

0233

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question :

How many immigration counters are there at Lok Ma Chau Control Point currently? How many passengers were cleared in 2001 and what was the daily average number of passengers cleared? What is the estimated daily average number of passengers to be cleared in 2002? What is the expected completion date of the Lok Ma Chau Control Point Expansion Project in 2003?

Asked by : TO Kun-sun, James

Reply :

At present, there are 28 immigration counters at Lok Ma Chau Control Point. Following the completion of the new passenger hall by July/ August 2002, the total number of immigration counters will be increased to 50 by phases.

In 2001, 12,556,427 passengers travelled through Lok Ma Chau Control Point. The daily average was 34,401 passengers, representing an increase of 14.6% as compared with 2000. It is estimated that the passenger traffic in 2002 will further increase by 15%. The annual passenger throughput will reach 14.5 million with a daily average of 39,700.

The whole expansion project, which is funded under CWRP Head 703, will be completed by phases with final works to be completed in September 2003. At present we have completed almost 50% of the construction works.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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SB054

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme : (5) Personal Documentation

0234

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question :

The region-wide Identity Card replacement exercise will be rolled out in 2003. What is the estimated manpower required for its implementation in 2002-03? How much of the manpower will be made available through re-deployment from other sections of the Immigration Department to cope with the work? How many additional staff will be employed? What is the employment period of the new staff?

Asked by : TO Kun-sun, James

Reply :

At present, 44 posts have been created for planning and preparation of the HKSAR Identity Card project. As the project gains momentum, the Immigration Department will need to create 30 additional posts comprising 1 Senior Immigration Officer, 4 Immigration Officers, 5 Senior Immigration Assistants, 10 Immigration Assistants, 2 Senior Computer Operators, 3 Computer Operators I and 5 Computer Operators II in May 2002 to reinforce the project team for a period of not more than 19 months in order to cope with the increased activities arising from system development, testing, site preparation for the new offices, new operating procedures, specialised user training, etc.

To conduct the region-wide identity card replacement exercise which will start in July 2003, the Immigration Department will need to employ 852 additional staff in 2003-04, comprising 226 immigration service grades staff, 67 general grades staff, and 559 contract staff. All the 226 immigration service grades staff and 559 contract staff will have to be recruited from outside (because no resources within the Department can be redeployed for the exercise) while the 67 general grades staff will be redeployed from within the Government. All the 852 staff will be employed till the end of the replacement exercise, which will last for about four years, i.e. till 2007. The approval of the Finance Committee for funding for the implementation of the identity card replacement exercise will be sought in April 2002.

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

SB055

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme : (6) Nationality and Assistance to HKSAR
Residents outside Hong Kong

0235

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question :

- (b) Please set out in detail the types of services provided/to be provided to Hong Kong residents imprisoned, detained or in distress outside Hong Kong as well as the number of cases received/to be received in 2000-01, 2001-02 and 2002-03.
- (b) Please set out in detail the establishment and actual manpower required to implement the work under this programme in 2000-01, 2001-02 and 2002-03.

Asked by : TO Kun-sun, James

Reply :

- (a) Breakdowns on requests for assistance from Hong Kong residents, who were imprisoned, detained or in distress outside Hong Kong for 2000 and 2001, and the estimated number for 2002, are as follows :

	2000	2001	2002(Estimated)
Imprisoned/Detained	164	154	140
In distress	458	880	940
Total	622	1034	1080

The Assistance to Hong Kong Residents Unit (AHU) of the Immigration Department is responsible for providing assistance to HKSAR residents outside Hong Kong. In dealing with these requests, the Immigration Department works closely with Chinese Consular and Diplomatic Missions, the Beijing Office, and other relevant government departments and organisations to provide practical assistance as soon as possible, which includes :

- (i) obtaining up-to-date information of persons in distress and informing their family members;
- (ii) liaising, on request, with the families concerned to provide necessary financial assistance to the persons in distress;

- (iii) arranging urgent issue of travel documents to persons in distress and/or their family members;
- (iv) facilitating the return of persons in distress and persons injured;
- (v) taking appropriate follow up actions on requests of persons under detention overseas or in the Mainland.

Hotlines are set up immediately to provide assistance when disaster or serious accident involving Hong Kong residents occurs outside Hong Kong.

(b) The establishment and strength of the AHU for 2000-01 and 2001-02 were as follows:

	1.4.2000		1.4.2001	
	Establishment	Strength	Establishment	Strength
SIO	1	1	1	1
IO	2	2	2	2
CA	1	1	1	1
Total	4	4	4	4

For 2002-03, there will still be 4 established posts. Nevertheless, staffing resources will be deployed flexibly within the Department to meet any ad-hoc requirements.

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SB057

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme : (3) Control after Entry

0462

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question :

What is the number of cases involving the use or manufacturing of forged travel documents by individuals or syndicates exposed in 2001? Is there any information indicating that there is a rising trend in such offences? How will the Administration step up its action against such offences in 2002? What are the resources involved?

Asked by : LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

The numbers of forged travel documents intercepted for the past three years are as follows:

	1999	2000	2001
Number of forged travel documents intercepted	3,530	3,250	3,148

For the past three years, the numbers of forged travel documents intercepted remain steady. As these forged travel documents were believed to be arranged by syndicates, the Immigration Department will continue to take proactive enforcement actions against them.

As most of the forged travel documents were intercepted at the Hong Kong International Airport, the Department will strengthen the capability of the Airport Investigation Group (AIG) to step up flight operations and follow up investigations. For this purpose, 5 posts (comprising 1 Immigration Officer, 2 Chief Immigration Assistants and 2 Immigration Assistants) will be created in 2002-03. The salary costs incurred and related departmental expenses for these 5 posts amount to \$1,468,000 in 2002-03.

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SB058

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme : (3) Control after Entry

0463

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question :

How effective were the actions taken by the authorities concerned against the engagement of foreign domestic helpers in non-domestic duties over the past year? What measures will be taken in 2002 to enhance the effectiveness of such actions? What are the resources involved?

Asked by : LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

- (a) The number of foreign domestic helpers (FDHs) arrested for taking up illegal employment stood at 244 in 2000 and 196 in 2001. In 2002 (January – February), the number is 38.
- (b) In 2002, the Immigration Department will continue to take the following pro-active measures to combat the engagement of FDHs in non-domestic duties:
- (i) To conduct frequent anti-illegal workers operations, jointly with the Police and Labour Department as necessary;
 - (ii) To encourage the public to report suspected cases of illegal employment of FDHs by hotline, fax and letter;
 - (iii) To maintain close liaison with relevant local Consulates to promote awareness of our policies and requirements; and
 - (iv) To step up publicity against illegal employment, publicizing the relevant laws, policies and regulations through mass media, the Immigration Department Internet Homepage, display of posters as well as distribution of leaflets on “Don’t Employ Illegal Workers”.
- (c) No additional resource will be incurred in 2002-03.

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SB059

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme : (2) Control upon Entry

0464

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question :

- (a) What are the details of the plan to deploy additional staff to Lo Wu and Lok Ma Chau control points in 2002-03? What are the details of expenditure involved in the employment of new staff to help cope with the increasing passenger traffic? What was the ratio between cross-boundary passengers and border control staff over the past year?
- (b) What are the details of the improvement works at Lo Wu and Lok Ma Chau control points and what is the estimated expenditure involved? Do the improvement works cover the expansion of the above two terminal buildings and the installation of air-conditioning system at Lo Wu Bridge? What is the expected completion date of all these works and what is the expected impact on cross-boundary passengers during the construction period?

Asked by : LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

- (a) As at 1 April 2001, the staff establishment of Lo Wu and Lok Ma Chau Control Points were 665 and 253 respectively.

To enhance the capability of the Lo Wu Control Point to cope with the ever-increasing cross-boundary passenger traffic, we have recently provided 61 posts (3 Senior Immigration Officers and 58 Senior Immigration Assistants) for the Lo Wu Control Point. We also plan to provide 15 Immigration Officers for the Lo Wu Control Point in 2002-03. The total salary costs incurred and related departmental expenses for these 76 posts amount to \$24,058,000 in 2002-03.

Through internal redeployment of staffing resources within the Department, 8 Senior Immigration Assistants have been redeployed to Lok Ma Chau Control Point to cope with the increasing passenger traffic. The salary costs incurred and related departmental expenses for these 8 posts amount to \$2,154,000 in 2002-03.

As at end 2001, the passenger throughput of Lo Wu Control Point was 89 505 440. For Lok Ma Chau Control Point, the throughputs were 12 556 427 passengers and 7 965 762 vehicles respectively.

- (b) We have pursued a number of improvement works at the Lo Wu and Lok Ma Chau Control Points. The details of the improvement works which are funded under CWRP Head 703, are as follows:

Lo Wu Control Point

- (i) Expansion of the Departure Hall, installation of additional immigration counters and relocation of government offices to widen the passageways
With funding approval from the Legislative Council, construction works will start in mid 2003 and be taken forward by phases. We expect to complete expansion of the concourse between the ticket turnstile and the departure hall in early 2004, the departure hall by end 2004 and the rest by early 2005. The total estimated cost is \$114 million.
- (ii) Installation of air-conditioning on Lo Wu footbridges
Agreement in principle has been reached with the Shenzhen Port Office. Experts from the two sides would proceed to discuss detailed design and works schedule. The estimated cost for the Hong Kong portion is \$57.54 million.
- (iii) Replacement of 46 side-facing immigration counters at the Arrival Hall by 48 front-facing counters to increase the circulation area
Works will start in the 3rd quarter of 2002 and complete by early 2003. The estimated cost is \$9.6 million.
- (iv) Relocation of the Police Reporting Centre to a mezzanine deck to be built above the northern end of platform no. 3 so as to widen the existing passageway to the departure hall at the Lo Wu Terminal Building
Works are expected to start in the 3rd quarter of 2002 for completion in early 2004. The estimated cost is \$9.8 million.

To minimize disruption to the travelling public, demolition and construction works will be carefully planned and conducted. Much of the work for (i) will be undertaken outside normal operation hours of the terminal so that disruption to the passengers will be minimized.

Lok Ma Chau Control Point

The Lok Ma Chau Expansion Project will proceed by phases, with completion of the entire project scheduled for September 2003. The remaining works mainly include expansion of the passenger clearance hall, installation of additional immigration counters, re-provisioning and extension of the cargo examination building, refurbishment of kiosks, as well as provision of additional lay-bys for coaches and fixed X-ray vehicle inspection systems for C&ED. The approved funding for the project on the remaining works is \$1,199 million.

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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SB060

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme : (2) Control upon Entry

0465

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question :

What are the details of the Immigration Control Automation System Enhancement Programme to be implemented in 2002-03 and what is the estimated expenditure involved? Have the authorities concerned made any assessments on its cost-effectiveness?

Asked by : LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

At the Finance Committee's meeting held on 11 January 2002, approval was given for a new commitment of \$362,119,000 for implementing Phase 1 of the Immigration Department's updated Information Systems Strategy (ISS-2). Of this amount, about \$200 million is for implementing the Immigration Control Automation System Enhancement Programme. Our plan is to complete the tendering exercise in August 2002, to be followed by system development and acceptance tests. Roll-out of the enhanced system to control points will be phased between April and June 2004.

The Enhancement Programme aims to maintain the availability and quality of the functions and services provided by the existing Immigration Control Automation System (ICAS). It will replace the aging and obsolescent hardware and software of ICAS so that the system can continue to function, cope with the growing workload up to at least 2008-09, cater for the establishment of new control points and support other ISS-2 projects, such as the Automated Passenger Clearance, Automated Vehicle Clearance and Advance Passenger Processing Systems. When ICAS was implemented in 1995, the Department realized staff savings of 328 posts. Since then, the workload at control points has grown at an average rate of 8.83% per year. Assuming that the workload will continue to grow at this rate, it is estimated that implementation of the Enhancement Programme will avoid the need to create 701 posts by 2005-06.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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SB061

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme : (1) Pre-entry Control

0481

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question :

The estimates show that the number of HKSAR Travel Pass applications received in 2001 has doubled when compared with the year of 2000. However it is estimated that the number of applications in 2002 will increase by 30% only. What accounts for this estimate? How much provision has been allocated to promote the Travel Pass?

Asked by : Howard YOUNG

Reply :

The 100% increase in applications for Travel Passes recorded in 2001 was largely attributed to renewals of Travel Passes first issued in 1998 but due to expire in 2001. (The HKSAR Travel Pass Scheme was launched in January 1998. Each Travel Pass is valid for 3 years.) The 30% increase estimated for 2002 takes into account the trend in the past and the number of passes due for renewal in 2002.

No special provision is allocated to promote the Travel Pass Scheme. However, the Scheme is promoted with the assistance of all Hong Kong Economic and Trade Offices overseas where relevant posters are displayed and application forms and information leaflets are distributed. Application forms and information leaflets are also available at the Chinese Diplomatic and Consular Missions overseas and the Immigration Department. They can also be downloaded from the Immigration Department Homepage.

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SB062

Question Serial No.

0482

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 received has increased six times from 39 in 2000 to 287 in 2001. The estimate for 2002 is 780.

- What accounts for such increase?
- How many APEC Business Travel Cards have been issued since the scheme was launched?
- Are there new Asia Pacific countries joining the scheme in the coming fiscal year?

Asked by : Howard YOUNG

Reply :

- (b) Since the implementation of the APEC Business Travel Card Scheme (the Scheme) in Hong Kong in 1998, we received a total of 933 applications as at end 2001, with 543 in 1998, 64 in 1999, 39 in 2000 and 287 in 2001. The increase from 2000 to 2001 was mainly attributed to the following factors :
- (c) removal of the requirement on the applicant to obtain nomination from his/her trade-related organizations;
- (d) extension of the Scheme to senior government officials at or above the rank of D2 who need to travel to other participating economies frequently on official business; and
- (e) reduction of card fees (the fees have been lowered from \$620 to \$427 and \$150 for a new issue and a replacement card respectively with effect from 27 April 2001).

The estimate for 2002 is made taking into account the trend in the past, the fact that 4 - 5 more APEC economies will start to issue cards in 2002, and the number of cards due for renewal in 2002.

- (f) As at 15 March 2002, a total of 810 APEC Business Travel Cards have been issued by Hong Kong since the commencement of the Scheme in 1998.
- (g) Feedback from the APEC Business Mobility Group Meeting held in February 2002 indicated that 2 more APEC economies would likely join the Scheme this year.

