

**Replies to initial written questions raised by Finance Committee Members  
in examining the Estimates of Expenditure 2006-07**

**Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security  
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**SB001**

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Question Serial No.

0094

Head : 151 Government Secretariat: Security Bureau

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (3) Immigration Control

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Security

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

The Government has increased provision for 2006-07 due to the implementation of the scheme for appointing civil celebrants of marriages. Please provide details in this aspect.

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

A Civil Celebrant of Marriages Appointment Appeal Board will be set up in 2006-07 to hear and determine appeals against the decisions of the Registrar of Marriages to refuse, cancel or suspend an appointment. An expenditure of some \$0.3 million has been earmarked for payment of honoraria to Members of the Appeal Board and the running of the Appeal Board.

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Post Title Permanent Secretary for Security

Date March 2006

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**SB002**

Question Serial No.

0095

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

Programme : (2) Internal Security

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Security

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

In 2006-07, the Security Bureau will implement the security measures arising from the proposed reduction of the coverage of the Frontier Closed Area. What are the details of the measures and the resources involved?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

The Frontier Closed Area (FCA) has been an effective security measure for safeguarding the integrity of the Hong Kong-Shenzhen boundary and combating cross-boundary crimes. Since the Reunification, the Hong Kong and Shenzhen law enforcement agencies have been cooperating closely and effectively in fighting against cross-boundary crimes. From the security point of view, there is scope for a substantial reduction of the coverage of the FCA.

2. The law enforcement agencies have been implementing a series of security measures in the boundary area to safeguard its security. Such measures include the erection of a boundary fence and barbed wires as well as frequent patrols and ambushes. Upon the reduction of the FCA coverage, the law enforcement agencies will still have to maintain the integrity and effective management of the boundary. They will also have to maintain the law and order of the excised areas. We will therefore appropriately adjust the policing strategy and arrangements, including enhancing the boundary fence system. We are currently at the final stage of examining the relevant details. We will publicize the location of the new FCA boundary as well as the detailed necessary security measures as soon as possible.

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Post Title Permanent Secretary for Security

Date March 2006



**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**SB003**

0096

Head : 151 – Government Secretariat: Security Bureau

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (2) Internal Security

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Security

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Regarding the legislation for the new regulatory regime on interception of communications and surveillance, what is the expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

The proposals to establish an authorization authority and an independent oversight authority together with a complaint mechanism involving the payment of compensation under the Interception of Communications and Surveillance Bill will have financial and staffing implications. The Administration has undertaken to provide the Judiciary with the necessary additional resources for implementing the new legislative regime. The law enforcement agencies would also have to deploy resources to put in place the new system within their departments. We are still assessing the resource implications fully, and will continue to do so in parallel with the discussion of the Bill with LegCo. We will try to meet the additional requirements from existing resources if possible and will seek additional resources where necessary in line with established procedures.

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Post Title Permanent Secretary for Security

Date March 2006

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**SB004**

Question Serial No.

0310

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

Programme : (2) Internal Security

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Security

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

The Administration has anticipated that the legislative exercise relating to interception of communications and surveillance will be completed in 2006-07 and proposed that a panel of judges should be set up to consider the issue of authorization for interception of communications and surveillance and a judge should be appointed as Commissioner to oversee the related issues and handle complaints. What are the administrative expenses and manning scale involved and what are the details of the proposal for monetary compensation for substantiated complaints, including the criteria of compensation, the sources of income and the estimated expenditure?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

The proposals to establish an authorization authority and an independent oversight authority together with a complaint mechanism involving the payment of compensation under the Interception of Communications and Surveillance Bill will have financial and staffing implications. The Administration has undertaken to provide the Judiciary with the necessary additional resources for implementing the new legislative regime. The law enforcement agencies would also have to deploy resources to put in place the new system within their departments. We are still assessing the resource implications fully, and will continue to do so in parallel with the discussion of the Bill with LegCo. We will try to meet the additional requirements from existing resources if possible and will seek additional resources where necessary in line with established procedures.

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Date March 2006

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**SB005**

0311

Head : 151 Government Secretariat: Security Bureau

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (2) Internal Security

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Security

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

What are the principles adopted by the Administration in studying the long-term options for better meeting demands for emergency ambulance service? Whether reducing the implication on the public and meeting public demand for the service will be taken into account?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

The demand for Emergency Ambulance Service (EAS) has been on the rise in recent years. As such, we have been looking into three areas for possible ways to better meet the demand for EAS: continue to review the resources for the ambulance service, study demand management measures, and review modes of service delivery. It is with a view to meeting public demand for EAS that we have been studying measures to improve the service. We will also ensure that the service standard is maintained and that patients receive appropriate pre-hospital medical service.

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Post Title Permanent Secretary for Security

Date March 2006

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**SB006**

0674

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

Programme : (2) Internal Security

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Security

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Does the legislative exercise for the new regime governing interception of communications and surveillance require additional expenditure? If so, please state the manpower and expenditure involved.

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Man-kwong

Reply :

The proposals to establish an authorization authority and an independent oversight authority together with a complaint mechanism involving the payment of compensation under the Interception of Communications and Surveillance Bill will have financial and staffing implications. The Administration has undertaken to provide the Judiciary with the necessary additional resources for implementing the new legislative regime. The law enforcement agencies would also have to deploy resources to put in place the new system within their departments. We are still assessing the resource implications fully, and will continue to do so in parallel with the discussion of the Bill with LegCo. We will try to meet the additional requirements from existing resources if possible and will seek additional resources where necessary in line with established procedures.

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**SB007**

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Question Serial No.

0675

Head : 151 Government Secretariat: Security Bureau

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (2) Internal Security

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Security

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Provision for 2006-07 is higher than the revised estimate for 2005-06. What are the reasons? What are the projects and manpower involved?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Man-kwong

Reply :

The increased provision for 2006-07 over the revised estimate for 2005-06 is mainly for the Crime Victimization Survey, the Drug InfoCentre, the anti-money laundering measures, the liaison work for immigration control with Mainland authorities and the implementation of the scheme for appointing civil celebrants of marriages. The establishment of the Bureau in 2006-07 will be reduced by one post as against last year.

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**Permanent Secretary for Security**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**March 2006**

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**SB008**

1367

Head : 151 Government Secretariat: Security Bureau

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (2) Internal Security

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Security

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

During 2006-07, it is stated that the Bureau will implement the necessary security measures arising from the proposed reduction of the coverage of the Frontier Closed Area. What are the specific measures and the amount of resources to be involved?

Asked by : Hon. Howard YOUNG

Reply :

The Frontier Closed Area (FCA) has been an effective security measure for safeguarding the integrity of the Hong Kong-Shenzhen boundary and combating cross-boundary crimes. Since the Reunification, the Hong Kong and Shenzhen law enforcement agencies have been cooperating closely and effectively in fighting against cross-boundary crimes. From the security point of view, there is scope for a substantial reduction of the coverage of the FCA.

2. The law enforcement agencies have been implementing a series of security measures in the boundary area to safeguard its security. Such measures include the erection of a boundary fence and barbed wires as well as frequent patrols and ambushes. Upon the reduction of the FCA coverage, the law enforcement agencies will still have to maintain the integrity and effective management of the boundary. They will also have to maintain the law and order of the excised areas. We will therefore appropriately adjust the policing strategy and arrangements, including enhancing the boundary fence system. We are currently at the final stage of examining the relevant details. We will publicize the location of the new FCA boundary as well as the detailed necessary security measures as soon as possible.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
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**SB009**

Question Serial No.

1413

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

Programme : (2) Internal Security

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Security

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

The Administration hopes to enact an ordinance for the interception of communications and surveillance in six months. What are the details of the legislative exercise and the estimated expenditure?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply :

The Interception of Communications and Surveillance Bill was introduced into LegCo for scrutiny on 8 March 2006. The Government will work closely with LegCo with an aim to complete scrutiny of the Bill within this legislative year. The expenditure during the legislative process will be covered with existing resources.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
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**SB010**

1519

Head : 151 Government Secretariat: Security Bureau

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (2) Internal Security

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Security

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

In the "Matters Requiring Special Attention" (paragraph 8 on page 524 of Estimates Volume 1A), it is mentioned that the Bureau will "continue to work on the legislation to provide a statutory basis for the operation of the Independent Police Complaints Council". Please state the details and progress of the work. Does the Administration think that the work can address the concerns expressed by the United Nations Human Rights Committee in 1999 about complaints against police officers being handled and investigated by the Police will undermine the credibility of the investigations? If so, please specify the work that can address the Committee's concerns. If not, what are the reasons? Will the Government consider devising a mechanism to have an independent body to handle and investigate complaints against police officers?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

The Complaints Against Police Office (CAPO), which is responsible for investigating into complaints against the Police, operates independently of all operational and support formations of the Police. And the Independent Police Complaints Council (IPCC) closely monitors and reviews CAPO's investigations. The IPCC is an independent body comprising non-official members from a wide spectrum of the community, including professionals, members of the Legislative Council and the Ombudsman or her representative. It is serviced by its own full-time secretariat.

