

**Progress Report -
Uploading Police General Orders onto Information Kiosks**

Introduction

In December 2002, Members noted Hong Kong Police Force's decision to reinstate the provision of direct access to Police General Orders (PGO) for members of the public. The Administration was requested to provide a report on the progress of uploading PGO onto Information Kiosks in police report rooms.

2. This report seeks to provide the requested information on the progress.

The PGO

3. There are various chapters of PGO, the last one being Chapter 64.
4. Of all these PGO chapters and in accordance with Part 2 of the Code on Access to Information, the following are considered to be those to which members of the public should not have access:

<u>Chapter Number</u>	<u>Subject</u>
16	Police Arms and Ammunition
29	Use of Force and Firearms
32	Narcotics and Other Controlled Drugs
35	Mendicants, Destitutes and Missing Persons
38	Homicides, Suicides and Dead Bodies
43	Arrest
46	Fingerprints, Photographs and Other Aids to Criminal Investigation
47	Bail
49	Persons Detained in Police Custody
60	Miscellaneous

5. The Police's assessment is that the disclosure of the above chapters may harm or prejudice the prevention, investigation and detection of crime and offences, or the proper and efficient conduct of the Force's operations.

Actions Underway

6. With the exception of these few PGO chapters, action has commenced for the rest to be electronically configured for uploading onto the Information Kiosks.

7. The Administration undertakes to report to the LegCo Panel on Security on completion of the uploading actions. In the event that such is not completed within three months from the date of issue of this paper, the Administration will report progress to the Panel, with an explanation as to the difficulties encountered and the projected date of completion of the uploading work.

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