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Post Title Ag. Director of Immigration

Date 20 March 2002

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

SB063

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme : (2) Control upon Entry

0673

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question :

How many people were refused entry on the grounds that they "are likely to pose a threat to the security, prosperity and well-being of Hong Kong" in 2000-01 and 2001-02 respectively? Are these people classified (e.g. as suspected members of terrorist groups etc.)? If yes, please provide a breakdown of the figures. If no, what is/are the reason(s)?

Asked by : HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply :

The respective numbers of passengers/seamen who were refused entry were 21 012 in 2000-01 and 19 714 in 2001-02 (as at end February 2002). These cases are broadly categorised as follows -

Year	Reason for refusal			Total number of passenger/ seamen refused entry
	Genuineness of visit in doubt	Improperly documented	Use of forged travel document	
2000-01	10 742	8 577	1 693	21 012
2001-02 (as at end Feb 2002)	10 234	8 032	1 448	19 714

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

Reply Serial No.

SB065

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

0675

Programme : (3) Control after entry

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question :

The Administration indicates that the improvement measures proposed by the Inter-departmental Working Group on the Law Reform Commission Report on Arrest will be implemented in 2002-03. Please give details of these measures. What are the proposals of the Inter-departmental Working Group that cannot be implemented within 2002-03? Is there any plan to implement such proposals? If yes, when will they be implemented and what are the resources involved? If not, why?

Asked by : HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply :

The Security Bureau is co-ordinating with concerned departments the implementation of the recommended improvement measures proposed by the Inter-departmental Working Group on the Law Reform Commission Report on Arrest. Almost all recommendations which can be carried out through administrative means have been implemented.

In 2002-03, the Security Bureau plans to introduce a bill to provide better safeguards to the rights of detainees. The legislation will cover the following recommendations –

- (1) There should be statutory requirements to bring greater certainty on the length of detention and to provide continuous and accountable review of the need for longer periods of detention.
- (2) There should be statutory limit on the length of detention without charge.
- (3) A magistrate's court may commit a person to detention at a police station for a maximum period of 3 days.
- (4) An arrested person has a right to inform a friend or relative or consult a lawyer privately at any time.
- (5) The appointment of an officer who could authorize an intimate search.

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

SB066

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme : (6) Nationality and Assistance to
HKSAR Residents outside Hong Kong

1021

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question :

The work under this programme includes "providing prompt assistance to Hong Kong residents in distress outside Hong Kong". This includes helping those Hong Kong residents who are imprisoned for various reasons and who have landed in trouble while travelling outside Hong Kong, so that they can return to Hong Kong as soon as possible. Only 20 staff are deployed to the work under this programme. In this connection, will the Administration inform this Council of:

- (a) How many staff of the Immigration Department participate in the above work? Can details be provided to illustrate the capability of these staff in helping Hong Kong residents in distress outside Hong Kong, such as their ranks, professional qualifications and language proficiency, so as to let us know the cost-effectiveness of the work?
- (b) Hong Kong people are frequently engaged in activities overseas such as studying, doing business and travelling. Is the manpower deployed within the Immigration Department sufficient to cope with the work? If no, how many additional staff are required and what is the recurrent expenditure involved?

Asked by : IP Kwok-him

Reply :

- (b) The Assistance to Hong Kong Residents Unit (AHU) of the Immigration Department is responsible for providing assistance to HKSAR residents in distress outside Hong Kong. The Unit has an establishment of 4 staff members, comprising 1 Senior Immigration Officer, 2 Immigration Officers and 1 Clerical Assistant who are placed under the charge of the Chief Immigration Officer of the Nationality Section.

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

SB067

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme : (3) Control after Entry

1095

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question :

Under 'Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2002-03', the Immigration Department indicates that it will deal with illegal entrants and visitors from the Mainland coming to Hong Kong to give birth. What is the number of illegal entrants coming to Hong Kong to give birth in the past 3 years? What counter-measures will the Department adopt and what is the expenditure involved?

Asked by : LAU Hon-chuen, Ambrose

Reply :

- (a) The number of Mainland illegal immigrants coming to Hong Kong to give birth in the past 3 years is as follows:

Year	Numbers of Mainland illegal immigrants coming to Hong Kong to give birth encountered
1999	1,411
2000	1,111
2001	552

- (b) The Immigration Department's overall policy is to arrange repatriation of all Mainland illegal immigrants as soon as they are intercepted. In addition to that, the Department will maintain close liaison with the Mainland authorities to step up control at boundary areas.
- (c) Enforcement actions against Mainland illegal immigrants coming to Hong Kong to give birth are undertaken by the Investigation Division. No additional resources will be incurred in 2002-03.

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Post Title Ag. Director of Immigration

Date 20 March 2002

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WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

SB068

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme : (2) Control upon Entry

1099

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question :

- Please give a breakdown of the number of passengers who were refused entry in 2000 and 2001 by reasons and by the places from where they came?
- What is the number of appeals arising from the above cases and what are the results of these appeals?
- What is the trend of the cases of passengers being refused entry over the past 3 years since 1999? What accounts for it?

Asked by : TO Kun-sun, James

Reply :

- The respective numbers of passengers/seamen who were refused entry were 20 791 in 2000 and 21 286 in 2001. Breakdown of the statistics required is as follows -

2000

Reasons for Refusal	Places of Origin							Total
	Africa	Asia Pacific	Europe	Mainland	North America	South America	others	
Genuineness of Visit in Doubt	93	2 250	73	8 175	31	39	0	10 661
Improperly Documented	133	5 167	327	2 621	83	12	2	8 345
Use of Forged Travel Documents	46	529	78	1 013	75	44	0	1 785
Total	272	7 946	478	11 809	189	95	2	20 791

2001

Reasons for Refusal	Places of Origin							Total
	Africa	Asia Pacific	Europe	Mainland	North America	South America	others	
Genuineness of Visit in Doubt	91	4 711	55	5 975	36	46	0	10 914
Improperly Documented	160	5 138	246	3 133	90	35	0	8 802
Use of Forged	69	519	121	762	71	28	0	1 570

Travel Documents								
Total	320	10 368	422	9 870	197	109	0	21 286

- (b) No appeal was lodged pursuant to Section 53 of the Immigration Ordinance (Cap. 115) against the Director of Immigration's decision to refuse entry.
- (c) The breakdown statistics of persons refused entry in 1999, 2000 and 2001 are as follows -

Reason for refusal	1999	2000	2001
Genuineness of visit in doubt	6 436	10 661	10 914
Improperly documented	8 586	8 345	8 802
Use of forged travel document	1 899	1 785	1 570
Total refusal	16 921	20 791	21 286
Total passenger arrived	64 559 741	72 034 542	74 869 468
Percentage of arrival passengers refused entry	0.0262%	0.0289%	0.0284%

The percentage of arrival passengers who were refused entry remained extremely low and stable over the past 3 years.

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

SB069

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme : (3) Control after Entry

1108

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question :

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

- (a) of the total number of overstayers in Hong Kong currently? Among them, how many have been continually issued with "recognizance"? Are there any criteria for the Bureau regarding why some overstayers can be issued with a certain number of "recognizance"? What are the resources involved in handling the applications for "recognizance"?
- (b) At present, the prisons in Hong Kong are seriously overcrowded, with an intake rate reaching 120%. As shown in the Draft Estimates of the Correctional Services Department, the number of female inmates has recorded the greatest growth. Has the Department discussed with the Mainland departments concerned so as to expedite the repatriation of illegal immigrants, overstayers holding Two-way Exit Permit and the Mainlanders who have breached their conditions of stay? If it is necessary to expedite the repatriation process, how many additional manpower are required and what is the expenditure involved?

Asked by : IP Kwok-him

Reply :

- (a) (i) We do not maintain estimates on the underground population of overstayers. According to our record, there are at present 1,159 overstayers who have been released from detention after entering into recognizance. In addition, there are another 7,178 right of abode claimants who are overstayers and have been released on recognizance pending completion of legal proceedings and repatriation.
- (ii) The criteria for granting recognizance are as follows:
- (b) Immediate removal is not practicable and unnecessary prolonged detention is anticipated if recognizance is not granted; and

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WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

SB070

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme : (2) Control upon Entry

1129

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question :

In view of the fact that 98% of incoming and outgoing passengers travelling by land, sea and air were cleared within a shorter waiting time in 2001, which was well above the set target of 92%, will the Administration allocate more resources so as to raise the target in the coming year? If so, what are the additional resources earmarked?

Asked by : Mrs CHOW LIANG Shuk-ye, Selina

Reply :

The performance pledges of clearing 92% of the passengers within the waiting time of 15 minutes at the Airport and 30 minutes at the land and sea control points are set at reasonable levels which the Immigration Department is confident of fulfilling. The existing margin allows flexibility for the immigration control points to cope with the ever-increasing and very often unexpected upsurges in passenger traffic. To raise the performance pledges will have manpower and resource implications. While the Immigration Department will continue to make its best efforts to give higher-than-pledged performances, there is no plan to raise the existing pledges in 2002-03.

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Post Title Ag. Director of Immigration

Date 20 March 2002

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2002-03
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Reply Serial No.

SB071

Question Serial No.

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (6) Nationality and Assistance to
HKSAR Residents outside Hong Kong

1201

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question :

According to the statistics kept by the Administration, how many Hong Kong residents, who are being imprisoned or detained outside Hong Kong, have requested assistance from the Administration currently? Please list the figures by the place or country involved in each case. Also, please provide details of the expenditure involved in the above work.

Asked by : HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply :

- (a) Up to the end of February 2002, 405 Hong Kong residents who are being imprisoned or detained outside Hong Kong have requested assistance. The following table shows the breakdown:-

Country/Territory of detention	No. of HK residents being detained/imprisoned who have requested assistance
Australia	23
Canada	5
Japan	35
Macau SAR	22
Mainland	162
Peru	10
Philippines	18
Singapore	9
Thailand	80
USA	24
Others	17
Total :	405

- (b) The Assistance to Hong Kong Residents Unit (AHU) is responsible for dealing with such requests for assistance. The AHU comprises 1 Senior Immigration Officer, 2 Immigration Officers and 1 Clerical Assistant. The salary costs incurred and related departmental expenses for these 4 posts amount to \$1,680,780. in 2002-03

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T K LAI

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20 March 2002

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

SB072

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme : (2) Control upon Entry

1207

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question :

Under 'Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2002-03', the Immigration Department indicates that it will strengthen the immigration manpower and carry out improvement works at Lo Wu Control Point and Lok Ma Chau Control Point. What is the existing manpower of the two control points respectively? How much additional manpower will be deployed to each of them and what will be the expenditure involved?

Asked by : LAU Hon-chuen, Ambrose

Reply :

As at 1 April 2001, the staff establishment of Lo Wu and Lok Ma Chau Control Points was 665 and 253 respectively.

To enhance the capability of the Lo Wu Control Point to cope with the ever-increasing cross-boundary passenger traffic at Lo Wu, we have recently provided 61 posts (3 Senior Immigration Officers and 58 Senior Immigration Assistants) for the Lo Wu Control Point. We also plan to provide 15 Immigration Officers for the Lo Wu Control Point in 2002-03. The total salary costs incurred and related departmental expenses for these 76 posts amount to \$24,058,000 in 2002-03.

Through internal redeployment of staffing resources within the Department, 8 Senior Immigration Assistants have been redeployed to Lok Ma Chau Control Point to cope with the increasing passenger traffic demand. The salary costs incurred and related departmental expenses for these 8 staff posts amount to \$2,154,000 in 2002-03.

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Date 20 March 2002

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

SB073

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme : (3) Control after Entry

1208

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question :

Under 'Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2002-03', the Immigration Department indicates that it will step up enforcement actions against visitors engaged in unlawful employment after entry and/or overstaying beyond their limits of stay. What is the number of staff currently engaged in such enforcement actions? How will the Department intensify its actions against illegal workers so as to protect the employment prospects of the local labour force?

Asked by : LAU Hon-chuen, Ambrose

Reply :

- (a) The Immigration Task Force, with an establishment of 95 staff, is a specialized formation within the Immigration Department responsible for combating illegal workers and overstayers.
- (b) In 2002, the Immigration Department will continue to take the following pro-active measures in combating illegal employment:
- (i) to maintain effective examination at immigration control points to keep away doubtful visitors;
 - (ii) to conduct frequent anti-illegal workers operations, jointly with the Police and Labour Department as necessary;
 - (iii) to step up publicity against illegal employment, publicizing the relevant laws, policies and regulations through mass media, the Immigration Department Internet Homepage, display of posters as well as distribution of leaflets on "Don't Employ Illegal Workers"; and
 - (iv) to encourage the public to report suspected cases of illegal employment by hotline, fax and letter.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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SB074

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme : (5) Personal Documentation

1234

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question :

What is the time-table and details of introducing a smart identity card and starting a region-wide identity card replacement exercise planned for 2003? Will the Administration consider recruiting additional staff to deal with these matters?

Asked by : LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

We plan to implement the HKSAR Smart Identity (ID) Card project in two phases. The first phase will begin in around May 2003 when the new computer system will be put on live run. All ID card applications received from that date will be processed under the new system and smart ID cards will be issued. The second phase will begin in around July 2003 when we will invite the existing ID card holders to come forward by batches to have their ID cards replaced. This will be done by way of a call-up program and in accordance with specified age groups, and details are being worked out. In the forthcoming exercise, the estimated number of ID cards to be replaced will reach 6.8 million. As we plan to complete the replacement exercise in four years, nine New Identity Card Issuing Offices will be set up to cope with the demand.

A total of 44 posts have been created for planning and preparation of the HKSAR Identity Card project. It is expected that 30 additional posts will need to be created in May 2002 to reinforce the project team in light of increased activities arising from system development, testing, site preparation for the new offices, new operating procedures, specialized user training, etc.

As for the identity card replacement exercise, the Immigration Department will need to employ 852 additional staff in 2003-04, comprising 226 immigration service grades staff, 67 general grades staff, and 559 contract staff. All the 226 immigration service grades staff and 559 contract staff will have to be recruited from outside (because no resources within the Department can be redeployed for the exercise) while the 67 general grades staff will be redeployed from within the Government. All the 852 staff will be employed till the end of the replacement exercise, which will last for about four years, i.e. till 2007. The approval of the Finance Committee for funding for the implementation of the identity card replacement exercise will be sought in April 2002.

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

SB075

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme : (5) Personal Documentation

1235

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question :

The Administration plans to enhance the security feature of HKSAR travel documents in 2002-03. What are the details concerned and the estimated expenditure involved? What is the number of people arrested/detected for using forged HKSAR travel documents when entering or leaving Hong Kong in 2001? What types of forged documents were most often detected? What is/are the reason(s) for this?