2. There are effective checks and balances to ensure that complaints are handled thoroughly, fairly and impartially. The CAPO prepares detailed investigation reports on all complaints. These are submitted to the IPCC, which then rigorously examines them. Where IPCC members have doubts about a particular investigation, they may invite the complainants, complainees and witnesses to interviews. The IPCC can also ask CAPO to submit for its reference any document or information relevant to a complaint. In discharging their duties, members of the IPCC may observe the CAPO's investigations in person, on either a surprise or a scheduled basis. If the IPCC is not satisfied with the results of an investigation, it can ask CAPO to clarify any doubts or to reinvestigate the complaint. It may also bring the case to the personal attention of the Chief Executive, together with recommendations as to its disposition. Clearly, therefore, the IPCC has adequate means to ensure that investigations are conducted properly and effectively.

3. Over the years, we have introduced numerous measures to improve the credibility and transparency of the system. In particular, the Observers Scheme appoints retired members of the IPCC and other community leaders as Lay Observers, to observe the CAPO's investigations on a surprise or scheduled basis. The IPCC has also established a special panel to monitor serious complaints. The CAPO is required to provide monthly progress reports on the cases so selected. The panel may seek clarification of matters contained in those reports before CAPO concludes its study into the cases in question.

4. To further improve the existing system, we are taking steps to convert IPCC into a statutory body. We are consulting IPCC on the contents of the Bill. We will consult the Security Panel of the Legislative Council later and submit the Bill to the Legislative Council as soon as possible.

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Post Title Permanent Secretary for Security

Date March 2006

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**SB011**

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Question Serial No.

2061

Head : 151 Government Secretariat: Security Bureau    Subhead (No. & title) : 000  
Operational expenses

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Security

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Regarding the proposed deletion of one time-limited post in 2006-07, please provide the details and the amount of expenditure thus saved.

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Yiu-chung

Reply :

In the estimate for 2005-06, we anticipated that a time-limited post at the rank of Senior Administrative Officer for a period of not more than one year would be created. The objective was to create the post if necessary to assist the review of contingency plans and coordinate matters relating to the setting up of a new control point for the HK-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge. The post was eventually not created because the relevant duties were undertaken by our staff on the existing establishment in the past year. We do not expect that there will be a need to reserve the post in 2006-07. As the post has not been created, the \$920,000 or so earmarked has not been spent.

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Name in block letters STANLEY Y H YING

Post Title Permanent Secretary for Security

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Reply Serial No.

**SB013**

Question Serial No.

0101

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force      Subhead (No. &  
title):

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

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

In 2006-07, the Authority will continue with the review of the alignment of boundaries of New Territories police regions in light of the latest demographic changes and new policing needs. Which districts have more obvious demographic changes? Please give details.

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

According to the recent statistics provided by the Planning Department, there are no obvious demographic changes in the New Territories areas. In the next three years from 2007 to 2009, the population of South and North New Territories will increase moderately by about 40 000 and 70 000 respectively.

Regarding the review on the alignment of boundaries of the New Territories police regions, the ambit of study includes studies on the future population growth, the land development and the land use in the New Territories, the development of major infrastructure and social facilities, and the impact on the workload of various police districts due to realignment. The aim is to provide the most efficient and effective service to the public, strengthen and enhance the Force's capability to respond to emergencies and to assist the Force to understand how to allocate resources more effectively and appropriately to meet the future policing needs of the New Territories. The available statistics show that the existing alignment of boundaries of the New Territories South and North Regions should remain unchanged in the next few years. The work of individual police districts will be adjusted according to the development of the districts. However, the boundaries of individual police districts will remain unchanged.

Name in block letters      LEE Ming-kwai

Post Title      Commissioner of Police

Date      10 March 2006

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Reply Serial No.

**SB014**

Question Serial No.

0102

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force      Subhead (No. & title):

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

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Regarding the management and operation of the Boundary Control Points, please state the establishment of them. Will the Authority increase the resources for the Boundary Control Points in 2006-07? If so, please give details. If not, why?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

The existing establishment of the Force at each Boundary Control Point is given as follows:

	Inspector/Senior Inspector	Station Sergeant	Sergeant	Police Constable	Total
Lok Ma Chau Boundary Control Point	1	1	6	58	66
Lo Wu Boundary Control Point	1	1	10	36	47.5
Man Kam To Boundary Control Point		1	5	18	24.5
Sha Tau Kok Boundary Control Point	-	-	-	4	4

To cope with the latest policing requirements after the completion of the extension work of Lo Wu Boundary Control Point, the Border District has deployed more police constables to man the new facilities and police posts at Lo Wu KCR Station. In addition, in 2006-07, the Force will invest about \$290,000 to install a CCTV Surveillance System at Lo Wu Boundary Control Point to strengthen the work in the detection of illegal immigrants hiding on cargo trains.

In 2006-07, 9 posts will be created at Lok Ma Chau Boundary Control Point to cope with the operational needs after the implementation of the 24-hour passenger clearance policy. In addition, \$2.5 m will be invested to establish a police operational control centre at the Lok Ma Chau Boundary Control Point to monitor its internal and external operations and the traffic conditions of the major adjoining roads.

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Reply Serial No.

**SB015**

Question Serial No.

0103

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force      Subhead (No. & title):

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

Controlling Officer:            Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

The Authority will develop a multi-agency approach to address the problems of juvenile delinquency and youth crime in 2006-07. Please provide:

- (a) the details of the multi-agency approach; and
- (b) the figures of juvenile delinquency and youth crime by district.

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

(a) The Police develop and implement strategies to tackle juvenile delinquency through a multi-agency approach as follows:

- at the central level, the Police participate in various committees (e.g. Standing Committee on Young Offenders) to assist in developing government policy on young offenders and jointly discuss cross-departmental cooperation;
- at the district level, the Police Community Relations Officers of each police district participate in the Local Committee on Services for Young People chaired by representatives of the Social Welfare Department in the district to jointly plan and implement multi-agency cooperation programmes.

In order to strengthen the support and assistance to the children and juveniles under arrest or committing offences, the Police have implemented a series of follow-up measures, including the extension of the service of the Juvenile Protection Section (JPS) to child offenders below the age of 10 who are not held guilty of an offence owing to their age, the distribution of information leaflets on youth services, and the improvement of the referral procedures between the Police and the Social Welfare Department (SWD) and the Education and Manpower Bureau (EMB).

With the parents' consent, the Police will refer the above children or juveniles committing offences to appropriate organisations, including the SWD, EMB or JPS, for support services. The children will be referred even without the parents' consent if the Police believe that they are in physical or psychological jeopardies.

In order to strengthen the support and assistance to the children or juveniles cautioned under the Police Superintendent's Discretion Scheme, and to cater for those who are required to receive services from at least three organisations, starting from 1 October 2003, Family Conference will be held according to the needs of the cases and with the parents' consent. The purposes of the Conference are to bring together the professionals concerned to jointly assess the needs of the children or juveniles cautioned under the Scheme and to draw up an appropriate follow-up plan.

In respect of the juvenile crime prevention work, the Police will continue to collaborate with various community organisations in providing counselling services to students with problems, or organise recreational activities to enhance their sense of responsibility and self-discipline. At present, there are over 40 youth initiatives launched by the Police through the multi-agency approach, all with the objectives of instilling a sense of discipline among the juveniles, preventing juvenile delinquency and reducing the rate of recidivism through the organisation of various activities, including the Smart Teen Challenge Project conducted jointly with the EMB since 2000.

(b) The figures of juvenile delinquency and youth crime for 2005 are listed in Annex I.

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## Number of Young Offenders Arrested in 2005 (10 to 20 years of age)

Region/District	Shop Theft	Miscellaneous Theft	Wounding and Serious Assault	Others	Total
Hong Kong Island					
Wan Chai	84	52	36	114	286
Eastern District	132	106	102	201	541
Western District	45	61	70	142	318
Central District	18	18	17	85	138
Kowloon East					
Kwun Tong	211	139	106	326	782
Wong Tai Sin	151	83	102	231	567
Sau Mau Ping	39	69	84	196	388
Kowloon West					
Mong Kok	104	88	64	318	574
Yau Tsim	40	47	24	140	251
Sham Shui Po	88	97	60	264	509
Kowloon City	71	42	35	122	270
New Territories North					
Yuen Long	124	192	190	403	909
Tuen Mun	218	222	199	350	989
Tai Po	165	199	143	352	859
Border	-	7	-	15	22
New Territories South					
Sha Tin	148	181	73	258	660
Tsuen Wan	103	75	87	254	519
Kwai Tsing	94	96	57	262	509
Lantau	18	34	33	63	148
Airport	4	3	-	27	34
Marine	1	15	4	18	38
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 858</b>	<b>1 826</b>	<b>1 486</b>	<b>4 141</b>	<b>9 311</b>

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**SB016**

Question Serial No.