Asked by : LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

(a) The technology on security printing has improved since the HKSAR passport was put in circulation almost 5 years ago. Enhancement of security features of the HKSAR passport will ensure that it remains one of the most secure passports in the world. The enhanced security features will include addition of Optical Variable Device and features only visible under ultra-violet light, and reduction in the thickness of the laminate to increase the difficulty to forge or replace the laminate. The enhancement will only entail increase in the unit costs of passport blanks and security laminates, but not the administration and staff costs. The total increase in cost amounts to 2.55 million in 2002-03, which will be absorbed within existing resources of the Immigration Department.

(b) (i) In 2001, 23 passengers were arrested by immigration officers for use or possession of forged HKSAR passports prior to their departure from Hong Kong. No other forged HKSAR travel documents were intercepted.

(ii) The international acceptance of the HKSAR passport and the increasing number of countries/territories granting visa-free access for HKSAR passport holders may, paradoxically, lead to demand for forged HKSAR passports by illegal migrants. We therefore need to continue to take measures to ensure that the HKSAR passport remains one of the most secure passports in the world.

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

SB076

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme : (6) Nationality and Assistance to
HKSAR Residents outside Hong Kong

1250

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question :

- (a) What is the breakdown, by type and by location, of the requests for assistance received from Hong Kong residents in distress outside Hong Kong in 2000 and 2001? Which types of requests were more frequently made?
- (b) According to the estimate by the authorities concerned, there will be approximately 1 080 requests for assistance from Hong Kong residents outside Hong Kong in 2002 (excluding the 206 enquiries arising from the 911 Incident). What is the basis of assumption of such an increase? How does it differ from the average increase in figures before 1999? What is/(are) the reason(s)?

Asked by : LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

- (a) The breakdown of requests for assistance from Hong Kong residents by major countries/places are at Annex. Cases relating to loss of travel document had the largest share amongst other types of requests in 2000 and 2001.
- (b) The existing mechanism of providing assistance to Hong Kong residents in distress outside Hong Kong has been in operation since the resumption of sovereignty in 1997. The number of requests for assistance received in year 1998, 1999, 2000 and 2001 was as follows:-

Year	1998	1999	2000	2001
Workload	264*	494 #	622	828 ##
		(+87.1%)	(+25.9%)	(+33.1%)

() Denotes percentage change over the preceding year

* excluding 306 enquiries/requests for assistance via the telephone hotline service from Hong Kong residents stranded in Indonesia

Breakdowns of requests for assistance from Hong Kong residents from major countries/places

Country or place	2000							2001						
	Imprisoned/ Detained	Lost T/D	Accident	Death	Missing	Misc	Total	Imprisoned/ Detained	Lost T/D	Accident	Death	Missing	Misc	Total
Australia	7	12	3	0	0	4	26	5	17	2	0	0	4	28
Canada	3	12	0	1	0	3	19	2	12	0	1	0	1	16
France	1	8	0	0	0	3	12	2	14	0	0	0	8	24
Japan	13	19	0	1	0	6	39	6	9	0	1	0	10	26
Mainland	87	38	45	7	24	58	259	98	51	113	6	32	139	439
Philippines	4	2	1	4	0	9	20	2	5	0	0	0	18	25
Thailand	6	18	0	4	1	1	30	3	16	0	1	0	6	26
UK	0	11	0	1	0	3	15	1	17	0	0	0	2	20
USA	22	23	5	1	0	3	54	20	33	1	0	0	6	60
Others	21	52	7	2	5	61	148	15	72	3	2	6	66	164
Total	164	195	61	21	30	151	622	154	246	119	11	38	260	828##

excluding 206 enquiries/requests for assistance via the telephone hotline service in relation to terrorist attacks on USA in September 2001

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

SB077

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme : (4) Vietnamese Migrants

1319

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question :

According to the Estimates, there are currently about 280 Vietnamese migrants remaining in Hong Kong and the estimated expenditure under this programme is \$15m, i.e. approximately \$53,600 for each Vietnamese migrant on average. Hong Kong has acted as the port of first asylum for over 20 years, yet there has never been a "second asylum". Hong Kong has long been plagued by the problem of Vietnamese migrants. Will the Administration inform this Council of:

- (a) Whether the Administration will consider taking hard-line measures, by requiring the migrants to choose either to settle in Hong Kong or to return to Vietnam immediately, thereby terminating the unreasonable subsidies which have been made all these years?
- (b) What is the total amount of debts the United Nations owe to the Hong Kong Government in connection with the expenditure on Vietnamese refugees and migrants? Has the Administration asked the United Nations to repay the debts and sought to have a say on the handling of the migrants issue?

Asked by : IP Kwok-him

Reply :

- (a) On 9 January 1998, Hong Kong terminated the "Port of First Asylum" policy. All Vietnamese coming to Hong Kong by illegal means after that date are treated as illegal immigrants and are subject to removal to Vietnam.

At the end of December 2001, about 280 Vietnamese Migrants (VMs)/Illegal Immigrants (VIIs) still remained in HK. These included 110 VMs whose removal had been withheld due to reasons such as serving prison sentences and suffering from ill health. There were also 170 VIIs whose removal had not been effected due to reasons such as serving prison sentences or awaiting re-entry clearance by the Vietnamese authority. Immigration Department would repatriate the VMs and VIIs once the relevant impediments had been removed.

- (b) Before 1998, the UNHCR had made annual repayment to cover the expenditure by the Hong Kong Government on the maintenance of Vietnamese refugees/migrants. The last repayment, amounting to HK\$3.9 million was received in February 1998. Since then, no payments have been made and the cumulative “debt” stands at \$1.162 billion.

The Administration has made repeated appeals to the UNHCR and international community direct for donation on numerous occasions, including the UNHCR Executive Committee Meetings and the Inter-Governmental Asia-Pacific Consultations on Refugees, Displaced Persons and Migrants.

We will continue with our efforts to appeal to the UNHCR for repayment.

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Date **20 March 2002** _____

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WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

SB078

Question Serial No.

0242

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 : The number of Fire Hazard Abatement Notices issued in relation to the obstruction to the means of escape and the locking up of exit doors has increased progressively since 1999 with a continuous drop in the number of prosecutions instituted. What are the reasons? Are there any measures or plans to alleviate the situation?

Asked by: TO Kun-sun, James

Reply: Since 1999, we have been stepping up building inspections and focusing our efforts to the promotion of a fire safety culture among the community through flexible deployment of resources and additional staff. The establishment of District Fire Safety Committees, as well as the expansion of the Fire Safety Ambassador Scheme, have further improved the public awareness of fire safety. Hence, members of the public are more forthcoming in reporting to us the irregularities in their premises. Therefore, the number of Fire Hazard Abatement Notices issued by our operational Commands has been increased.

Furthermore, with the increased public awareness of fire safety, most people upon receipt of Fire Hazard Abatement Notice, will take immediate improvement action. Therefore, the number of prosecutions has been decreasing each year. As for those who failed to abate the Fire Hazard, prosecutions will be instituted.

In 2002-03, we will continue to conduct large-scale building inspections and priority will be accorded to 1 400 single-staircase composite buildings with illegal rooftop structures. We will recruit 25 Fire Safety Wardens on non-civil service contract terms to step up building inspections. We will also continue to organize various fire prevention publicity campaigns, and commission a Mobile Fire Safety Publicity Vehicle for roving exhibitions.

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Name in block letters HSU KING PING

Post Title Director of Fire Services

Date 20.3.2002

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2002-03
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

SB079

Question Serial No.

0243

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 : (a) Please provide a breakdown by type on the number of Fire Hazard Abatement Notices issued.

(b) The number of item (a) is 15 155 for 1999, 12 625 for 2000, 19 124 for 2001 and that for 2002 is estimated to be 20 000. How do you account for these figures?

Asked by: TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

(a) The breakdown by type of the number of Fire Hazard Abatement Notices issued in the following 3 years is listed below:

<u>2001</u>	<u>Types of Fire Hazards</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lack of repairs and maintenance for the fire service installations and equipment	8 649	7 855	12 639
Obstruction to the means of escape due to the installation of iron gates or other illegal structures	368	274	851
Illegal demolition of lift lobby, smoke lobby and smoke lobby door etc.	6 138	4 496	5 634
12 625	19 124	Total	15 155

(b) Between January 1999 and February 2000, the Fire Protection Command of the Department launched a "Building Fire Safety Restoration Inspection" programme to enhance building fire safety. As a result, the number of Fire Hazard Abatement Notices issued has been increased. In 2000, the Department focused on taking follow-up action to those Fire Hazard Abatement Notices issued apart from the routine inspections. Hence, the number of notices issued in 2000 was less than that of 1999.

The Fire Safety Command of the Department has set up a "Building Fire Safety Enforcement Force" in 2001. Its main function is to inspect fire safety installations in buildings. This has led to an increased number of Fire Hazard Abatement Notices issued in 2001 as compared with 2000.

In 2002, the Department will continue to conduct building inspections focusing on the state of repairs and maintenance of the fire service installations. Hence, it is envisaged that there will be a slight increase in issuing the number of Fire Hazard Abatement Notices.

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SB080

Question Serial No.

0244

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 target response time performance of ambulance service for 2001 was 91.8% which was slightly below the target of 92.5% mainly because of the increase of ambulance calls and traffic congestion. The estimated number of calls for 2002 is higher than that of 2001, with an estimated increase of 6.7% in the "Calls per Ambulance". Under such circumstances, are there any measures or resource allocation plans to maintain the target performance of the ambulance service or to achieve the target performance of 93.3% for 1999?

Asked by: TO Kun-sun, James

Reply: In the coming year, the Department will take improvement measures and have additional resources to achieve the target response time performance of 92.5% set for ambulance service.

For 2002-03, the Department has been allocated with additional resources to create 69 new posts for training of personnel for the full provision of paramedic ambulance service on all ambulances, enhancement of emergency ambulance service, and managing a new ambulance depot. Through the allocation of new resources and internal deployment, about 6 additional ambulance shifts per day will be provided to improve the response time performance.

To better cope with the demand during peak periods, the Department will pilot special working shifts by flexibly deploying staff in selected ambulance units and districts as recommended by the Consultant. It is anticipated that such arrangements will improve the response time performance, equivalent to adding 7 ambulance shifts.

New ambulance depots at Tseung Kwan O and Tin Shui Wai areas will be commissioned in 2002. They will improve the ambulance coverage and shorten the response time of ambulance service in these areas. The Department will closely monitor the progress of constructing new ambulance depots at Braemar Hill and Sha Tau Kok, and will seek for the provision of the planned ambulance depots at Kowloon Tong, Kwai Chung, Penny's Bay and Mongkok. The Department will continue to review and flexibly deploy ambulance resources in various districts to better meet the local needs.

It is envisaged that through the above arrangements, the overall response time performance of ambulance service in the coming year will be improved.

The Department will regularly review the situation and bid for additional resources through normal procedures, if necessary.

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Reply Serial No.

SB081

Question Serial No.

0407

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 : There will be a net creation of 53 posts under Programme (3) for the year 2002-03.
Please give the breakdown of these posts.

Asked by: LI Fung-ying

Reply: In 2002-03, 69 posts will be created and 16 posts deleted under Programme (3);
therefore, there will be a net creation of 53 posts and the details are as follows:

Creation of 69 new posts:

The 69 new posts are created with the objective for training personnel for the full implementation of paramedic ambulance service, enhancement of emergency ambulance service, and managing a new ambulance depot. These posts include 1 Senior Ambulance Officer, 10 Ambulance Officers, 6 Senior Ambulancemen and 52 Ambulancemen.

Deletion of 16 posts :

The 16 posts, which include 1 Cook and 15 Workman II posts, are deleted due to the implementation of the Voluntary Retirement Scheme.

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SB082

Question Serial No.

0436

Head: 45 – Fire Services Department Subhead(No. & title): 603 Plant, vehicles and equipment

Programme: (3) Ambulance Service

Controlling Officer: Director of Fire Services

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question :

- (a) Items 620 and 702 under Subhead 603 show that the Fire Services Department is going to purchase 2 mobile casualty treatment centres. Does the Fire Services Department have any plan to purchase other types of ambulances and to upgrade the equipment of the existing ambulances in 2002-03?
- (b) With the growth in the demand for ambulance service, how do the authorities ensure that the present performance pledge of ambulance service could be met?

Asked by: LI Fung-ying

Reply:

- (b) In 2002-03, the Department will procure 3 additional standard ambulances and 23 new ambulances for replacement purpose. The required funding will be met from the provision under Subhead 661. These 26 ambulances will be equipped with advanced facilities such as vital signs monitors for enhancing pre-hospital diagnoses and treatment of patients.

In order to extend paramedic ambulance service to all ambulance aid motorcycles progressively, the Department will replace 19 motorcycles with new models equipped with paramedic facilities. The provisions required for replacing the motorcycles are included in Subhead 691 under Head 50 (Government Land Transport Agency). The Department has also set aside approximately \$1m for upgrading some of the existing ambulances to paramedic level in 2002-03.

- (b) In the coming year, the Department will take improvement measures and have additional resources to achieve the target response time performance of 92.5% set for ambulance service.

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Question Serial No.

0440

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 : Regarding the measured performance of the Fire Services Department, the actual percentage of fire calls met within the graded response time in 2001 was higher than the target percentage and the actual percentage achieved in 2000. This demonstrates that the Fire Services Department is capable of raising the said target response time. Why did the authorities deliberately lower the planned percentage for 2002?

Asked by: LAU Kong-wah

Reply: In 2001, the performance of fire response exceeded the performance target of 92.5% mainly because the overall number of building fires decreased by 888 (i.e. dropped by 2.3%) as compared to that of 2000. In addition, the commissioning of a new fire station (i.e. Sandy Bay Fire Station) and flexible deployment of fire appliances contributed to enhancing the performance of fire responses.

This is the first time recorded since 1993 a decrease in the number of building fires. The Department will closely monitor whether the number of this type of fire calls will continue to drop in the coming year. We shall then decide whether adjustment should be made to the performance target.

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SB084

Question Serial No.

0441

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 explain how the new fire stations to be commissioned in 2002-03 at Tseung Kwan O and Tin Shui Wai will improve the fire service in these two districts?

Asked by: LAU Kong-wah

Reply: At present, if a fire occurs at Pak Shing Kok, Siu Chik Sha or Tai Chik Sha in Tseung Kwan O district, or in Tin Shui Wai Northern Reserve Area, the response time of fire appliances to scene of incident usually exceeds 12 minutes. However, these areas will be protected by the two new fire stations at Tseung Kwan O and Tin Shui Wai (i.e. Tai Chik Sha Fire Station and Lau Fau Shan Fire Station) after their commissioning in 2002. In case of fire, fire appliances will be able to arrive at the scene of incident within the graded response time of 6 minutes.