0104

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force      Subhead (No. &  
title):  
Programme: 12202 - Prevention and Detection of Crime  
Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police  
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

According to the initial figures provided by the Authority, the quantity of cannabis, methamphetamine and ketamine seized in 2005 have increased by more than a double and nine times respectively compared to 2004. Does the Authority know the places of origin of the above drugs and the common channel(s) through which the criminals transport the drugs to Hong Kong? What measures will the Authority adopt in 2006-07 to combat drug-related offences?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

The cannabis, methamphetamine and ketamine trafficked into Hong Kong primarily came from the Golden Triangle, the Mainland and Southeast Asian countries. The majority of cannabis and methamphetamine were smuggled into Hong Kong by sea or by land. The traffickers usually smuggled ketamine by air or by means of postal packet.

In 2006-07, the Force will take the following measures to prevent and combat offences related to narcotics and psychotropic drugs:

- (a) strengthen cooperation with the Mainland and overseas law enforcement agencies to stop the flow of illicit drugs;
- (b) conduct intelligence-led operations against drug suppliers;
- (c) pursue legal sanctions for the recovery of proceeds from drug trafficking to interdict drug trafficking activities; and
- (d) adopt a multi-agency drug prevention approach, particularly aimed at youth.

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**SB017**

Question Serial No.

0105

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force      Subhead (No. & title):

Programme:            12202 - Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

In strengthening the capability in investigating domestic violence cases, has the Authority organised any relevant training programmes for the front-line police officers before? If so, please provide the details. If not, will the Authority consider a trial run in 2006-07? What are the details of the multi-disciplinary approach adopted by the Authority and will the approach be reviewed regularly? If so, please provide the details. If not, please state the reasons.

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

The Force has provided training to all ranks of police officers in the handling of domestic violence. Each police officer will receive at least 11 training sessions of domestic violence during the first five years of their service in the Force. The content includes the following:

- “basic training” received while newly recruited;
  - “in-service training” received while serving in the divisions; and
  - “advance and development training” received while serving the Force for the fifth year.
- Besides, individual officers will receive refresher training in the Station Sergeant and Sergeant Promotion Courses, Division Training Day and the seminars organised by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) with overseas experts as the speakers.

Starting from June 2005, the Police Training Course has included the “psychology of victims” and the “handling of conflicts”, with a view to providing the skills on the communication and handling of conflicts to police officers through a systematic and efficient strategy.

The Force plans to introduce in the latter half of 2006 a new training day package on the “handling of domestic violence” to front-line officers in various Division Training Days in order to enhance their capability in handling domestic violence.

The Force has been actively participating in multi-disciplinary cooperation work to handle and prevent domestic violence. At the policy level, the Force sends a representative to attend the meetings of the Working Group on Combating Violence chaired by the Director of Social Welfare. At the local level, the Force participates in the local cross-disciplinary coordination and cooperation work by sending representatives to join the District Liaison Groups. Fourteen District Liaison Groups have been set up at early 2005 and the police districts concerned have designated a Chief Inspector of Police to serve as a member. The Group aims to strengthen communication and cooperation of front-line officers of different disciplines when they encounter problems in handling domestic violence.

The Force also works together with non-government organisations to provide appropriate service for the victims of domestic violence, such as offering emergency counselling service to victims jointly with Harmony House in Tuen Mun Police District, Yuen Long Police District and Kowloon East Region.

The Force actively participates in community education and publicity activities. Earlier, it participated in the 28 training courses conducted by the SWD for 3,200 front-line professionals and locals including district councilors, and sent representatives to brief participants on the procedures for handling domestic violence. The activity aimed at enhancing their basic knowledge on child abuse, domestic violence and elder abuse. The Force has maintained regular contact with the SWD and various organisations, and reviews, from time to time, the implementation of the measures on the handling of domestic violence.

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**SB018**

Question Serial No.

0106

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: 12203 - Road Safety

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

The Authority will introduce new onboard motorcycle video recording systems to combat inconsiderate driving behaviour and prevent traffic accidents in 2006-07. What are the details and expenditures of these systems? What is the estimated earliest time for the introduction of such systems?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

The Force has initially tested two models of motorcycle video recording systems and intends to install such systems on police motorcycles in 2006-07 for a full trial. The Force hopes to introduce a video recording system which has higher resolution and more speed detection modes than the existing equipment. As it is still in a trial stage, no expenditure can be estimated for the time being.

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Reply Serial No.

**SB019**

Question Serial No.

0259

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: 12204 - Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

During 2006-07, the Force will continue to collaborate with the Department of Health and other agencies concerned to enhance the Force's co-ordination with other government departments in dealing with any epidemic outbreaks. Please provide the nature, number and resource for such operations in 2005-06 and 2006-07, especially amid the concern over an outbreak of avian flu crisis.

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Bernard

Reply:

In order to deal with epidemic outbreaks effectively, the Force's responses can be broadly divided into two aspects i.e. prevention and operation.

For prevention measures, in 2005-06, the Force worked and liaised closely with various government bureaux and departments, including the Health, Welfare and Food Bureau, the Department of Health (DH), Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD), and Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) to make necessary preparations for the avian flu crisis. The Force has formulated a set of internal guidelines for dealing with the outbreak of epidemics based on the experience and international practice in handling SARS in 2003. As regards prevention training, the DH has provided infection control training courses to members of the Force. With respect to personal protection equipment, the Force has procured adequate personal protection equipment for all staff. In order to enhance individual body immunity, the Force has arranged influenza vaccinations for officers who have such need.

For operation, in 2005-06, the Force has provided various supports to other government departments. The Force has been working closely with the DH since the implementation of temperature measurement at immigration control points and vehicular links. If an inbound traveller is found to have a fever and rejects the request by the DH to be escorted to hospital for further medical examination, the police officers will escort the traveller concerned to the designated hospital in accordance with the specified procedures. In regard to the handling of reports of injured, sick or dead birds, the Force will refer the case to the AFCD or FEHD after receiving the report, and cordon the scene when necessary. The Force also assisted the AFCD three times in the seizure of poultry regarding the banning of backyard poultry keeping.

As for the resources required, no figures are available since the Force has not kept a separate record for the above work.

To deal with the possible epidemic outbreaks in 2006-07, the Force will continue with the prevention work conducted last year and provide operational support to relevant government departments when necessary.



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**SB020**

Question Serial No.

0559

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: 12201 - 04

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

In 2006-07, 216 posts will be deleted. Please inform this Committee:

- (a) of a breakdown of the posts to be deleted by rank and form of deletion;
- (b) of the change in the ratio of front-line officers to the population after the deletion; and
- (c) whether this change will bring more workload and stress to the front-line officers; if so, whether the Authority has any measures to maintain staff morale and ensure service quality.

Asked by: Hon. LI Fung-ying

Reply:

The Force plans to net delete 216 permanent posts in 2006-07. The ranks involved are listed below:

<u>Rank</u>	<u>No. of Posts</u>		
	<u>Creation</u>	<u>(Deletion)</u>	<u>Net Creation/(Deletion)</u>
<u>Disciplined Staff</u>			
Senior Superintendent	0	(1)	(1)
Superintendent	0	(2)	(2)
Chief Inspector	1	(12)	(11)
Senior Inspector/Inspector	17	(2)	15
Station Sergeant/Sergeant	82	(48)	34
Police Constable	<u>329</u>	<u>(97)</u>	<u>232</u>
Sub-total	429	(162)	267
<u>Civilian Staff</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(483)</u>	<u>(483)</u>
Total	<u>429</u>	<u>(645)</u>	<u>(216)</u>

- (a) The posts are to be deleted primarily through streamlining of manpower, civilianisation, amalgamation of police stations and outsourcing of support services.
- (b) and (c) The posts to be deleted are mostly those providing logistic and support services. Therefore, there will be neither changes in the ratio of front-line officers to the population nor addition of workload and stress to the front-line officers after manpower deletion.

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Reply Serial No.

**SB021**

Question Serial No.

0757

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force                      Subhead(No. & title):

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

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

- a) Please state the number of cases handled by the Complaints Against Police Office in 2005-06, the manpower required and the actual expenditure incurred.
- b) What are the estimated establishment and expenditure of the Complaints Against Police Office for 2006-07?

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

The Complaints Against Police Office handled a total of 2 719 cases in 2005-06. The information on the establishment and expenditure is given below:

<u>Manpower required (rank)</u>	<u>2005-06</u>	<u>2006-07</u>
Senior Superintendent	1	1
Superintendent	4	4
Chief Inspector	12	12
Senior Inspector	23	23
Station Sergeant	7	7
Sergeant	50	50
Police Constable	1	1
Executive Officer I	1	1
Official Languages Officer II	1	1
Police Translator I	2	2
Statistical Officer I	1	1
Assistant Clerical Officer	5	5
Clerical Assistant	15	15
Personal Secretary II	3	3
Calligraphist	1	0
Typist	3	3
Supplies Supervisor II	1	1
Workman II	2	2
Total	133	132
<u>Actual/Estimated Expenditure</u>	<u>\$45.2 m</u>	<u>\$45.1 m</u>

Name in block letters LEE Ming-kwai

Post Title Commissioner of Police

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

**SB022**

Question Serial No.

0762

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead(No. & title): 103 Rewards and Special  
Services

Programme: 12204 - Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Please inform this Committee:

- a) whether the Authority allocated any funds under this Subhead to meet the expenditure for the Technical Services Division in 2005-06; if so, of the number of cases and the amount involved; and
- b) given the fact that the Authority intends to introduce legislation to regulate the interception of communications and covert surveillance as soon as possible and the legislation is expected to be passed within a short time, whether the Authority has put aside funds in 2006-07 to meet the expenditure for the Technical Services Division for the above work; if so, of the estimated expenditure, and whether there are any constraints on the amount of expenditure it can approve; if so, of the ceiling, and how it compares to that for 2005-06.

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

- a) The expenditure for the Technical Services Division on the police work has been included in the vote under Subhead 103. No specific funding is reserved under this subhead for the Division and funds will be allocated to cover the expenditure as actual needs arise. Disclosing information on the expenditure is not in the interest of the public as it may reveal the detailed operational arrangements of the Force and its law enforcement capabilities to the criminals, who may be able to elude justice.
- b) As mentioned above, the expenditure for the Technical Services Division on the police work has been included in the vote under Subhead 103, and therefore no specific funding is reserved under this subhead for the Division. The introduction of new legislation will not affect the provision arrangement.

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**SB023**

Question Serial No.

0763

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: 12202 - Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

In 2005, the quantity of several types of drugs seized by the Authority all exceeded that of 2004 and some even had a significant increase. Does the Authority have any information indicating that there is a trend of exacerbation of the inflow of narcotics? In 2005-06, what measures did the Force take to prevent and combat drug-related offences, particularly those related to the abuse of psychotropic drugs?

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

One of the priority jobs of the Force in combating drug-related offences is to cut off drug supply to prevent drugs from flowing into local market or the hands of drug abusers. The quantity of drugs seized by the Authority in 2005 increased because several batches of large quantities of drugs were seized in individual cases. The Force will respond to the changes in the development of drug trafficking and spare no efforts in conducting timely and effective operations to fight against drug trafficking. This is also one of the operational targets of the Commissioner of Police in 2006.

The Force adopts the following measures in tackling the problem of drug abuse:

- strengthen cooperation with the Mainland and overseas law enforcement agencies to stop the flow of illicit drugs;
- conduct intelligence-led operations against drug suppliers;
- pursue legal sanctions for the recovery of proceeds from drug trafficking to interdict drug trafficking activities; and
- adopt a multi-agency drug prevention approach, particularly aimed at youth.

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**SB024**

Question Serial No.

0764

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: 12204 - Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Please inform this Committee of:

- a) the equipment items procured by the Force to strengthen internal security and crowd management for the WTO Hong Kong Ministerial Conference in 2005 and the actual expenditure incurred; and
- b) the equipment items the Force plans to procure in 2006-07 for the purpose of strengthening internal security and crowd management and the estimated expenditure.

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

- (a) The Force procures and replaces its equipment every year. In 2005, the equipment procured by the Force for internal security and crowd management included X-ray machines, metal detectors, long distance explosive detectors, non-lethal weapons for anti-riots, shields, protective suits, protective gloves and shin protectors etc. The expenditure for the above items was about \$4 m, which included the expenditure for internal security and crowd management equipment used during the WTO Hong Kong Ministerial Conference.
- (b) The procurement of equipment items for strengthening internal security and crowd management falls under the Programme of "Operations" and no specific breakdown is available for the estimated expenditure in this regard.

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Reply Serial No.

**SB025**

Question Serial No.

0765

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: 12204 - Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Please provide the details of the inter-departmental and cross-boundary exercises conducted in 2005-06 and those planned to be conducted in 2006-07 for enhancing the Force's readiness and capability in combating terrorist activities, the departments or organisations involved and the expenditure incurred.

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

The Hong Kong Police Force conducted the following exercises for counter-terrorist activities in 2005-06 to enhance public and stakeholders' awareness to assist the police in combating terrorist activities. The expenditure involved was about \$60,000. The details are as follows:

	Date	Type	Participating Departments/Organisations
1	19 April 2005	Counter Terrorism (CBRN Agent Attack)  (Co-ordinated by the Hong Kong Police Force)	Hong Kong Police Force Fire Services Department Hospital Authority Civil Aid Service
2	3 June 2005	Counter Terrorism (CBRN Agent Attack)  (Co-ordinated by the Hong Kong Police Force)	Hong Kong Police Force Fire Services Department
3	28 July 2005	Counter Terrorism (Marine Terrorist Attack and Hostages Held on Inbound Container Vessels)  (Co-ordinated by the Hong Kong Police Force) (part of the exercise was conducted in open sea)	Hong Kong Police Force Marine Department Government Flying Service CLP Power Hong Kong Limited Relevant Shipping Companies

4	25 August 2005	Counter Terrorism (CBRN Agent Attack)  (Co-ordinated by the Hong Kong Police Force)	Hong Kong Police Force Fire Services Department Airport Authority, Hong Kong Aviation Security Company Limited
5	1 September 2005	Counter Terrorism (CBRN Agent Attack)  (Co-ordinated by the Hong Kong Police Force)	Hong Kong Police Force Fire Services Department Airport Authority, Hong Kong Aviation Security Company Limited
6	16 September 2005	Counter Terrorism (CBRN Agent Attack)  (Co-ordinated by the Hong Kong Police Force)	Hong Kong Police Force Fire Services Department Airport Authority, Hong Kong Aviation Security Company Limited
7	18 October 2005	Counter Terrorism (CBRN Agent Attack)  (Co-ordinated by the Hong Kong Police Force)	Hong Kong Police Force Fire Services Department
8	19 October 2005	Counter Terrorism (Marine Security and Terrorist Attack)  (Co-ordinated by the Hong Kong Police Force)	Hong Kong Police Force Marine Department Immigration Department Customs and Excise Department
9	25 October 2005	Counter Terrorism (Marine Security and Terrorist Attack)  (Co-ordinated by the Hong Kong Police Force)	Hong Kong Police Force Marine Department Immigration Department Customs and Excise Department
10	3 November 2005	Counter Terrorism (Explosive Disposal)  (Co-ordinated by the Hong Kong Police Force)	Hong Kong Police Force Fire Services Department MTR Corporation Limited Civil Aid Service
11	25 November 2005	Counter Terrorism (Explosive Disposal and Hostages Held)  (Co-ordinated by the Hong Kong Police Force)	Hong Kong Police Force Fire Services Department Government Flying Service Hospital Authority Auxiliary Medical Service

The following exercises for counter terrorist activities are expected to be organised by the Hong Kong Police Force in 2006-07 also for enhancing public and stakeholders' awareness to assist the police in combating terrorist activities. The estimated expenditure involved is about \$60,000. The details are as follows:

	Type	No. of Times	Government Departments and Other Organisations Involved
1	Airport Security, Counter Terrorism and Hostages Held	1	Hong Kong Police Force Civil Aviation Department Airport Authority, Hong Kong Aviation Security Company Limited
2	Terrorist Attack on Port Facilities and Hostages Held	1	Hong Kong Police Force Marine Department Customs and Excise Department Immigration Department Relevant Port Facilities and Shipping Companies
3	Marine Security and Terrorist Attack (Explosive Disposal)	1	Hong Kong Police Force Marine Department Fire Services Department Government Flying Service Relevant Shipping Companies
4	CBRN Agent Attack	6	Hong Kong Police Force Fire Services Department Hospital Authority Hong Kong Observatory MTR Corporation Limited Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation

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Post Title Commissioner of Police

Date 9 March 2006

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

**SB026**

Question Serial No.

0766

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: 12203 - Road Safety

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

The Force will "continue to combat inconsiderate driving behaviour and prevent accidents through the introduction of new onboard motorcycle video recording systems". Please give a breakdown of the current equipment, and the estimated expenditure and annual maintenance fee incurred for the introduction of the new equipment.