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Question Serial No.

0442

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 : How will the new mobilizing system improve the deployment of fire and ambulance resources? Will it reduce the response time? If yes, how much time will it reduce? If no, what improvement will it bring about?

Asked by: LAU Kong-wah

Reply: The new mobilizing system incorporates and integrates various advanced equipment and technologies, such as Automatic Vehicle Location System, Geographic Information System, Calling Line Identification System etc. The required fire and ambulance resources will be despatched promptly and precisely to the scene of incident. With the state-of-the-art features of the new mobilizing system, it is anticipated that the despatch time will be completed within the target of 1 minute and the new system will be capable of meeting the projected growth of emergency calls in the next 10 years.

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Question Serial No.

0466

Head: Head 45 - Fire Services Department Subhead(No. & title): 603 Plant, vehicles and equipment

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Fire Services

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question : There is a substantial balance in the revised estimated expenditure for 2001-02 of the capital account. Why is there still an increase of over \$30m (36.8%) in the estimate for 2002-03 when compared with that of last year? What will the additional funds be allocated for?

Asked by: LAU Kong-wah

Reply: The estimated expenditure for 2002-03 is \$136.93m, i.e. an increase of \$36.81m (36.8%) when compared with the revised estimated expenditure of \$100.12m for 2001-02. A sum of \$35.01m in the estimated expenditure is for meeting the expenditure of 22 newly approved items in 2002-03. These items include the replacement of 4 hydraulic platforms, 5 major pumps, 3 breathing apparatus tenders, 4 foam carriers and 1 jackless snorkel for existing fire stations; the replacement of 1 hydraulic platform, 1 major pump and 1 turntable ladder for the Fire Services Driving Training School; and the replacement of 1 night vision camera for the Command Boat and the procurement of 1 mobile casualty treatment centre for the enhancement of emergency ambulance service coverage. The remaining amount is for meeting the expenditure of plant, vehicles and equipment items approved in or before 2001-02.

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SB087

Question Serial No.

0467

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 : Does the Fire Services Department inspect certain cyber cafes which are not required to hold a licence but are of high fire risk? If yes, what criteria are used in determining the adequacy of fire prevention facilities in these cafes? Has the Department issued any abatement notice to the operators of these cyber cafes or taken any prosecution action against them? If not, please explain why. Are there any other measures being taken to ensure that the operating environment of these cafes complies with fire safety requirements? What are the resources required for the work in this respect?

Asked by: LAU Kong-wah

Reply: At present, there is no specific legislation which requires cyber cafes in Hong Kong to comply with additional fire safety requirements. Since these establishments do not generally pose a high fire risk, it is not necessary to inspect these premises specifically. If a cyber cafe operates in a licensed restaurant, the restaurant has to comply with licensing requirements on fire safety, which include the installation of fire service sprinkler system, emergency lighting system, etc. Regarding cyber cafes operating in other premises, the concerned buildings should be provided with fire service installations according to the Codes of Practice for Minimum Fire Service Installations and Equipment issued by the Department. In response to public complaints, the Department will inspect the cyber cafes concerned according to normal procedures to ensure fire safety of the public. According to records, no fire hazard abatement notice has been issued to cyber cafes and the resources dedicated to such work have not been assessed.

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SB088

Question Serial No.

0468

Head: Head 45 - Fire Services Department Subhead(No. & title): 661 Minor plant, vehicles
and equipment (block vote)

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Fire Services

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

- Question : (a) Regarding the increase of the estimated expenditure of the capital account for procurement of fire appliances and equipment, how much additional resources will be deployed to existing fire stations?
- (b) Are the facilities of new fire stations at Tseung Kwan O Area 87 and Tin Shui Wai Area 112 included in the expenditure of the above capital account? If yes, what is the percentage of the expenditure of three item? If no, what is the expenditure to be incurred for the facilities of the two new fire stations and what subhead is to fund the expenditure?

Asked by: LAU Kong-wah

- Reply: (a) The estimated expenditure for 2002-03 is \$70.59 m, representing an increase of \$38.6 m over the revised estimated expenditure for 2001-02. About \$38.57 m of the estimated expenditure of \$70.59 m, representing 54.6%, will be allocated for the procurement of mini fire appliances, various breaking-in tools, etc for existing fire stations.
- (b) The required expenditure for procuring fire appliances and facilities for the new fire stations at Tseung Kwan O Area 87 and Tin Shui Wai Area 112 is not included in the estimated expenditure of the Department's capital account. For the new fire station at Tseung Kwan O Area 87, the required expenditure is \$9.8m, which has been included in the approved project estimate of Subhead 3118BF under the Capital Works Reserve Fund Head 703. For the new fire station at Tin Shui Wai Area 112, the required expenditure is \$10.4 m, which has been included in the approved project estimate of Subhead B170BF under the Capital Works Reserve Fund Head 711.

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Question Serial No.

1179

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 : The fire prevention legislative requirements has been causing much concern as they have a bearing on public safety and financial burdens of small owners. Would the Government advise this Council on the following: the paper mentions that the Department will enhance fire safety measures in old commercial buildings, enhance fire safety standards in composite, domestic and industrial buildings and is preparing to introduce new legislation. What is the target of the new legislation? When will it be introduced? How much resources are expected to be involved?

Asked by: IP Kwok-him

Reply: The Fire Safety (Buildings) Bill is being examined by the Legislative Council. The objective of this Bill is to improve fire safety of old composite buildings and domestic buildings. After the enactment of the legislation, the Government will cause to improve fire safety of old composite buildings by phases in the next 10 years. The first phase is to improve fire safety of some 5 000 pre-1973 composite buildings within 6 years. The second phase is to improve fire safety of some 4 000 composite buildings constructed between the period of 1973-87 within 4 years. After the completion of the fire safety improvement programme for composite buildings, we will deal with some 3 000 pre-1987 domestic buildings by phases, giving priority to pre-1973 buildings. Since there are existing legislations governing fire safety of factories or workplaces inside industrial buildings, the Government has no plan to introduce new legislation to enhance fire safety standards for industrial buildings for the time being.

Before the enactment of the new legislation, the Department has designated staff for stepping up inspections of various types of private buildings to enhance the fire safety standard. After its enactment, a task force will be established by redeploying the above staff for enforcement of the new legislation and the resources allocated will be about \$20 m in 2002-03.

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SB090
Question Serial No.
0173

Head: 30 Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: (2) Re-integration

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Correctional Services

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question:

Please provide the details of and expenditure for the rehabilitation strategies and re-integration programmes to be further developed by the Correctional Services Department during 2002-03.

Asked by: LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply:

In 2002-03, the Correctional Services Department will launch two new initiatives to further develop its rehabilitation and re-integration services -

a) Implementation of the Rehabilitation Centres Programme

This new rehabilitation programme is to fill an existing service gap between institutional programmes and non-custodial programmes for young offenders. The programme will comprise two phases -

- Phase I:
two to five months disciplinary training in a penal institution
- Phase II:
one to four months community-based re-integration programmes in a half-way house setting.

A new annual provision of \$4.48M is made for implementation of the programme.

b) Enhancement of vocational training

Vocational training is provided to young offenders under 21 years of age to facilitate their smooth re-integration into the community after discharge. To complete the transformation of all vocational training courses to meet current demands of the society and standards recognised by international vocational authorities, a final batch of eight courses (in such trades as decorative joinery, print production, desktop publishing and fashion & clothing design) will be enhanced to compatible City and Guilds / Pitman craft level in 2002-03.

A new annual provision of \$2.23M is made for the enhancement programme.

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SB091

Question Serial No.

0245

Head: 30 Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: (1) Prison Management

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Correctional Services

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question:

What is the occupancy rate in 2000-01 and 2001-02 and the estimated rate for 2002-03 for each institution? Are there any plans and resources allocated to alleviate the overcrowding situations?

Asked by: TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

The overall actual occupancy rate for the institutions under Programme(1) Prison Management was 114.5% in 2000 and 119.5% in 2001. Breakdown by institution is provided in the attached table.

For 2002, the overall occupancy rate is estimated to be 120%, representing an estimated average daily penal population of 11 020 against an average certified accommodation of 9 204. No estimated rates for 2002-03 are made for individual institutions.

To cope with the overcrowding situation in female institutions, some sections in the Victoria Prison and Hei Ling Chau Addiction Treatment Centre have been set aside to hold female prisoners. There will be 260 new places coming on stream in mid 2002 when the Tai Lam redevelopment project is commissioned. For the longer term, we are formulating a prison development plan to address the overcrowding problem and meet forecast penal growth in the next two decades.

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Occupancy Rate of Institutions under Programme (1), 2000 & 2001

Institutions	Occupancy Rate (%)	
	2000	2001
Stanley Prison	126.3	129.1
Lai Chi Kok Reception Centre	129.7	134.4
Shek Pik Prison	149.1	146.0
Siu Lam Psychiatric Centre	87.0	90.7
Pik Uk Correctional Institution	100.8	95.8
Victoria Prison	122.8	126.5
Ma Po Ping Prison	104.2	103.0
Tong Fuk Centre	89.0	83.8
Hei Ling Chau Correctional Institution	117.7	117.3
Pak Sha Wan Correctional Institution	108.3	108.0
Tai Lam Correctional Institution	108.1	103.0
Pik Uk Prison	102.8	101.2
Ma Hang Prison	75.9	80.0
Tung Tau Correctional Institution	126.4	123.6
Lo Wu Correctional Institution	97.8	97.3
Lai Sun Correctional Institution *#	50.5	52.7
Sha Tsui Detention Centre #	37.3	141.8
Tai Lam Centre for Women	145.7	203.2
Chi Ma Wan Correctional Institution	131.5	181.4
Chi Ma Wan Drug Addiction Treatment Centre #	131.7	133.3
Tai Tam Gap Correctional Institution #	135.6	177.5
All Institutions	114.5	119.5

* To better utilize the available places and facilities, a section (with a capacity of 108 places) of the institution has been converted to hold young drug addicts with effect from 10.9.2001.

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SB092
Question Serial No.
0246

Head: 30 Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: (1) Prison management (2) Re-integration

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Correctional Services

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question:

Under the Enhanced Productivity Programme of the above two Programmes, what posts and services will be or have already been deleted or combined? Please advise in detail.

Asked by: TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

Under Enhanced Productivity Programme, a net total of 135 posts (98 and 37 posts respectively under Programme (1) and Programme (2)) will be deleted in Correctional Services Department in 2002-03. The ranks and numbers of posts involved are summarized below:

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Number</u> (percentage of establishment of the rank)	
Disciplined posts		
Superintendent	-2	(-5.3%)
Chief Officer	-1	(-1.4%)
Principal Officer	-1	(-0.4%)
Officer	+9	(+1.4%)
Assistant Officer I	-5	(-0.2%)
Assistant Officer II	-128	(-4.4%)
Civilian posts		
Chinese Language Officer I	-1	(-20%)
Assistant Clerk of Works	-1	(-25%)
Assistant Clerical Officer	-1	(-0.7%)
Telephone Operator	-1	(-10%)
Supplies Assistant	-1	(-4.5%)
Workman II	-2	(-2%)

The above changes were the result of organisational restructuring within the Department, by re-ranking posts to allow for redistribution of duties; re-assessing job requirements and merging work areas to cut down manpower provision; reducing staff resources in areas where activities have declined; and providing additional manpower to strengthen areas with inadequate staff and to provide new services. All measures are implemented without affecting the quality and level of existing services.

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SB093

Question Serial No.

0308

Head: 30

Subhead(No. &
title):

Programme: (2) Re-integration

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Correctional Services

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question:

Indicators in the Controlling Officer's Report show that the actual success rates of two re-integration programmes – training centre and drug addiction treatment centre – within the supervision period were below 70 per cent in 2000 and 2001. The rates were much lower than other re-integration programmes. Please give the reasons for such a disparity and provide details of the Department's plan, if any, to improve the situation.

Asked by: CHAN Bernard

Reply:

Convicted offenders are sentenced by courts to different correctional programmes. There are currently nine supervision programmes administered by the Correctional Services Department (CSD) to cater for different types of offenders with varied rehabilitation needs. Their service targets and statutory supervision periods differ.

For the Training Centre (TC) programme, a successful case is defined as one in which the young offender has satisfactorily completed the statutory three years' supervision period without reconviction. TC supervisees are generally fairly sophisticated in criminal disposition and very often repeated offenders. As for the Drug Addiction Treatment Centre (DATC) programme, all supervisees have a history of drug addiction and a case will be classified as successful only if the supervisee is found to be free from drugs and without reconviction during the supervision period.

On the other hand, in the case of the Detention Centre (DC) programme for example, the inmates admitted are mostly first-time offenders and commit less serious crimes. DC supervisees are also subjected to a shorter period of statutory supervision (one year). In the cases of the Release Under Supervision Scheme and the Pre-release Employment Scheme, inmates need to apply for participation and only those with good rehabilitation progress would be approved to be released earlier than normal to undergo supervision.

In view of the different target groups covered and the different supervision periods involved, the success rates of the various programmes cannot be compared directly with each other. For example, a longer supervision period would generally see more re-offending cases and there are many circumstances which could lead to relapse to drugs of a supervisee during the supervision period. That said, the success rates of the TC and DATC programmes have been reasonably consistent in the past three years – ranging from 68.0% to 69.7% for DATC and from 65.2% to 68% for TC.

Like all other supervision programmes operated by CSD, the TC and DATC supervision programmes are subject to on-going review and close monitoring. With an overall success rate of above 65%, the two programmes are considered to be effective in helping offenders lead a law abiding life after discharge.

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SB094

Question Serial No.

0342

Head: 30

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: (1) Prison Management

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Correctional Services

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question:

According to the latest figures provided by the Correctional Services Department on 11 January 2002, the occupancy rate of female inmates in penal institutions was 174.2%. What specific measures will be taken to alleviate overcrowding in penal institutions for women in 2002-03? What is the expenditure estimated?

Asked by: HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply:

The female penal population has been showing a continued rising trend since November 2000. Currently some sections in Victoria Prison and Hei Ling Chau Addiction Treatment Centre have been set aside to provide 256 and 196 places respectively to hold female prisoners to relieve the overcrowding situation in other female institutions.

The overcrowding situation in female institutions will continue to be monitored closely to ensure that appropriate prisoner reshuffling arrangements and staff planning are put in place.

Statistics on expenditures for different groups of prisoners are not separately kept; but as an indication, female prisoners constituted about 17% of the total penal population in 2001.

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SB095

Question Serial No.