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

At present, the Force has 15 motorcycle video recording equipment in total. They were ProVida2000 motorcycle video recording system introduced from Denmark in 2001. The expenditure on procurement is \$876,000 and the annual maintenance fee is \$69,000. In respect of the introduction of new equipment, the Force has initially tested two models of motorcycle video recording systems and intends to install such systems on police motorcycles in 2006-07 for a full trial. The Force hopes to introduce a video recording system which has higher resolution and more speed detection modes than the existing equipment. Since it is still in a trial stage, no expenditure and annual maintenance fee can be estimated for the time being.

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Post Title Commissioner of Police

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Reply Serial No.

**SB027**

Question Serial No.

0767

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title):

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

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

The number of raids conducted by the Police in 2005 shows a considerable decrease of 30% against 2004. What are the reasons? Has the decrease in the number of raids affected the Force's work to maintain law and order?

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

Raids are search operations targeted at specific premises associated with drugs, illegal gambling and vice activities. Looking back on the past year, the decrease in the number of raids are mainly due to the following reasons:

- In 2005, the Force succeeded in combating and controlling the vice activities prospered in Kowloon, Yuen Long and Tsuen Wan, therefore the need of conducting raids decreased.
- The Force has actively adopted an intelligence-based strategy, including the cooperation and intelligence sharing with the Mainland and overseas law enforcement agencies, to cut off the sources of drugs primarily at the wholesale level, therefore, the drugs flowing out to the market were reduced, and thus the need of conducting raids decreased.

Although the number of raids decreased, there was no impact on the Force's work to maintain law and order. The Force will make continuous efforts to conduct raids for the maintenance of law and order in the community.

Name in block letters LEE Ming-kwai

Post Title Commissioner of Police

Date 10 March 2006

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

**SB028**

Question Serial No.

0768

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title):

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

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Please give details of the findings of the Customer Satisfaction Survey and mini Public Opinion Survey conducted by the Force in 2005-06. Did the Force commence any studies or follow-up actions with respect to the findings of these major surveys? If so, please give details in this aspect and the expenditure incurred. If not, why?

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

In 2005-06, the Force conducted a major survey i.e. the Customer Satisfaction Survey. The Force also conducted a mini Public Opinion Survey. Both of them were conducted by an independent organisation. The details are as follows:

Customer Satisfaction Survey

The Survey was conducted between 29 August and 8 September 2005. A total of 1 024 telephone interviews were successfully conducted. According to the scores given by the respondents, the Force received a score of 3.95 out of 5 for its overall performance, an improvement on the score of 3.91 achieved in the last similar survey conducted in 2002.

The overall results of the Survey reflect a considerably high customer satisfaction level with police service. When comparing the findings with the last survey, general improvements have been noted. A marked increase in the "Very satisfied" percentage in the performance of police was also seen.

**Public Opinion Survey**

The Survey was conducted between 15 and 21 September 2005. A total of 1 000 telephone interviews were successfully conducted. The survey findings showed that the majority of respondents have great confidence in the ability of the Force, notwithstanding the fact that public expectations of the police are increasing. Confidence in the Force produced a score of 4.13 out of 5, which was an improvement on the score of 3.78 in the last similar survey conducted in 2001.

The public considered "maintaining law and order", "prevention of crime" and "maintaining public order" to be the three most important areas that the Force should put its resources in. In terms of important qualities of police officers, "manner" topped the list followed by "conduct" and "professionalism".

### **Study or Follow-up Actions**

The Force has critically examined all of the findings of the Customer Satisfaction Survey and will seek to further improve in a number of areas. For instance, regarding the handling of public phone calls to police stations, the Force will examine a more effective way to handle the incoming calls and provide training to front-line officers with a view to enhancing the service standard of the report room in this regard. In addition, for the service of divisional crime investigation teams, the Force put the emphasis on the provision of quality service to the victims before. Now the Force will examine how to strengthen the services required by the informants and witnesses when they are requested by the crime officers to assist the Force in the crime investigation. According to the findings of the Survey at the present stage, the follow-up actions can be conducted with the existing resources of the Force and no additional expenditure will be incurred.

For the Public Opinion Survey, the findings showed that improvements have been achieved in all items. The Force will make continuous efforts to provide professional services to the public.

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Post Title Commissioner of Police

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

**SB029**

Question Serial No.

0769

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: 12202 - Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

In respect of "strengthening the Force's crime investigation capability by improving the existing criminal intelligence systems", please list the expenditure required for improving these systems in 2005-06 and the estimated expenditure required in 2006-07. Please also state in detail in what way will the improvement of the systems strengthen the Force's crime investigation capability.

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

A provision of about \$66 m was allocated in 2000 by the Force to renew the criminal intelligence computer system. The renewal works have been implemented in stages. The actual expenditure for the works in 2005-06 was around \$1.1 m and the estimated expenditure in 2006-07 is around \$41.6 m. The new system is expected to simplify, accelerate and strengthen the information collection, classification and input and retrieval work. It can also be operated bilingually and equipped with encryption and multi-media information processing functions, thus enhancing the overall criminal intelligence processing effectiveness and strengthening the Force's crime investigation capability.

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Reply Serial No.

**SB030**

Question Serial No.

1111

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force                      Subhead (No. &  
title):

Programme:                      12203 - Road Safety

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

What are the details of the road safety activities to be conducted in 2006-07 to educate and prevent drivers from jumping amber and red traffic lights?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kin-ye, Miriam

Reply:

In 2006-07, the Police will prevent drivers from disobeying traffic lights through publicity and education coupled with enforcement actions. In January 2006, the Police launched a territory-wide road safety campaign and distributed publicity leaflets with a view to promoting the importance of obeying traffic lights. The road safety campaign will continue this year. Moreover, the Police will conduct road safety activities as follows:

- to continue to produce TV & Radio Announcement of Public Interests to remind the public of the importance of obeying traffic lights;
- to display messages of obeying traffic lights on bodies of public transport vehicles; and
- to distribute publicity leaflets to drivers during road safety talks.

With respect to enforcement actions, the Authority will install 68 additional red light cameras in various districts of Hong Kong in 2006-07. The Police will conduct enforcement operations targeting at disobedience of traffic lights, speeding, careless driving and dangerous driving when necessary, to enhance drivers' alertness towards road safety.

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Post Title                      Commissioner of Police

Date                      10 March 2006

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Reply Serial No.

**SB031**

Question Serial No.

1112

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force                      Subhead (No. &  
title):

Programme:                      12203 - Road Safety

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

In 2006-07, the Authority will procure, install and publicise the availability of more breath analysing equipment to further deter drivers from drink driving. What are the details of the above work?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kin-ye, Miriam

Reply:

At present, the Police have installed breath analysing equipment at appropriate locations in each district to obtain evidences necessary for prosecuting drivers of drink driving. In 2006-07, the Police will procure and install the appropriate number of breath analysing equipment for roads approaching completion and according to projected future traffic management needs, and conduct widespread publicity to further deter drink driving. Moreover, during major festivities such as Christmas and New Year, the Police will continue to invite members of the public near areas abounded with pubs to take alcohol screen tests on a voluntary basis, and to distribute publicity leaflets to advise the public to avoid drink driving.

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Post Title                      Commissioner of Police

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

**SB032**

Question Serial No.

1593

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: 12202 - Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Comparing with the past three years, what are the expenditure and manpower allocated for the Secondary School Liaison Officer Programme in 2006-07? What is the ratio of Liaison Officers to students?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Man-kwong

Reply:

The expenditure of the Secondary School Liaison Officers Programme has been mainly spent on the staff cost of the sergeants who serve as the Secondary School Liaison Officers. The number of the posts has remained at 33. In the past three years, the expenditure dropped due to salary adjustment. The notional annual mid-point salary values from 2003-04 to 2005-06 were \$9.9 m, \$9.6 m and \$9.3 m respectively. For 2006-07, the expenditure will remain the same as last year i.e. \$9.3 m.

The Secondary School Liaison Officers mainly contact schools. Of 528 secondary schools in Hong Kong, each Secondary School Liaison Officer takes care of about 16 schools.

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Reply Serial No.

**SB033**

Question Serial No.

1594

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force                      Subhead(No. & title):

Programme:                      12202 - Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Comparing with the past three years, what are the expenditures and manpower allocated for strengthening the Force's capability in handling domestic violence and child abuse cases in 2006-07? Please provide the details of the plan.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Man-kwong

Reply:

The handling of domestic violence falls under the Programme of "Prevention and Detection of Crime". As this forms an integral part of the daily work of each police district, there is no specific breakdown in this aspect.

In 2006, the Force will continue to adopt a "multi-disciplinary" approach and co-operate with the Social Welfare Department, other government departments and non-government organisations to handle domestic violence and child abuse cases, and refer the affected persons to other departments or organisations according to their needs so that they can receive appropriate social services or support. Regarding the prevention work, the Force will also actively participate in the relevant publicity campaigns and educational activities.