0343

Head: 30

Subhead(No. &
title):

Programme: (2) Re-integration

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Correctional Services

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question :

Regarding the indicators under this programme,

A) would the Administration advise how many offenders have applied for and been granted approval to join the following re-integration programmes in 2000 and 2001 respectively:

- 1) Release Under Supervision Scheme;
- 2) Pre-release Employment Scheme;
- 3) Post-release Supervision Scheme;
- 4) Conditional Release Scheme; and
- 5) Supervision After Release Scheme?

B) how many participants in the above schemes were recalled during the supervision period in these two years respectively? Please give the reasons.

Asked by : HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply :

A) The required statistics are as follows:

Supervision Scheme *	No. of applications/ cases considered by the respective statutory boards	No. of participants	No. of applications/ cases considered by the respective statutory boards	No. of participants
	2000		2001	
Release Under Supervision Scheme (RUSS)	8	1	9	3

Pre-release Employment Scheme (PRES)	25	3	32	5
Post-Release Supervision of Prisoners Scheme (PRSS)	412	412	437	437
Conditional Release Scheme (CRS)	0	0	0	0
Supervision After Release Scheme (SARS)	4	3	2	2

* The RUSS and PRES are voluntary schemes; eligible prisoners need to submit applications to the boards concerned. For the PRSS, CRS and SARS, 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 :

Scheme	No. of supervisees recalled		Reasons for recall
	2000	2001	
Release Under Supervision Scheme	0	0	N.A.
Pre-release Employment Scheme	0	0	N.A.
Post-release Supervision Scheme	22	20	Breach of supervision conditions, e.g. failing to contact the supervising officer, failing to inform the supervising officer of change of home address or employment particulars, reconviction, etc.
Conditional Release Scheme	0	0	N.A.
Supervision After Release Scheme	0	0	N.A.
Total	22	20	

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SB096

Question Serial No.

0664

Head: 30 Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: (1) Prison Management

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Correctional Services

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question:

It is stated in the Estimates that due to substantial increase in the admission of female offenders, the average daily number of prisoners had increased by 6% in 2001. Please give the reasons for the increase and list out the types of offence committed. What are the implications on the custodial environment in prison brought about by the increased number of female offenders?

Asked by: LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

The upsurge in the female penal population since November 2000 is mainly due to the large number of admission of female Mainlanders (majority of them convicted of the offence of 'Breach of Condition of Stay'). In 2001, the number of admission of this group of offenders was 5 153, representing a 79% increase over the figure of 2 877 for 2000.

Currently some sections at Victoria Prison and Hei Ling Chau Addiction Treatment Centre have been set aside to hold female offenders to relieve the overcrowding situation in other female institutions.

The overcrowding situation in female institutions will continue to be monitored closely to ensure that appropriate prisoner reshuffling arrangements and staff planning are put in place and that the quality and standard of the custodial environment and the rehabilitation service provided will not be adversely affected.

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Reply Serial No.

SB097

Question Serial No.

0665

Head: 30 Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: (1) Prison Management (2) Re-integration

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Correctional Services

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question:

What are the expenditure and the estimated expenditure on the provision of medical, psychological and welfare services in 2001 and 2002 respectively? Please also provide details on the additional resources and improvement planned for the above services in 2002.

Asked by: LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

In 2001-02, a provision of \$157.8M was allocated to the Correctional Services Department for providing medical services to prisoners in the hospitals or sick bays inside institutions. The provision for 2002-03 is \$148.1M. The small decrease is mainly due to savings to be achieved through the Enhanced Productivity Programme.

In addition to in-house medical services, prisoners may also be referred to visiting consultants from the Department of Health and the Hospital Authority or sent to public hospitals for specialist medical care.

For psychological services, the provision in 2001-02 was \$15.7M. The provision for 2002-03 is \$17.6M which includes the new money for the creation of a Clinical Psychologist post under the Rehabilitation Centres Programme.

As regards welfare services, the provisions in 2001-02 and 2002-03 are \$86.3M and \$88.9M respectively. In addition to the existing welfare services provided to prisoners in helping them to adjust to imprisonment, new telephone hotline service will be jointly operated with a voluntary agency to provide advice and referral service to discharged prisoners in 2002-03.

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SB098

Question Serial No.

0666

Head: 30 Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: (2) Re-integration

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Correctional Services

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question:

On the work of providing rehabilitative training programmes to young offenders, what are the expenditure, details and results of 2001? Did the Administration estimate the number of young offenders to be submitted to these programmes in 2002? What is the estimated expenditure?

Asked by: LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

The Correctional Services Department provides compulsory education programmes and vocational training for young offenders. In 2001-02, an average daily population of 1 176 young offenders has participated in these programmes and the total expenditure of these services was \$49.6M.

To facilitate smooth re-integration of discharged offenders into the society after discharge, on-going efforts are made to enhance the training programmes to prepare young offenders to sit for public examinations and acquire training accreditations. In 2001, 309 inmates (or 26.3%) sat for public examinations such as the Hong Kong Certificate of Education Examination, the Hong Kong Advanced Level Examination and the London Chamber of Commerce and Industry Examinations. Another 255 inmates (or 21.7%) sat for examination papers at craft level or Intermediate Trade Tests set by the City & Guilds of London Institute (C&G), the Pitman Qualifications and the Vocational Training Institute. Satisfactory results with an average passing rate of 76.3% were achieved.

We estimate that an average daily population of 1 210 young offenders will be engaged in rehabilitative training programmes in 2002-03. With an additional annual provision of \$2.23M to employ qualified teaching staff, a final batch of eight vocational courses will be transformed and enhanced to compatible C&G or Pitman craft level in 2002-03.

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Reply Serial No.

SB099

Question Serial No.

0667

Head: 30

Subhead(No. & title): 371

Consultancy to develop a risks and needs
evaluation procedure for offenders

Programme: (2) Re-integration

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Correctional Services

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question:

Regarding the consultancy to develop a risks and needs evaluation procedure for offenders, the revised estimated expenditure for 2001-02 is \$150,000. What are the work involved and the details? What will be the work involved and the estimated expenses for the year 2002-03?

Asked by: LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

The consultancy study commissioned by the Correctional Services Department (CSD) is to review the evaluation procedures of re-offending risks and rehabilitative needs of offenders with a view to enhancing the management and rehabilitation of offenders. The revised estimated expenditure of \$150,000 in 2001-02 is to cover expenses for the visit to Hong Kong in February 2002 by two staff members of the Correctional Service of Canada (CSC), who have been invited to serve as advisers to the consultancy study and examine the Department's current evaluation procedures and rehabilitation services.

The estimated budget for the consultancy study in 2002-03 is \$750,000 to cover the following activities :

- a) follow up visits of CSC staff to Hong Kong to further advise CSD on the consultancy study;
- b) with the support of a local organisation/university being identified, the development of a validated clinical risks and needs evaluation procedure by CSC for psychological evaluation of offenders with special needs, i.e. sex offenders, young offenders, violent offenders and offenders with substance abuse problems; and
- c) the automation of the risks and needs evaluation procedures.

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Reply Serial No.

SB100

Question Serial No.

0668

Head: 30

Subhead(No. & title): 700

E-learning training programme for
Correctional Services Department

Programme: (1) Prison management

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Correctional Services

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question:

What are the details of E-learning training programme for Correctional Services Department?

What are the results in 2001? What is the estimated expenditure for the year 2002-03?

Asked by: LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

The E-learning training programme is a web-based learning system through which staff can learn at any time, at anywhere, at their own pace and without leaving their posts. Staff deployment is therefore more efficient. The system is a flexible and effective tool to delivering basic knowledge and skill-based training courses to staff at all levels. Practical training, case study and placement can be flexibly incorporated in the training courses as appropriate. The system can also provide an interactive learning environment with quizzes or tests to evaluate the progress of users. Such mixed training mode will help foster a culture of continuous learning among the 7,000 staff in the Department.

Eight coursewares have been launched on the website since January 2002. About 700 registered users have logged in to the system with a record of 3,100 hit-in rate. The system will be fully commissioned in all CSD institutions in mid 2002 and its effectiveness will be evaluated upon full implementation.

The approved commitment for developing the E-learning system is \$3.411M. Since October 2001, \$0.967M has been spent on establishing the web-site, setting up the e-platform and the production of six coursewares. In 2002-03, \$2.444M has been earmarked for the production of ten coursewares to further enrich the learning programme.

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SB101

Question Serial No.

0669

Head: 30

Subhead(No. & title): 373

Publicity campaign of "We All
Care (for rehabilitated offenders)"

Programme: (2) Re-integration

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Correctional Services

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question:

Information indicates that there is no expenditure on the publicity campaign of "We All Care (for rehabilitated offenders)" in 2001. What is the reason for that? Was that campaign conducted as indicated in the estimates last year? Is there any plan to launch such campaign in 2002-03? If yes, what is the estimated expenditure? If not, why? Is it related to the effectiveness of the campaign?

Asked by: LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

In 2001-02, a publicity campaign has been carried out as planned to promote a safe society with rehabilitated offenders, with an approved commitment of \$2.1M under subhead 700 item 367. The programme included for example the production of a TV programme, community involvement activities, production of compact discs with songs written and sung by offenders.

The 2001-02 campaign has proven to be successful. In 2002-03, \$2.4M has been earmarked for the Department to carry out a further campaign entitled "We All Care (for rehabilitated offenders)" under subhead 700 item 373. Activities under planning include a TV docu-drama series, Announcements of Public Interest on the radio and television, a special radio programme, posters, community involvement activities and advertisements in public areas.

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SB102

Question Serial No.

1012

Head: 30 Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: (2) Re-integration

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Correctional Services

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question:

- (a) In the year 2001-02, \$2.1M has been provided for publicity and promotion work to enlist community acceptance and support for rehabilitated offenders. What is the estimated provision for the year 2002-03 for publicity activities and what are the details?
- (b) What is the estimated provision the Administration has set aside for implementation of the programme under the Rehabilitation Centre Ordinance in year 2002-03 and what are the details?

Asked by: TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

- (a) In 2002-03, \$2.4M has been earmarked for the Correctional Services Department to organise a publicity campaign entitled "We All Care (for rehabilitated offenders)". Activities under planning include a TV docu-drama series, Announcements of Public Interest on the radio and television, a special radio programme, posters, community involvement activities and advertisements in public areas.
- (b) A new annual provision of \$4.48M has been earmarked in 2002-03 for the Correctional Services Department to employ ten permanent staff and four contract staff to operate four rehabilitation centres to be set up under the Rehabilitation Centres Ordinance. For example, a Clinical Psychologist will be employed to provide specialized psychological assessment and treatment services to help the young offenders develop social and life skills, and four Technical Instructors will be engaged to provide vocational training to help the offenders acquire recognised vocational skills and qualifications.

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Reply Serial No.

SB103

Question Serial No.

1044

Head: 30 Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: (1) Prison Management

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Correctional Services

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question:

With regard to the substantial increase in the number of female prisoners, please give details on whether the Administration has re-allocated any resources to increase the number of female staff in the Correctional Services Department to facilitate prison management. If not, why?

Asked by: LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply:

The necessary female staff to cope with the recent increase in the female penal population has been made available through internal deployment from other duties within the Correctional Services Department.

The increasing trend is being closely monitored. Timely and suitable arrangements will be made as the need arises.

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SB104

Question Serial No.

1063

Head: 30 Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: (1) Prison Management

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Correctional Services

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question:

How much resource was allocated by the Correctional Services Department in managing the prisoners' engagement in industrial work in 2001 and 2002? Please give information on the production and sale of finished products. What was the expenditure in 2001?

Asked by: Mrs CHOW LIANG Shuk-ye, Selina

Reply:

In 2001-02, \$97.6M is allocated to provide 60 and 212 officers respectively in the Industrial Grade and Instructor Grade (as at the end of 2001) for managing the Correctional Services Industries (CSI). A similar level of provisions will be maintained in 2002-03.

CSI products and services are provided to government departments, government-financed public bodies and non-profit-making organisations on a cost-recovery basis. Through continuous product and market development within the public sector, a steady supply of work can be maintained for the purposeful employment of all the prisoners in CSI workshops. The work includes the production of traffic signs, office furniture, concrete products, shoes, uniforms and linen, litter containers, metal barriers, envelopes and the delivery of laundry, printing and book lamination services. The commercial value of the products and services amounted to \$442.7M in 2001, although this is not the amount of gross income received owing to the policy of charging on a cost recovery basis.

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SB105

Question Serial No.

1097

Head: 30

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: (2) Re-integration

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Correctional Services

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question:

Please give information on the manpower and provisions for providing education and vocational training to prisoners by the Correctional Services Department in 2002-03. How much additional resource is required to strengthen the work on the prevention of recidivism?

Asked by: Mrs CHOW LIANG Shuk-ye, Selina

Reply:

The Correctional Services Department provides compulsory education programmes and vocational training for young offenders. Guidance is also provided to adult prisoners who participate in educational studies on a voluntary basis. In 2002-03, there will be a total of 45 teachers and 48 vocational training staff posts to serve an estimated daily population of 1 210 young offenders and 996 adult prisoners. The estimated total expenditure is \$51.8M.

The prevention of recidivism is a long-term goal of the Department. On-going efforts are devoted in making continued improvement to its service for the rehabilitation of offenders. Various studies are also conducted with a view to helping discharged offenders to successfully re-integrate into the society.

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SB106

Question Serial No.

1202

Head: 30

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: (1) Prison Management

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Correctional Services

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question :

In 2000 and 2001, how many Hong Kong residents sentenced in other places were transferred back to serve their sentence in Hong Kong respectively? Please list out the figures by the countries being so requested, and provide the expenses incurred for such work.

Asked by: HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply:

There was no case in 2000 and one inward transfer case from the USA to Hong Kong in 2001.

Apart from the administrative costs absorbed, the Government spent HK\$26,316 on the passage and subsistence allowances to send three Correctional Services officers to the USA to escort the prisoner back to Hong Kong.

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SB107

Question Serial No.

1203

Head: 30

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: (1) Prison Management

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Correctional Services

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question :

In 2000 and 2001, how many non-Hong Kong residents serving their sentence in Hong Kong were transferred back to their place of origin to serve their sentence respectively? Please list out the figures by the countries so requested, and provide the expenses incurred for such work.

Asked by: HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply:

The numbers of sentenced persons transferred back to their places of origin to serve their remaining sentences in 2000 and 2001 are as follows :

<u>Year</u>	<u>No. of Cases</u>	<u>Transfer to</u>
2000	3	United Kingdom
2001	2	United Kingdom, Nigeria

The receiving countries are responsible for escorting the prisoners back. The HKSAR Government only incurs administrative costs which are absorbed.