In 2005, the Force updated the Communal Information System of crimes. Front-line officers can retrieve the past records of the person involved in domestic violence and the related cases and take appropriate follow-up actions. The Force will continue to upgrade the system to facilitate the front-line officers to handle domestic violence and child abuse cases in a more effective manner.

Apart from the above measures, the Force will provide training in the handling of domestic violence to police officers in different stages and conduct reviews on the contents of the training from time to time. In the second half of 2006, the Force will launch a new set of teaching material on the "Handling of Domestic Violence" for the training day to strengthen the capability of front-line officers in handling domestic violence.

Moreover, the Force will continue to organise a "Special Investigation for Child Protection" training course to provide training in the investigation of child abuse cases for police officers.

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Reply Serial No.

**SB034**

Question Serial No.

1876

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: 12204 - Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Please provide the number of enforcement actions against illegal workers jointly taken by the Force and other departments, the total number of illegal workers and employers arrested and the type of illegal work involved in 2005-06. Among the arrested employers, how many of them were prosecuted at last?

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

The Immigration Department (Imm D), which takes the lead in conducting operation against illegal workers, is responsible for the prosecution of all illegal worker cases, including the ones arrested by the Force. Therefore, the following figures are based on the records of the Imm D.

In 2005, the Force and other relevant departments jointly conducted 46 major operations against illegal workers. Two joint operations were taken in January 2006 (the figures for February are still being processed). These were intelligence-based operations targeting at some businesses employing illegal workers, including food catering, interior decorations and waste recycling.

Through the above and other operations, the total number of illegal workers arrested in 2005 was 5 273, while 417 were arrested in January 2006. A total of 1 254 employers were arrested in 2005, while 91 were arrested in January 2006. Among all the employers arrested, 450 and 19 were prosecuted in 2005 and January 2006 respectively.

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Reply Serial No.

**SB035**

Question Serial No.

2023

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead(No. & title): 103 - Rewards and special services

Programme: 12204 - Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Please state the ranks of officers conducting surprise inspections under this subhead in 2005-06 and the number of such inspections. How many irregular cases have been detected during such inspections?

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

Surprise inspections of the Rewards and Special Services Fund sub-impressts carried out by Inspecting Officers in 2005-06 so far are summarised as follows:

<u>Inspecting Officer</u>	<u>No. of Inspections 2005-06</u>
Commissioner of Police	8
Deputy Commissioner of Police (Operations)	10
Deputy Commissioner of Police (Management)	3
Director of Crime and Security	22
Assistant Commissioner of Police (Crime)	21
Assistant Commissioner of Police (Security)	3
Regional Commander (Hong Kong Island)	15
Regional Commander (Kowloon East)	15
Regional Commander (Kowloon West)	18
Regional Commander (New Territories North)	15
Regional Commander (New Territories South)	18
Regional Commander (Marine)	6
Senior Executive Officer (Internal Audit)	30

No irregular cases have been detected during the inspections.

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Reply Serial No.

**SB036**

Question Serial No.

2024

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead(No. & title): 103 Rewards and Special  
Services

Programme: 12204 - Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Please inform this Committee:

- (a) as the actual expenditure was \$62,839,000 in 2002-03, \$58,801,000 in 2003-04 and \$56,606,000 in 2004-05 under this sub-head and the actual expenditure for each year remained at about \$60 m and was on an annual decrease, of the reasons why the revised estimate for this subhead in 2005-06 unexpectedly increased to \$77m; and
- (b) as the proposed provision of \$80m for this subhead in 2006-07 is much higher than its revised estimate in 2005-06 and the actual expenditure for the past few years under the subhead, of the reasons for that.

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

Expenditure under this subhead involves police operations of confidential nature, including the fight against terrorist activities, serious crimes and narcotics offences, and security matters. The estimated expenditures of these years were calculated on the basis of the possible actions taken in respective years.

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Post Title Commissioner of Police

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

**SB037**

Question Serial No.

2025

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead(No. & title): 103 - Rewards and special services

Programme: 12204 - Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Please provide the number of cases and people involved in the payment of rewards and special services in 2005-06. What was the number of payments for rewards and special services? What was the actual expenditure?

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

The number of payments for rewards was 1 540 in 2005-06. Expenses paid under Rewards and Special Services involve police operations of confidential nature, including the fight against terrorist activities, serious crimes and narcotics offences, and security matters. Disclosing any other relevant information may reveal detailed operational arrangements of the Force and its law enforcement capabilities to the criminals, who may be able to elude justice, thus jeopardising public interests. Therefore, other information required cannot be provided.

Name in block letters LEE Ming-kwai

Post Title Commissioner of Police

Date 9 March 2006



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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

**SB038**

Question Serial No.

2026

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead(No. & title): 103 - Rewards and special services

Programme: 12204 - Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Please give details of the cases and amount of the police rewards offered in 2005-06, the actual expenditure incurred and number of payments, and the number of people receiving reward offers.

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

In 2005-06 (as at 6 March 2006), the number of cases of rewards offered was 37 and the amount involved was \$12.04 m. Expenses paid under Rewards and Special Services involve police operations of confidential nature. Disclosing any other relevant information will jeopardise public interest. Therefore, other information required cannot be provided.

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Post Title Commissioner of Police

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Reply Serial No.

**SB039**

Question Serial No.

2027

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead(No. & title): 103 - Rewards and special services

Programme: 12204 - Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

What was the expenditure for the purchase and maintenance of equipment under this subhead in 2005-06?

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

Expenses paid under Rewards and Special Services involve police operations of confidential nature, including the fight against terrorist activities, serious crimes and narcotics offences, and security matters. Disclosing the information required may reveal detailed operational arrangements of the Force and its law enforcement capabilities to the criminals, who may be able to elude justice, thus jeopardising public interests. Therefore, the relevant information cannot be provided.

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

**SB040**

Question Serial No.

2028

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead(No. & title): 103 - Rewards and special services

Programme: 12204 - Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

In 2006-07, the estimated expenditure under this subhead is \$80 m. How much of it is expected to be allocated for police rewards and how much for the purchase and maintenance of equipment?

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

Expenses paid under Rewards and Special Services involve public operations of confidential nature, including the fight against terrorist activities, serious crimes and narcotics offences, and security matters. Disclosing the information required may reveal detailed operational arrangements of the Force and its law enforcement capabilities to the criminals, who may be able to elude justice, thus jeopardising public interests. Therefore, the relevant information cannot be provided.

Name in block letters LEE Ming-kwai

Post Title Commissioner of Police

Date 9 March 2006

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

**SB041**

Question Serial No.

2029

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead(No. & title): 103 - Rewards and special services

Programme: 12204 - Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

In 2006-07, the estimated expenditure under this subhead is \$80 m. How much of it is expected to be allocated for combating serious crimes and drug offences and for security purpose? Please list by type.

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

Expenses paid under Rewards and Special Services involve police operations of confidential nature, including the fight against terrorist activities, serious crimes and narcotics offences, and security matters. Disclosing the information required may reveal detailed operational arrangements of the Force and its law enforcement capabilities to the criminals, who may be able to elude justice, thus jeopardising public interests. Therefore, the relevant information cannot be provided.

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

**SB042**

Question Serial No.

2030

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead(No. & title): 103 Rewards and Special Services

Programme: 12204 - Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

- a) Please state the expenditures relating to the payment for information useful to investigation provided overseas for 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06, and the overseas areas involved.
- b) Please state the expenditures relating to the payment for information useful to investigation provided locally for 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06.
- c) In the proposed provision for 2006-07, what are the expenditures earmarked for the payment for information useful to investigation provided overseas? What is the percentage in the total provision?

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

The expenditures and the allocation of funds under this subhead involve confidential police operations. Disclosing such information will jeopardise the work and is not in the interest of the public. Therefore, the information required cannot be provided.

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Reply Serial No.

**SB043**

Question Serial No.

2031

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: 12204 - Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Please inform this Committee:

- (a) of a breakdown of the establishment of officers in the Security Wing by rank, and the resources allocated for the Wing in 2005-06;
- (b) whether the Government has any plans to increase manpower and resources of the Security Wing in 2006-07; if so, of the estimated figures for the establishment and the total resources allocated; and
- (c) of a breakdown of additional equipment procured by the Security Wing in 2005-06 and those to be procured for 2006-07 by type and expenditure, of the categories of crime targeted to combat with the additional equipment, and whether the Security Wing has received any non-recurrent provision for the procurement of the equipment, as well as the amount involved.

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

- (a) The establishment of the Security Wing in 2005-06 was 413. Please refer to the Annex for a breakdown by rank and the total provision.
- (b) Presently, the Government has not finalised any plan to increase the manpower and resources of the Security Wing in 2006-07.
- (c) For security reasons, the equipment of the Security Wing and the relevant expenditure involved cannot be disclosed.