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Reply Serial No.

SB108

Question Serial No.

1286

Head: 30 Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: (1) Prison Management

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Correctional Services

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question:

The document shows that in 2001 the actual occupancy rate of Correctional Services Department institutions was 120%, which was 5% higher than that in 2000 and the increase was mainly due to substantial increase in the admission of female prisoners. Over-admission in prisons not only increases the pressure on building additional prisons, but also leads to the deterioration of living conditions in existing prisons and adds workload and potential risks to the daily management of prisons. Would the Administration inform this Council of the following:

- (a) On the provisions for institutions and specialist supplies under Departmental Expenses, the estimate for 2002 is less than that for 2001 by about \$13M. Does it imply that the treatment for prisoners will be worse off and the pressure on the daily management of prisons will be increased?
- (b) Is the substantial increase in admission of female prisoners due to over-stay of two-way permit holders from Mainland or breaching of their conditions of stay? If yes, will the Security Bureau redeploy resources to strengthen co-operation with the Mainland authorities to expedite repatriation, so as to reduce the pressure on local prisons? If no, what is the source of the substantial increase in female prisoners? Are there resources earmarked for implementation of measures to alleviate overcrowding in prisons?

Asked by: IP Kwok-him

Reply:

- (a) The decrease of \$13M in the estimated expenditure under Departmental Expenses is mainly due to savings from reduced operating expenses under the Enhanced Productivity Programme. The quality and level of existing services as well as the effective operation and management of the institutions will be maintained to ensure satisfactory treatment of prisoners.
- (b) The rise in the female penal population is mainly attributed to the increased intake of prisoners who are legal entrants from the Mainland (from 2 877 in 2000 to 5 153 in 2001) with majority of them convicted of 'Breach of Condition of Stay'. After completion of their sentence in Hong Kong, they will be sent back to the Mainland within one or two days. The current removal arrangement is quick and efficient.

To address the overcrowded situation in female institutions, some sections in Victoria Prison and Hei Ling Chau Addiction Treatment Centre have been set aside to hold female prisoners. For the longer term, we are formulating a prison development plan to address the overcrowding problem and meet the forecast penal growth in the next two decades.

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SB109

Question Serial No.

0236

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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 :

- (a) Please state the establishment and strength of the Secretariat for 2000-01, 2001-02 and 2002-03.
- (b) Please provide the number of Observers and the required resources for 2000-01, 2001-02 and 2002-03, and the number of observations conducted as well as the number of complaint cases involved in 2000 and 2001.

Asked by : Hon James TO Kun-sun

Reply :

- (a) The establishment and strength position of the Independent Police Complaints Council (IPCC) Secretariat for 2000-01, 2001-02 and 2002-03 are as follows :-

2000-01

2001-02

2002-03

As at 1 April

establishment

26

25*

24[#]

* One Executive Officer II post was deleted on 31 March 2001 under the Enhanced Productivity Programme.

One Clerical Assistant post will be deleted on 1 April 2002 under the Enhanced Productivity Programme.

(b) The numbers of IPCC Observers in 2000-01 and 2001-02 (as at 15 March 2002) were 76 (including 19 IPCC Members and 57 Lay Observers) and 78 (including 19 IPCC Members and 59 Lay Observers) respectively. Resources required for the IPCC Observers Scheme are mainly in the form of travelling allowance payable to the Lay Observers. In 2000-01, a total of \$40,640 was paid to the Lay Observers as travelling allowance whereas in 2001-02 (up to 15 March 2002), the amount paid was \$33,000.

In 2000, 204 observations involving 137 complaint cases were conducted by the Observers. The corresponding figures for 2001 were 210 observations and 159 complaint cases.

The number of Observers in 2002-03 is not yet available as serving Lay Observers may retire while additional Lay Observers may be appointed during the year. Expenditure on travelling allowance to be incurred in 2002-03 depends on the number of observations made and the rate of travelling allowance payable to Lay Observers. The current rate of the allowance is \$180 for each visit.

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Name in block letters
MRS ANNIE LEUNG

Secretary, Independent
Post Title Police Complaints Council

Date 18 March 2002

Reply Serial No.

SB110

Question Serial No.

0237

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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 :

- (a) Please provide the number of complaint cases substantiated following IPCC's review, the number of police officers involved, and the number and percentage of these police officers who still got promotion for 2000 and 2001 respectively.
- (b) Please provide the number of complaint cases in which the investigation results concluded by the Complaints Against Police Office were not endorsed by the IPCC after its review for 2000 and 2001 respectively.

Asked by : Hon James TO Kun-sun

Reply :

- (a) The number of Substantiated cases endorsed by the Independent Police Complaints Council (IPCC) in 2000 and 2001 and the number of police officers involved are as follows :-

Year	2000	2001
No. of Substantiated cases	179 (275)	210 (271)
No. of police officers involved	320	301

(Note: Figures in brackets denote the number of substantiated allegations involved in these cases.)

Selection of officers for promotion is the prerogative of the Commissioner of Police. The IPCC has no information on the number and percentage of police

officers who still get promoted after the complaints against them are substantiated. The information provided by the Hong Kong Police Force in this regard is reproduced as follows:

Year	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>
No. of police officers involved	320	301
No. and percentage of these officers who got promotion	8 (2.5%)	4 (1.3%)

- (b) The IPCC reviews and monitors the investigations by the Complaints Against Police Office (CAPO) of public complaints directed at the Police. In monitoring the complaint cases, the IPCC will examine the investigation reports and other related documents such as Police General Orders, Force Procedures Manual and seek expert advice, where appropriate, from lawyers, pathologists, government chemists, etc. As and when required, the IPCC will seek CAPO's clarification on doubtful points in the investigation reports or request CAPO to provide supplementary information. The IPCC will then re-examine the complaint cases based on the additional information provided by CAPO. Only when the IPCC is completely satisfied that CAPO has conducted a thorough and impartial investigation into a complaint will it endorse CAPO's investigation result(s).

In 2000, the IPCC endorsed 3,548 complaint cases in connection with which the IPCC had raised 1,150 queries with CAPO. In 2001, the IPCC endorsed 3,540 complaint cases and had raised 868 queries with CAPO in connection with these cases. The queries were related to the thoroughness of the investigations, clarifications on ambiguous points in the CAPO reports/CAPO case files, results of investigation, grounds for the exercise of constabulary powers, and compliance with police practices/procedures, etc.

Of the 1,150 queries raised by the IPCC in 2000, 715 (62.2%) were accepted by CAPO whereas the rest were satisfactorily explained/followed up by CAPO. Of the 868 queries raised by the IPCC in 2001, 553 (63.7%) were accepted by CAPO; the rest were satisfactorily explained/followed-up by CAPO.

In both years, all of the investigation results concluded by CAPO were endorsed by the IPCC after its review and in the light of the amendments, explanation and clarification by CAPO.

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Name in block letters: MRS ANNIE LEUNG

Secretary, Independent
Post Title: Police Complaints Council

Date: 19 March 2002

Reply Serial No.

SB111

Question Serial No.

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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 :

The Security Bureau has conducted a public consultation on the Independent Police Complaints Council (IPCC) Bill, but nothing about this was mentioned in the estimate of the IPCC. Please state if any provision is reserved for 2002-03 for the IPCC to discharge its statutory responsibilities after it is made a statutory body? If yes, please specify the details and expenditure involved. If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan

Reply :

The provision sought for Head 121 : IPCC in the 2002-03 draft Estimates is for the implementation of existing services only. It has not taken into account the resource requirements for the IPCC to exercise its statutory duties after it has been made a statutory body. The IPCC will examine the resource implications, if any, after the IPCC Bill is finalized.

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Secretary, Independent
Post Title: Police Complaints Council

Date: 19 March 2002

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Question Serial No.

0409

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 :

1. It is noted that the financial provision for the Auxiliary Medical Service in the 2002-03 Estimates is 0.9% less than that in 2001-02 whereas its various kinds of auxiliary medical services to be provided in 2002 will increase. How can the Government ensure that the Auxiliary Medical Service has adequate resources to provide various kinds of auxiliary medical services to meet the social needs?

Asked by: LI Fung-ying

Reply:

The provision of \$65.6 million for 2002-03 is \$0.6 million (0.9%) less than the revised estimate for 2001-02. The decrease is mainly due to the reduced operating expenditure under the Enhanced Productivity Programme, partly offset by the provision for outsourcing the cleansing contract, the management responsibility of which has been devolved from the Government Property Administrator.

AMS has been implementing a number of measures to streamline procedures and economise use of resources in order to maintain the existing quality of service and redeploy resources to better meet the needs of society. These measures include:

- (b) Reduce spending on pay and allowance for AMS members by streamlining and repackaging members recruitment training programme and regular sub-unit training.
 - (c) Reduce expenditure on uniforms and accoutrements for AMS members by issuing single item replacements instead of whole-set replacements.
 - (d) Reduce expenditure on electricity, paper, stationery, telephones, pagers, furniture, etc. through various green housekeeping initiatives and streamlining of procedures.
- Improve the productivity of the non-emergency ambulance transfer service through implementation of the recommendations of an overall review.

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Reply Serial No.

SB113

Question Serial No.

1109

Head: 23 – Auxiliary Medical Service

Subhead(No. & title): 001-Salaries

Programme: Auxiliary Medical Service

Controlling Officer: Chief Staff Officer, Auxiliary Medical Service

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question :

The estimated expenditure on salaries for the Auxiliary Medical Service 2002-03 increases by \$0.589m comparing with that in 2001-02 when there is no change in its establishment (i.e. 100) and is even \$1.468m higher than that in 2000-01 when its establishment is 101. What are the reasons for that?

Asked by: LI Ka-cheung, Eric

Reply:

The increase of \$589,000 over the revised estimate for 2001-02 is mainly due to salary increments for staff and the full year effect of the substantive filling of the Chief Staff Officer post in 2002-03. Likewise, the increase of \$1,468,000 over the actual expenditure of 2000-01 is mainly due to salary increments as well as the 2001 Civil Service pay adjustment.

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Name in block letters _____ CHAN YIU WING

Post Title _____ Chief Staff Officer, Auxiliary Medical Service

Date _____ 20 March 2002

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WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

SB114

Question Serial No.

1110

Head: 23 – Auxiliary Medical Service

Subhead(No. & title): 001-Salaries

Programme: Auxiliary Medical Service

Controlling Officer: Chief Staff Officer, Auxiliary Medical Service

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question :

What is the difference in salary between the present Chief Staff Officer and his predecessor(s)? Why is there such a difference?

Asked by: LI Ka-cheung, Eric

Reply:

The post of Chief Staff Officer, Auxiliary Medical Service is ranked at D1 on the Directorate Pay Scale. There is no difference in the salary point of the incumbent officer when compared with that of his predecessors.

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Name in block letters _____ CHAN YIU WING _____

Post Title _____ Chief Staff Officer, Auxiliary Medical Service _____

Date _____ 20 March 2002 _____

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

Reply Serial No.

SB115

Question Serial No.

1274

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 Department has revealed that the recommendations of the review report on Non-emergency Ambulance Transfer Service will be implemented in 2002-03. What percentage of the estimated financial provision for 2002-03 do they represent? And how can the Department implement the recommendations of the review report without increasing the estimated financial provision for 2002-03?

Asked by: LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

AMS has conducted a review on the Non-emergency Ambulance Transfer Service (NEATS) and identified areas to enhance the quality of service and increase productivity within existing resources. Improvement measures include the following –

- (i) Increase the quota of ambulance bookings through streamlining of booking procedures.
- (ii) Encourage clinics and hospitals to optimize the use of NEATS during non-peak hours.
- (iii) Redeploy one ambulance to provide service on Sundays and public holidays to better meet the prevailing demands of private hospitals.

The above improvement measures have been implemented since November 2001 without incurring additional expenditure. Productivity of the period from November 2001 to February 2002 has increased by 5.3% when compared with the same period of the preceding year. In 2002-03 AMS will continue to improve the productivity through implementation of the recommendations and monitor the performance of NEATS.

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Name in block letters _____ CHAN YIU WING

Post Title Chief Staff Officer, Auxiliary Medical Service

Date 20 March 2002

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Reply Serial No.

SB116

Question Serial No.

0346

Head: 48 Government Laboratory

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (3) Forensic Science Service

Controlling Officer: Government Chemist

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question :

Regarding the newly set up DNA database, could the department concerned tell us:

- (1) How many records totally are there in the database and how many DNA records were obtained with consent and without consent respectively?
- (2) Please provide details of Item 323 under Subhead 603 "Setting up a DNA database laboratory".

Asked by: HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply:

- (1) By 13th March 2002, there were 450 DNA profiles in the DNA Database. Since samples are collected by the Police and details of DNA donors are not given to this Laboratory, we do not have statistics as regards how many of the 450 DNA records stored in the database were taken with or without consent.

Statistics provided by the Police indicate that, as at 28 February 2002, a total of 42 intimate samples and 670 non-intimate samples were taken from suspects of serious arrestable offences. While all intimate samples were collected with the consent of the suspects, 5 out of the 670 non-intimate samples were taken without consent.

- (2) The funding under subhead 603, item 323 was allocated for the acquisition of equipment, computer system, initial spare parts and training charges necessary for setting up the DNA Database Section. Main duties of the Section are to examine the non-intimate samples (the majority of which are buccal swabs) and intimate samples taken from suspects and convicts authorized under the Dangerous Drugs, Independent Commission Against Corruption and Police Force (Amendment) Ordinance 2000 and to make regular comparison with samples taken from crime scenes of outstanding cases. Forensic analysis of DNA consists of various procedures requiring the use of highly sophisticated instruments. To operate and maintain optimal performance of these instruments, the staff involved have to be both knowledgeable and well trained. The success of the project also hinges upon a properly managed computerized DNA database. Thus high-end computer hardware and software are needed to ensure the effective administration and performance of the database.

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Name in block letters Dr. D. G. CLARKE

Post Title Government Chemist

Date

20.3.2002

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Reply Serial No.

SB117

Question Serial No.

1264

Head: 48 Government Laboratory

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: (3) Forensic Science Service

Controlling Officer: Government Chemist

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question :

In 2001, 10 477 controlled drugs cases were investigated, representing an increase of 1 016 cases over 2000. It is predicted that the figure will go up to 11 500 cases in 2002. Does this indicate a year-by-year rising trend for such cases to be investigated; if so, what are the reasons? Which kinds of controlled drugs accounted for the majority of these cases?