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Post Title Commissioner of Police

Date 10 March 2006

A. Establishment

<u>Rank</u>	<u>No. of Posts in 2005/06</u> <u>(As at 1.3.2006)</u>
<u>Disciplined Staff</u>	
Assistant Commissioner	1
Chief Superintendent	1
Senior Superintendent	3
Superintendent	9
Chief Inspector	22
Inspector/Senior Inspector	54
Station Sergeant	24
Sergeant	82
Police Constable	<u>137</u>
Sub-total	<u>333</u>
<u>Civilian Staff</u>	
Senior Clerical Officer	1
Clerical Officer	1
Assistant Clerical Officer	8
Clerical Assistant	8
Office Assistant	1
Senior Confidential Assistant	3
Confidential Assistant	39
Executive Officer I	1
Senior Official Languages Officer	1
Official Languages Officer I	2
Personal Secretary I	1
Supplies Supervisor II	1
Supplies Assistant	1
Workman II	<u>12</u>
Sub-total	<u>80</u>
TOTAL	<u>413</u>

B. Total Provision

2005-06  
\$m  
121.1

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Reply Serial No.

**SB044**

Question Serial No.

2344

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: 12202 - Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Regarding the investigation and arrest of individually operated (non-syndicated) sex workers, please inform this Committee of:

- (a) the specific work of the Authority in 2006-07 and the estimated expenditure involved; and
- (b) the undercover operations planned by the Authority for 2006-07 and the estimated expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply:

- (a) The main target of Police actions against prostitution is organised prostitution, not individual sex workers. The resources allocated for combating illegal prostitution falls under the Programme of "Prevention and Detection of Crime" and no specific breakdown is available. The Police will continue to use the provisions under the said programme for 2006-07 to combat organised prostitution.
- (b) Undercover operations are police operations of confidential nature. Disclosing any relevant information may reveal detailed operational arrangements of the Police and its law enforcement capabilities to the criminals, who may be able to elude justice, thus jeopardising public interests. Therefore, the information required cannot be provided.

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Post Title Commissioner of Police

Date 9 March 2006





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**Reply Serial No.**

**SB046**

Head : 70                      Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme : (1) Pre-entry Control

0093

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

The Administration plans to introduce the Quality Migrant Admission Scheme in 2006-07 in order to admit skilled migrants. What are the specific resources and provisions required for the preparation and promotion of the Scheme?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

The Immigration Department plans to implement the Quality Migrant Admission Scheme by June 2006. The additional workload arising from implementation of the scheme for 2006-07 will be coped with through internal redeployment of resources.

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Name in block letters \_\_\_\_\_ T K LAI

Post Title \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Immigration

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 10 March 2006

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**Reply Serial No.**

**SB 047**

Head : 70                      Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme : (1) Pre-entry Control

0109

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Regarding the strict examination of the bona fides of foreign visitors applying to enter Hong Kong, what are the general procedures adopted by the Administration? In 2005, were any non-“bona fide visitors” found? If yes, what are the details?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

Under our liberal visa regime, nationals of about 170 countries and territories do not need a visa for visiting Hong Kong. Visas are required for visitors from 48 countries for security and immigration reasons. A visit visa may be issued subject to the applicant being able to meet the following criteria:

- (a) bona fides of visit to Hong Kong not in doubt;
- (b) having adequate funds to cover the duration of stay without working;
- (c) holding a valid travel document with returnability to his/her country of residence or citizen;
- (d) having no adverse record;
- (e) posing no security threat to Hong Kong; and
- (f) having no likelihood of becoming a burden to Hong Kong.

In assessing the bona fides of foreign visitors applying to enter Hong Kong, we will make reference to their stated purposes of visit, the documents produced, their travel records and their previous records in Hong Kong, etc. We will also interview their sponsors in Hong Kong where necessary.

In 2005, 861 applications for visit visa were refused as the applicants had failed to meet the above criteria. There were also 3 592 applicants who either withdrew their applications or showed no response to our request for additional information.

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Name in block letters T K LAI

Post Title Director of Immigration

Date 10 March 2006

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**Reply Serial No.**

**SB048**

Head : 70                      Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme : (1) Pre-entry Control

0110

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

According to the information provided by the Administration, the total number of iPermit applications received in 2005 was 298 184, which is 34% more than 2004. What are the reasons? The Administration also expects that the number will increase to 376 600 in 2006. Regarding this, will the Administration consider allocating additional resources or manpower? If yes, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

The iPermit Scheme, launched in March 2002, aims to enhance the travel convenience of visitors from Taiwan and offers an additional choice for Taiwan residents in applying for entry permits for visiting Hong Kong. Enabled by a custom-built computer system, processing of applications for iPermits is fully automated and can be completed within minutes.

We believe that the increase in popularity of the iPermit Scheme is attributable to its speedy and convenient application procedure. No additional resources and manpower are required to cope with the increase in demand.

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Post Title \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Immigration

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 10 March 2006

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**Reply Serial No.**

**SB049**

Head : 70                      Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme : (2) Control upon Entry

0111

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

In 2005, 39 874 passengers/seamen were refused entry. Please list the reasons for refusal of entry and the related figures.

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

Of the 39 874 persons refused permission to land in Hong Kong in 2005, 38 243 were passengers and 1 631 were seamen. A breakdown by reasons of refusal is tabulated below :

<b>Reasons of Refusal</b>	<b>Number of Persons Refused Permission to Land</b>
Bona fides of visit in doubt	24 056
Improper documentation	14 733
Use of forged travel documents	1 085
<b>Total</b>	<b>39 874</b>

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block letters T K LAI

Post Title Director of Immigration

Date 9 March 2006

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**Reply Serial No.**

**SB050**

Head : 70                      Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme :                      (2) Control upon Entry  
    (3) Control after Entry

0112

Controlling Officer :                      Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau :                      Secretary for Security

Question :

Regarding the efforts to combat the use of forged travel documents and to prevent the entry of undesirable persons and the departure of persons wanted for criminal offences, please inform this Council of: (a) the number of forged documents found in 2005; (b) the measures to be taken by the Administration to combat the use of forged documents in 2006-07; and (c) the measures taken by the Administration to prevent the entry of undesirable persons and the departure of persons wanted for criminal offences.

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

- (a) In 2005, the Immigration Department intercepted 2 334 forged travel documents.
- (b) Measures adopted to combat the use of forged documents include:
  - (i) strengthening exchange of intelligence with Mainland and overseas law enforcement agencies on forgery trends and modus operandi of forgery syndicates;
  - (ii) participating actively in international conferences and workshops to tap the skills and experience of other immigration authorities, thereby augmenting the capacity of immigration officers in combating the use of forged documents;
  - (iii) mounting frequent and regular operations against illegal migration and forgery activities at the Hong Kong International Airport, including operations conducted on target flights to and from selected destinations;
  - (iv) disseminating intelligence bulletins periodically to frontline officers to keep them abreast of the latest forgery trends and techniques; and
  - (v) deploying advanced technologies such as the Face Recognition System to better equip frontline officers to verify the identity of doubtful visitors and immigration offenders who try to circumvent immigration control by using falsified documents.

- (c) Apart from the measures mentioned in (b) above, Immigration Department has been providing customised training for immigration control officers so as to enhance their ability to identify undesirable persons and persons wanted for criminal offences at an early stage. Intelligence relating to such persons is disseminated to frontline officers in a timely manner and, where the circumstances so warrant, detailed examinations of individual passengers at our control points are conducted.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block letters \_\_\_\_\_ T K LAI \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Immigration \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 10 March 2006 \_\_\_\_\_

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**Reply Serial No.**

**SB051**

Head : 70                      Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme : (2) Control upon Entry

0113

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

In 2006-07, the Administration will extend self-service clearance to non-permanent residents and frequent visitors holding Travel Passes. What are the details? What are the expenditure and establishment involved?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

The extension of self-service immigration clearance services, often referred to as e-Channels, to non-permanent residents is in good progress. With effect from 24 January 2006, holders of Document of Identity for Visa Purposes with smart identity cards can use the e-Channels at control points. We plan to also allow other non-permanent residents as well as frequent travellers holding HKSAR Travel Passes to use e-Channels in phases in 2006-07.

The Finance Committee approved in 2003 HK\$352.753 million for the implementation of the Automated Passenger and Vehicle Clearance Systems that enables self-service immigration clearance. The workload caused by the extension of e-Channels to cover non-permanent residents and frequent visitors will be met within the commitment approved by the Finance Committee and the existing manpower resources of ImmD.