Asked by: LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

The number of drug cases estimated to be examined in 2002 is based on the observed trend of such cases over the past years as indicated below:

<u>Year</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002 (Est.)</u>
Case number	7912	9461	10477	11500

The increase in the number of cases examined also corresponded, to a certain extent, to the increased trend in drug abuse, in particular, psychotropic substances. In 2001, the most commonly abused drugs were heroin, Ketamine, MDMA (ecstasy) and cannabis.

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Date _____ 20.3.2002

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Reply Serial No.

SB118

Question Serial No.

1310

Head: 48 Government Laboratory

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (3) Forensic Science Service

Controlling Officer: Government Chemist

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question :

With the increase in the flow of people and goods at various control points in Hong Kong every year, there were sustained demands for express examination of travel documents. It is mentioned in the document that the Government Laboratory will strengthen the express service and that the overall performance will be further improved. In this connection, would the Government inform us :-

- (a) What the specific targets for improving the express service of travel document examination are? Could the Bureau provide the relevant figures on the number of cases processed and the turnaround time in 2001 and also the targets and performance pledge for 2002?
- (b) Whether strengthening the express service would entail an increase of manpower; if so, how much more recurrent expenditure will be incurred?

Asked by: IP Kwok-him

Reply:

- (a) In 2001, 2103 express cases were examined. We achieved our performance pledge of completing 99% of the express cases within 1 working day. The same performance pledge will apply in 2002.
- (b) Examination of express cases requires priority attention. Owing to the sharp increase in the number of express cases in the past few years (from 640 cases in 1999 to 1843 in 2000 and 2103 in 2001), turnaround time pertaining to non-express cases has inevitably been affected. In order to maintain the efficiency for the examination of both express and non-express cases, funds for the creation of one Senior Chemist and two Chemist posts have been granted. The total PE required will be HK\$1.64m.

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Post Title

Government Chemist

Date

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SB119

Head : 37 Department of Health Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme : 6 Treatment of Drug Abusers

0333

Controlling Officer : Director of Health

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question : What is the provision set aside by the Department of Health in 2002-03 for aiding the annual operation of the Society for the Aid and Rehabilitation of Drug Abusers (SARDA)? What is the estimated service capacity of the Society?

Asked by : TANG Siu-tong

Reply :

The recurrent provision for subventing the Society for the Aid and Rehabilitation of Drug Abusers (SARDA) in 2002-03 is \$80.8M. It includes subvention for three residential treatment centres, advisory, aftercare and counselling services for drug abusers. It is expected that the residential treatment programmes of SARDA will serve 2 200 clients in the year 2002.

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Name in block letters Dr Margaret CHAN

Post Title Director of Health

Date 20 March 2002

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SB120

Head : 37 Department of Health Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme : 6 Treatment of Drug Abusers

0334

Controlling Officer : Director of Health

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question : Regarding the new "residential treatment centre for young drug abusers" to be set up in 2002-03, what are the estimated annual expenditure, service capacity and the respective target completion rate of detoxification and rehabilitation treatment courses?

Asked by : TANG Siu-tong

Reply :

The recurrent provision for subventing the new residential treatment centre for young drug abusers in 2002-03 is \$6.1M. The centre will have a capacity of 20 beds. Service targets will be set upon commencement of the centre.

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Name in block letters Dr Margaret CHAN

Post Title Director of Health

Date 20 March 2002

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SB121

Head : 37 Department of Health Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme : 6 Treatment of Drug Abusers

1275

Controlling Officer : Director of Health

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question : What are the Department of Health's funding criteria for subventing voluntary agencies in providing methadone clinic service?

Asked by : CHAN Yuen-han

Reply :

 Methadone treatment programme is provided by the Department of Health as an out-patient voluntary treatment service for opiate abusers. The Department does not have plans to subvent voluntary agencies to provide methadone clinic service.

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Name in block letters Dr Margaret CHAN

Post Title Director of Health

Date 20 March 2002

Reply Serial No.

SB122

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Question Serial No.

0281

Head : 703 - Buildings

Subhead : 3046JA Departmental Quarters at
Lee On Road, Kwun Tong

3047JA Departmental Quarters at
Hong Ning Road, Kwun Tong

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Architectural Services

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question : Re 3046JA : What is the use of the allocation of \$20 million for the “Departmental quarters at Lee On Road, Kwun Tong” in the coming financial year ?

Re 3047JA : What is the progress of “Departmental quarters at Hong Ning Road, Kwun Tong” ? How will the allocation be spent in the coming financial year ?

Asked by : LI Wah-ming, Fred

Reply :

3046JA Departmental Quarters at Lee On Road, Kwun Tong

Construction work for the project was completed in September 2001. Finalization of accounts is in progress. The 2002-03 provision of \$20 million for the project is for payment due to the building contractor.

3047JA Departmental Quarters at Hong Ning Road, Kwun Tong

The construction work for the project is in progress and is anticipated to be completed by the third quarter of 2002. The 2002-03 provision is for payment due to the building contractor.

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S. H. PAU

Post Title Director of Architectural Services

Date 19 March 2002

Reply Serial No.

SB123

Question Serial No.

0453

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY WRITTEN QUESTION

Head : 170 - Social Welfare Department

Programme : (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Security

Question : It is stated in the Estimate that two new counselling centres for psychotropic substance abusers (CCPSAs) will be set up during 2002-03:
(b) will they be operated by the Government or subvented sector?
(c) who are the target service users?
(d) is the counselling service voluntary?
(e) please provide information on the locations, number of places, staffing provision and resources allocated to the centres.

Asked by : WONG Sing-chi

Reply : (a) The two new CCPSAs will be run by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to be identified by the Department, through a competitive process of invitation of proposals.

(b) The major target customers of the CCPSAs are those (i) who may be potential psychotropic substance abusers and (ii) occasional or habitual psychotropic substance abusers. The centres will also provide support services to the significant others of the abusers such as their family members and training to the allied professionals say teachers.

(c) The customers receive services on a voluntary basis.

- (d) At present, there are three such centres in the Department's then New Territories East Region, New Territories West Region and Kowloon West Region. The two new centres will be set up in Kowloon East Region and Hong Kong Region for achieving a full coverage of services over the territory. The centre premises have yet to be identified. The resources to be allocated to the two new centres are \$2.8m being six-month provision for 2002-03 and \$5.7m being full year cost for 2003-04 and thereafter. In general, each CCPSA comprises about 7.5 staff. However, the funding for the new centre will be allocated on a lump sum grant mode and NGOs are given the flexibility in deciding the level of staffing of the centre which best suits their needs. There is no quota set for the number of customers to be served by CCPSA.

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Name in block letters	Mrs Carrie LAM
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Date	<hr/> 25 March 2002

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WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

SB125

Question Serial No.

1284

Head: 166 - Government Flying Service Subhead(No. & title): 700 - General other non--recurrent

Programme: Security

Controlling Officer: Controller, Government Flying Service

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question :

According to the revised estimated expenditure for 2001-02, no expenditure was incurred on “the provision of training to local pilots to enhance localisation”. Why is there no expenditure on this item? Please also provide details on the provision of such training and the estimated expenditure in 2002-03.

Asked by: LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

Provision under subhead “*provision of training to local pilots to enhance localisation*” is for sending pilots to attend overseas instructor training to prepare them for advancement. No expenditure was incurred in 2001-02 since most of the eligible pilots were fully engaged in specialized training to prepare for the arrival of the new helicopter fleet. We will resume such training for pilots in 2002-03. The estimated expenditure is \$812,000.

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Name in block letters Brian BUTT

Post Title Controller, Government Flying Service

Date 21.3.2002

Reply Serial No.

SB126

Question Serial No.

0311

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02
**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 :

Indicators show the Beijing Office provided practical assistance to 224 Hong Kong residents in distress in the Mainland, including handling of cases involving the detention of Hong Kong residents, in 2001. The number was an increase from 168 such cases in 2000. Please give a breakdown of the categories of the cases, the number of cases resolved, and the average time in handling the cases.

Asked by : Hon CHAN Bernard

Reply :

(1) 133 of the 224 cases involved Hong Kong residents in distress in the Mainland. Of which, 70 were related to the loss of travel documents of monies, and 43 involved accidents, injuries, or fatal cases. The other 111 cases involved detention of Hong Kong residents in the Mainland; 91 of which were referred to the Beijing Office by the Security Bureau through the Constitutional Affairs Bureau, and 20 cases were received by the Beijing Office directly.

(2) In 2001, the Beijing Office resolved 206 cases.

(3) The pledge of the Beijing Office is to respond to 95% of the cases involving Hong Kong residents in distress in the Mainland within the same day upon the receipt of requests. In 2001, 96% of the cases met the target. For the 206 resolved cases, 70 concerned the loss of travel documents and monies, the assistance to which included the issuing of Entry Permit within one working day for their return to Hong Kong. 49 cases involved accidents, injuries, or fatal cases. For the 87 cases involving detention, the time needed to resolving them depended on the nature, complexity and requests sought, and ranged from 9 days to a few months.

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Name in block letters BOWEN LEUNG

Post Title Director, Beijing Office

Date 15.3.2002

Reply Serial No.

SB127

Question Serial No.

0328

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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) Please list, under the categories of the problems encountered or the nature of the cases, the number of cases in which Hong Kong residents in distress in the Mainland requested for assistance in 2000 and 2001.
- (b) Please list, under the categories of the reasons for detention or the nature of the cases, the number of Hong Kong residents detained and being detained in the Mainland in 2000 and 2001.

Asked by : LEE Chu-ming, Martin

Reply :

(a) In 2000, the Beijing Office received 168 requests for assistance. Of those requests, 77 involved Hong Kong residents in distress in the Mainland who approached the Beijing Office direct for assistance, comprising 49 cases of lost travel documents or monies and 28 cases involving assistance-seekers who were in danger, involved in traffic accidents, injured or follow up action required on fatal cases. The remaining 91 cases involved the detention of Hong Kong residents in the Mainland, of which 79 were referrals from the Security Bureau via the Constitutional Affairs Bureau and 12 were requests directly received by the Beijing Office.

In 2001, the Beijing Office received 224 requests for assistance. Of those requests, 113 involved Hong Kong residents in distress in the Mainland who approached the Beijing Office direct for assistance, comprising 70 cases of lost travel documents or monies and 43 cases involving assistance-seekers who were in danger while travelling in the Mainland, involved in traffic accidents, injured or follow up action required on fatal cases. The remaining 111 cases involved the detention of Hong Kong residents in the Mainland, of which 91 were referrals from the Security Bureau via the Constitutional Affairs Bureau and 20 were requests directly received by the Beijing Office.

(b) In 2000, the Beijing Office handled a total of 91 cases in which criminal compulsory measures were adopted against Hong Kong residents in the Mainland. The detailed breakdown of the cases (with the number of cases in brackets) is as follows: fraud (39); smuggling and tax evasion (28); robbery/manufacturing narcotic drugs/explosion/rape/kidnapping (1); killing/injuring with intent (3); gambling /patronizing prostitutes (3); selling entry and exit permits/organizing for illegal migration (3); organization of triad society/breach of state order (2); official tort/misappropriation (7); illegally operation of financial institutions (2); false capital contribution (1); corruption and bribery (1); and forgery of

currencies/bills and notes (1).

In 18 of the above-mentioned 91 cases, the Hong Kong residents involved are still in detention in the Mainland. The detailed breakdown of the cases (with the number of cases put in brackets) is as follows: fraud (9); smuggling and tax evasion (7); and official tort/misappropriation (2).

In 2001, the Beijing Office handled a total of 111 cases in which criminal compulsory measures were adopted against Hong Kong residents in the Mainland. The detailed breakdown of the cases (with the number of cases in brackets) is as follows: fraud (27); smuggling and tax evasion (43); robbery/manufacturing narcotic drugs/explosion/rape/kidnapping (12); killing/injuring with intent (6); gambling/patronizing prostitutes (1); selling entry and exit documents/organizing for illegal migration (2); organization of triad society/breach of state order (3); official tort/misappropriation (6); illegally operation of financial institutions/loan-sharking (3); false capital contribution (1); corruption and bribery (1); forgery of currencies/bills and notes (1); disputes over loans (1); tax evasion/creating disturbances (2); and prejudicing witnesses in the giving of testimony (2).

In 49 of the above-mentioned 111 cases, the Hong Kong residents involved are still in detention in the Mainland. The detailed breakdown of the cases (with the number of cases put in brackets) is as follows: fraud (10); smuggling and tax evasion (18); robbery/manufacturing narcotic drugs/explosion/rape/kidnapping (7); killing/injuring with intent (2); selling entry and exit permits/organizing for illegal migration (1); organization of triad society/breach of state order (3); official tort/misappropriation (3); illegally operation of financial institutions/loan-sharking (1); tax evasion/creating disturbances (2); and prejudicing witnesses in the giving of testimony (2).

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Name in block letters BOWEN LEUNG

Post Title Director, Beijing Office

Date 15.3.2002

Reply Serial No.

SB128

Question Serial No.

0329

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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 :

Did the officials of the Beijing Office visit the Hong Kong residents in detention? If not, will the Office actively take up the matter with the Mainland authorities so that officials from the Office are allowed to visit those Hong Kong residents being detained in the Mainland as and when necessary to know their health conditions and other needs?

Asked by : LEE Chu-ming, Martin

Reply :

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 visit the Hong Kong residents detained in the Mainland, as the law does not allow for that.

Beijing Office follows up cases of detained Hong Kong residents who request for our assistance mainly through the established liaison network with the Central and local governments in the Mainland. We pass on and reflect the requests of the detainees' relatives to relevant authorities such as the public security department, people's procuratorate, people's courts and complaints offices. We also write to the relevant law enforcing and judicial bodies in the light of the progress of the cases and the requests of the detainees or their relatives. Positive developments have been seen in some cases, for example, litigation procedures are expedited; progress of cases are given to the Beijing Office by the competent authorities; the requests put forward by the detainees or their relatives are addressed; detainees applying for medical parole are given medical examinations and some even granted medical parole; bail pending trial are granted, etc.

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Post Title Director, Beijing Office

Date 15.3.2002

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SB129

Question Serial No.

0762

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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 :

What is estimated number of Hong Kong residents detained in the Mainland in 2002-03? Will that represent an increase or a decrease against 2001-02? On the basis of these figures, will the Administration allocate additional resources for providing assistance for Hong Kong residents in distress in the Mainland? If yes, what is the expenditure involved? If no, what are the reasons for that?

Asked by : LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply :

- (1) The Beijing Office does not and cannot predict the number of Hong Kong residents who would be detained in the Mainland in 2002-03.
- (2) On the basis of the number of cases handled over the past two years or so, the Beijing Office estimates that there may be about 200 cases of Hong Kong residents in distress in the Mainland for 2002-03. These cases include loss of travel documents or monies, requests for assistance due to traffic accidents, injuries, illnesses or in danger, and detention.
- (3) The handling of most of the requests for assistance was not planned as the work for the Beijing Office when it was first established, and no resource was set aside for this area of duty. Since August 1999, the Beijing Office has coped with this additional duty through productivity enhancement and internal staff deployment. The manpower involved accounts for 35% of the existing human resources of the Immigration Section of the Beijing Office. In the 2002-03 Draft Estimates, no additional manpower and resources have been applied for this aspect of work. We shall continue to monitor the situation and keep it under review when necessary.

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Name in block letters BOWENLEUNG

Post Title Director, Beijing Office

Date 19.3.2002

Reply Serial No.

SB130

Question Serial No.

1048

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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 :

As regards "Matters requiring special attention in 2002-03", the Beijing Office will continue to provide practical assistance to Hong Kong residents in the Mainland. What kind of assistance will be provided? What are the expenditures required?

Asked by : Hon Hui Cheung-ching

Reply :

1. The Beijing Office provides the following practical assistance to Hong Kong residents in distress in the Mainland:

- A. For loss of travel documents and monies, after confirming 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 Hong Kong.
- B. for Hong Kong residents seeking assistance due to traffic accidents, injuries, illness, dangerous situations or fatal cases requiring follow up actions with their families etc., we will contact the relevant Mainland authorities to ensure that the following assistance can be promptly provided:
- processing for the lost documents and assisting Hong Kong residents in applying for entry and exit permits and death notarial certificates;
 - contacting family/travel agencies to arrange for the expeditious return of the injured person(s) to Hong Kong for treatment;
 - coordinating with relevant departments in Hong Kong regarding the necessary arrangements relating to the reception of the injured person(s) in Hong Kong;
 - assisting the families and/or relatives of the deceased Hong Kong residents in collecting their belongings and completing the procedures for the transportation of their

bodies back to Hong Kong.

A. 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 channels the requests or reflect the views made by the families of the detained Hong Kong residents to the appropriate Mainland authorities.

2. The expenditure on the work of handling the requests for the assistance due to distress and follow up action on detention has taken up 35% of the existing human resources of the Immigration Section of the Beijing Office. Following up detention cases did not fall within the purview of the Beijing Office when it was being set up. No provision was therefore made for that purpose. The Beijing Office has so far managed to cope with extra task through enhancement of productivity and internal redeployment.

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Post Title	Director, Beijing Office
Date	19.3.2002

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Question Serial No.

1187

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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 concerning requests for assistance or complaints lodged by Hong Kong residents in distress in the mainland were received by the Beijing Office in 2000-01 and 2001-02 respectively? Please provide a breakdown of the numbers by nature of cases, mode of assistance, time taken, relevant charges and the counterpart departments contacted in the mainland. Has there been any action taken to assess or review the effectiveness of the assistance rendered by the Beijing Office? Besides, how many cases of complaints arising from the dissatisfaction with service of the Beijing Office were received in 2000-01 and 2001-02?

Asked by : Hon Cheung Man-kwong

Reply :

1. From January to December 2000, the Beijing Office received 168 requests for assistance. Of those requests, 49 cases were on the lost travel documents or monies and 28 cases involved assistance-seekers who were in danger, involved in traffic accidents, injured, sick or in need of assistance in making funerary arrangements for family members who died in the Mainland. The remaining 91 cases involved the detention of Hong Kong residents in the Mainland.
2. From January to December 2001, the Beijing Office received 224 requests for assistance. Of those requests, 70 cases were on the lost travel documents or monies and 43 cases involved assistance-seekers who were in danger, involved in traffic accidents, injured, sick or in need of assistance in making funerary arrangements for family members who died in the Mainland. The remaining 111 cases involved the detention of Hong Kong residents in the Mainland.
3. In handling cases of lost travel documents or monies, the Beijing Office will, upon verification of the assistance-seekers' identity as Hong Kong residents, issue an entry permit to enable them to return to

Hong Kong. Their families in Hong Kong will be informed of their plight so that remittance can be arranged to cover their expenses in the Mainland. Information will be provided to assistance-seekers regarding the application for a Mainland exit permit and the booking of transportation back to Hong Kong. Generally speaking, the Beijing Office could issue entry permit to the assistance-seekers as well as guiding them to apply for exit permit from the Entry and Exit Inspection Division of Mainland Public Security Bureau within one working day. If the assistance-seekers were in areas other than the Beijing Municipality, the Beijing Office would contact the Entry and Exit Inspection Division of the local Public Security Bureau and other relevant authorities so that the assistance-seekers would receive assistance and return to Hong Kong as soon as possible.

4. In handling cases involving assistance-seekers who were in danger, involved in traffic accidents, injured, sick or in need of assistance in making funerary arrangements for family members who died in the Mainland, the Beijing Office will contact the relevant Mainland authorities, including the Foreign Affairs Office, Public Security Bureau, Tourism Bureau, Notary Office and hospitals of the local government to ensure that the following assistance will be provided:

- processing for the lost documents and assisting Hong Kong residents in applying for entry and exit permits and death notarial certificates;
- contacting family/travel agencies to arrange for the expeditious return of the injured person(s) to Hong Kong for treatment;
- coordinating with relevant departments in Hong Kong regarding the necessary arrangements relating to the arrival of the injured person(s) in Hong Kong;
- assisting the families and/or relatives of the deceased Hong Kong residents in collecting their belongings and completing the procedures for the transportation of their bodies back to Hong Kong.

5. Since August 1999, the Security Bureau has through the Constitutional Affairs Bureau been referring to the Beijing Office cases involving requests for assistance by Hong Kong detainees on the Mainland. There are also assistance-seekers requesting assistance from the Beijing Office direct. The Beijing Office has been following up these cases mainly through the established network with the Central Government and local governments, including such authorities as the Public Security organs, Customs, People's Procuratorates, People's Courts and Complaints Offices. We have also passed on and reflected the requests of the detainees and their families to relevant Mainland authorities. As the nature and background of each case was different, the time spent by the Beijing Office in handling these cases ranged from 9 days to several months.

6. Handling cases of assisting Hong Kong residents in distress in the Mainland, together with the additional duty of following up the detention cases, accounts for 35% of the existing manpower resources of the Immigration Section of the Beijing Office. Following up detention cases did not fall within the terms of reference drawn up for the Beijing Office when it was first established, and no resources has been earmarked for such purpose. The Beijing Office is coping with this additional duty through productivity enhancement and internal staff deployment. We do not bid for extra staff resources for handling such work in the 2002-03 Estimates. We will continue to monitor development and assess the situation when necessary.

7. Since its establishment, the Beijing Office has gained some experience in providing practical assistance to Hong Kong residents in distress in the Mainland. During this period, the Beijing Office has also established liaison and strengthened co-operation with relevant Mainland authorities. These are useful for handling the requests from and resolving the difficulties faced by Hong Kong residents in the Mainland. Under the principle of "One Country, Two Systems", the Beijing Office cannot interfere with the administration of justice, law enforcement and criminal cases in the Mainland, nor will it be involved in commercial disputes. Regarding its future task, the Beijing Office will maintain and continue to expand the liaison network with the Central Government and local governments in the Mainland. It will try its best to assist Hong Kong residents to solve their problems.

8. Generally speaking, the Beijing Office has been able to resolve satisfactorily most of the requests for practical assistance. During the past two years, the Beijing Office has received a total of 29 letters of appreciation from assistance-seekers and one complaint referred by the LegCo Secretariat in April 2001. The complainant was not satisfied with the attitude of the staff of the Beijing Office and their failure to provide appropriate assistance. After an in-depth investigation, it was found out that the assistance-seeker had only thought so out of panic.. The investigation report had been sent to the LegCo Secretariat.

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Head : 27 Civil Aid Service

Subhead : 700 – General Other Non-recurrent

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 target man-hours of providing cadet training in skills and discipline as well as recreational and social activities are reduced. At the same time, the Analysis of Financial Provision indicates that the provision lowered is “partly offset by the additional requirement for the expansion of the CAS Cadet Corps”. Could the government inform us the following items?

- (a) What is the mission of the Cadet Corps? What are the roles of the Cadet Corps in the CAS?
- (b) The Draft Estimates shows that the man-hours of cadet training and social activities are reduced. What are the reasons behind? Does man-hour reduction contradict with the mission and the roles of the Cadet Corps?
- (c) The target man-hours of cadet training and social activities are reduced while the expansion of Cadet Corps leads to additional requirement. Does it show that quantity is outweighing quality in the Cadet Corps by recruiting more cadets and cutting down the activities comparing with the past?

Asked by : IP Kwok-him

Reply :

(a) The mission of the CAS Cadet Corps is to provide youths aged 12 to 17 with specific training on discipline and skills and an orientation towards civic duty. The role of the Cadet Corps is to organise various disciplined and vocational training as well as community services to provide its members with opportunities to develop their leadership and latent talents, and to learn about discipline and civic responsibilities.

- (b) The target man-hours of providing cadet training and social activities in fact are the same for 2001 and 2002. In 2001, the actual man-hours are exceptionally higher than the target figures. This is mainly due to the special effort in the year to increase the strength of the Corps; active participation of the Corps in the 2001 International Year of Volunteers; and the visit to the Mainland to participate in a major Hong Kong-Macau-Taiwan youth function. Such additional activities have contributed to the fulfillment of the mission and the roles of the Cadet Corps.
- (c) The Civil Aid Service will participate in the Uniform Group Enhancement Scheme administered by the Education Department and expand the establishment of the Cadet Corps in 2002 (from 3 232 to 3 410). As reflected in the Analysis of Financial Provision, an additional resource (\$360,000) will be provided for this expansion. The planned man-hours provided for cadet training and social activities in 2002 have also been increased. The quality of the Cadet Corps will be maintained.

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Question Serial No.

1086

Head: 31 Customs and Excise Department Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: (2) Anti-narcotics Investigation

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Customs and Excise

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question : The problem of psychotropic drug abuse in Hong Kong is serious and there is a significant increase in the seizure of psychotropic drugs by the Customs. How much additional resources will the Administration deploy to combat this problem in the coming year? What are the specific measures?

Asked by: LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply:

The Customs and Excise Department accords high priority in stopping the illegal importation of dangerous drugs, including psychotropic drugs, into the territory. To step up enforcement action against cross-boundary drug trafficking activities at the land boundary control points, 33 additional posts will be created for the Lo Wu Control Point, in addition to the setting up of two passive-alert dog teams, in 2002-03. This will involve a total provision of \$8.1 m.

To combat the problem, 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 cross-training and conduct of parallel operations at the land boundary;
- (c) stepping up enforcement action at 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 modern technology; and

(e) promoting anti-drug publicity.

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Question Serial No.

1270

Head: 31 Customs and Excise Department Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: (1) Control and Enforcement

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Customs and Excise

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question : There was a significant increase in the value of seizure of dangerous goods and agricultural pesticides, etc. by the Customs in 2001, over 3 times as much as that in 2000. What are the reasons and the classification of seizures?

Asked by: CHAN Kam-lam

Reply:

The increase in seizure value in 2001 under the "others" category in Programme (1) was mainly due to a rise in seizure of the following types of goods smuggled between Hong Kong and the Mainland –

- (a) footwear;
- (b) mobile phones;
- (c) garments;
- (d) TV game hardware; and
- (e) wallets and bags.

The value of dangerous goods (mainly fireworks) and agricultural pesticides seized was, by comparison, insignificant.

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Question Serial No.

1295

Head: 31 Customs and Excise Department Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: (1) Control and Enforcement

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Customs and Excise

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question : How do the newly installed fixed X-ray vehicle inspection systems enhance the detection of smuggling activities at Lok Ma Chau Control Point?

Asked by: LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

The two fixed X-ray vehicle inspection systems are capable of imaging laden cross-boundary vehicles without having to unload and unpack the cargoes inside. The systems can generate X-ray images which will give useful indications to facilitate Customs officers to determine the necessity for secondary search or release of the vehicles. They can also store and retrieve the records of the X-ray images for future reference, enhancing thereby our capability in identifying concealed compartments and suspicious cargoes.

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Question Serial No.

1296

Head: 31 Customs and Excise Department Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: (1) Control and Enforcement

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Customs and Excise

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question : Apart from the setting up of passive-alert dog teams at Lo Wu Control Point, are there any resources reserved for the implementation of special measures at Lo Wu and other control points to combat and prevent smuggling of psychotropic drugs committed by young people ?

Asked by: LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

To enhance Customs and Excise Department's control against cross-boundary smuggling activities, including smuggling of psychotropic drugs by young people, 33 additional posts and two passive-alert dog teams will be provided for the Lo Wu Control Point in 2002-03. This will involve a total provision of \$8.1 m. Separately, through internal redeployment of resources, the Customs will set up a nine-member Special Duty Unit to further strengthen its capability in detecting cross-boundary smuggling activities, particularly those in relation to dangerous drugs, in the second quarter of 2002.

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Question Serial No.

1298

Head: 31 Customs and Excise Department Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: (1) Control and Enforcement/(2) Anti-narcotics Investigation

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Customs and Excise

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question : The volume of passenger and goods flow at various land control points is increasing progressively every year. In recent years, there have been frequent reports on Hong Kong people going north for the purpose of trafficking and consumption of various kinds of drugs as well as smuggling drugs into Hong Kong for sale. Concerns about the problem have been expressed in the community. In the meantime, the expenditure on anti-narcotics operations has just increased by 1.4%. Regarding this, would the Government inform this Council:

- (b) whether the authorities concerned have considered increasing manpower for drug detection at control points within this year to maintain reasonable contraband detection capability with the increasing passenger flow and, at the same time, reduce the impact on the efficiency of control points?
- (c) whether the Customs has considered increasing manpower to combat drug smuggling and the abuse of drugs by (HK people) going north in view of the fact that there are myriad kinds of drugs and the abuse of drugs by youngsters has reached a level that combat actions must be taken? If so, what are the details? If not, please state the reasons.

Asked by: IP Kwok-him

Reply:

- (a) The Customs and Excise Department accords high priority in stopping the illegal importation of dangerous drugs, including psychotropic drugs, into the territory. Additional resources have been included in the draft Estimates 2002-2003.
- (b) As a result of (a), provision has been made for the creation of 33 additional posts for Lo Wu Control Point, in addition to the setting up of two passive-alert dog teams, in 2002-03. This will involve a total provision of \$8.1 m. Separately, through internal redeployment of resources, the Customs will set up a nine-member Special Duty Unit to further enhance its capability in detecting cross-boundary smuggling activities, particularly those in relation to dangerous drugs, in the second quarter of 2002.

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