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Name in block letters                      T K LAI \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title                      Director of Immigration \_\_\_\_\_

Date                      10 March 2006 \_\_\_\_\_



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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**Reply Serial No.**

**SB052**

Head : 70                      Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme : (2) Control upon Entry

0180

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Regarding access to immigration-related services through electronic means, please inform this Council of:

- (a) the amount of resources to be used in 2006-07 to provide e-Channels at various boundary control points, the relevant arrangements, detailed implementation and progress;
- (b) the popularity of e-Channels among the public at present, and whether it is necessary to use more resources on publicity and promotion. If yes, what is the amount of resources to be involved?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply :

- (a) The Finance Committee approved in 2003 HK\$352.753 million for the implementation of the Automated Passenger and Vehicle Clearance Systems ("e-Channels") at control points. The annual recurrent cost is HK\$46.1 million.

The roll out of e-Channels is in good progress. As at end February 2006, the distribution of e-Channels is as follows:

For passengers

Lo Wu	80
Lok Ma Chau	12
Man Kam To	9
Sha Tau Kok	6
Hung Hom	10
Macau Ferry Terminal	24
China Ferry Terminal	9
HK International Airport	6
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For cross-boundary drivers

Lok Ma Chau	12
Man Kam To	4
Sha Tau Kok	<u>6</u>
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It is expected that by mid-2006, there will be about 230 e-Channels for passengers and those for cross-boundary drivers will be increased to 46.

- (b) The operation of e-Channels is very simple and user friendly. Clear graphical instructions are displayed to guide travellers through the clearance process. So far, over 24 million passengers and over 1 million cross-boundary drivers have used e-Channels.

We have in place a publicity campaign to familiarise the public with the operations of e-Channels, which includes API (announcements of public interest) on TV and radio as well as video and posters at control points, Smart Identity Card Centres and the Registration of Persons Offices. E-Channels are getting more popular and their utilisation rate grows steadily in line with the progress of the smart identity card replacement exercise. We consider the current level of publicity adequate.

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Name in block letters T K LAI

Post Title Director of Immigration

Date 10 March 2006

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**Reply Serial No.**

**SB053**

Head : 70

Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme :

(5) Nationality and Assistance to HKSAR Residents outside Hong Kong

0260

Controlling Officer :

Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau :

Secretary for Security

Question :

In 2005, 4 201 requests for assistance by Hong Kong residents in distress outside Hong Kong were received. Please give a breakdown by nature of the requests and where they were from. What are the difficulties in handling the cases? Will service in this area be further strengthened so as to deliver speedy and better assistance in 2006-07?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Bernard

Reply :

- (a) A breakdown by nature of the requests for assistance from Hong Kong residents in distress outside Hong Kong is tabulated below:

	<b>Tsunami disaster</b>	<b>Loss of travel document</b>	<b>Traffic accident</b>	<b>Hospitalization, sickness and death</b>	<b>Others (e.g. missing persons, detention, etc.)</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>2005</b>	361	2 735	103	79	923	4 201

- (b) A breakdown by location where Hong Kong residents needed our assistance is tabulated below:

<b>Locations</b>	<b>2005</b>
Mainland China	3 137
Thailand	415
United Kingdom	110
USA	58
Japan	55
Australia	51
France	49
Italy	31
Canada	25
South Korea	21
Germany	18
Malaysia	11
Others	220
<b>Total</b>	<b>4 201</b>

- (c) Difficulties encountered by officers on large operations outside Hong Kong include multitude of tasks against time pressure, prolonged hours of work, mental stress and language barriers as well as lack of local knowledge.
- (d) The measures introduced to enhance assistance to Hong Kong residents in distress outside Hong Kong include :
  - (a) changing the 24-hour hotline of the Assistance to Hong Kong Residents (AHU) from a 8-digit number to a 4-digit number, i.e. 1868, in August 2005; and
  - (b) increasing the establishment of AHU by 9 posts (viz. 1 Senior Immigration Officer and 8 Immigration Officers) to 16 posts (viz. 3 Senior Immigration Officers, 12 Immigration Officers and 1 Clerical Assistant) in the latter half of 2006-07 .

Active preparations are being made to set up an Immigration Team at the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Guangdong. When the Team commences operation in 2006-07, services in southern China will be enhanced.

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Name in block letters \_\_\_\_\_ T K LAI \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Immigration \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 10 March 2006 \_\_\_\_\_

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**Reply Serial No.**

**SB054**

Head : 70                      Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme : (2) Control upon Entry

0261

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

A total of 39 874 passengers / seamen were refused entry to Hong Kong in 2005, representing an increase of 40% in comparing with the figure in 2004. What were the major nationalities involved and what were the main reasons for the refused entry?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Bernard

Reply :

A breakdown by geographical regions and reasons of refusal of the 39 874 persons refused entry in 2005 is tabulated below :

<u>Region</u> Reasons of Refusal	Africa	Asia & Pacific*	Europe	Mainland China	North America	South America	Total
Bona fides of visit in doubt	844	4 249	24	18 900	8	31	24 056
Improper Documentation	272	6 388	141	7 854	39	39	14 733
Use of Forged Travel Documents	160	299	56	535	19	16	1 085
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 276</b>	<b>10 936</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>27 289</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>39 874</b>

(\* "Asia & Pacific" refers to countries in Asia and the Pacific region but excludes Mainland China.)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block letters T K LAI

Post Title Director of Immigration

Date 9 March 2006

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**Reply Serial No.**

**SB055**

Head : 70

Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme :

(5) Nationality and Assistance to HKSAR  
Residents outside Hong Kong

0378

Controlling Officer :

Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau :

Secretary for Security

Question :

In recent years, when Hong Kong residents met with natural disasters and serious accidents overseas, the Immigration Department would deploy staff to the sites concerned for rendering assistance to them. In 2005-06, what is the expenditure for this area of work? Will there be an increase in the expenditure estimate and manpower in 2006-07 for this purpose?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply :

The Assistance to Hong Kong Residents Unit (AHU) of the Immigration Department, operates around the clock and currently has an establishment of 7 posts (viz. 2 Senior Immigration Officers, 4 Immigration Officers and 1 Clerical Assistant) at an annual salary cost of \$2.9 million. To enhance the service and to cope with the sharp growth in workload, the establishment of the AHU will be increased from the current 7 posts by 9 posts (viz. 1 Senior Immigration Officer and 8 Immigration Officers), at an annual salary cost of \$3.6 million, to 16 posts (viz. 3 Senior Immigration Officers, 12 Immigration Officers and 1 Clerical Assistant) in the latter half of 2006-07. The estimated total annual salary cost would be \$6.5 million. The handling capacity of the Unit will continue to be reinforced through temporary redeployment as required and expenses incidental to deployment of staff outside Hong Kong will be absorbed within the existing resources.

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Name in block letters \_\_\_\_\_ T K LAI

Post Title \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Immigration

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 10 March 2006

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**Reply Serial No.**

**SB056**

Head : 70                      Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme : (1) Pre-entry Control

0570

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

In 2006, the Quality Migrant Admission Scheme will be launched with an annual quota of 1 000 entrants who are not required to secure prior employment. What criteria will be used by the Administration to determine which categories of talent would be admitted? How can the Administration ensure that the Scheme will not affect the employment opportunities of local talent?

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG LAU Yau-fun, Sophie

Reply :

Under the Quality Migrant Admission Scheme (QMAS), applicants are required to fulfil a set of 'must-meet' requirements, which include age, financial ability, good character, language proficiency and educational qualification. Applicants meeting these requirements will then be assessed by a point-based test which incorporates criteria such as age, academic/professional qualifications and working experience. Applicants above a specific threshold will then be assessed in detail by an Advisory Committee appointed by the Chief Executive. The Committee will recommend to the Director of Immigration how best to allocate the quota having regard to the short term and long term needs of the community.

Instead of taking away employment opportunities from local talent, we are confident that admission of quality talent under QMAS will increase our competitiveness, attract more capital and create more jobs. Our experience with the Admission Scheme for Mainland Talents and Professionals, for example, shows that each entrant can lead to the creation of 1.5 jobs in the local economy.

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Name in block letters \_\_\_\_\_ T K LAI

Post Title \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Immigration

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 10 March 2006

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**Reply Serial No.**

**SB057**

Head : 70                      Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme : (1) Pre-entry Control

0731

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

It is estimated that the number of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Business Travel Cards to be processed in 2006 will be dramatically increased by 128%. What accounts for this increased estimate? How much expenditure and manpower will be required?

Asked by : Hon. YOUNG Howard

Reply :

Holders of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Business Travel Card (ABTC) enjoy visa-free access to APEC economies participating in the ABTC Scheme as well as expeditious immigration service at their checkpoints. In 2005, three more APEC economies joined the ABTC Scheme, namely Singapore, Papua New Guinea and Vietnam, thus bringing the total number of APEC participating economies from 13 to 17. This improves the attractiveness of the Scheme to business travellers and is expected to lead to an upsurge in the number of applications for ABTC. The Immigration Department will flexibly deploy its resources to cope with the anticipated increase in workload.

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Name in block letters                      T K LAI \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title                      Director of Immigration \_\_\_\_\_

Date                      10 March 2006 \_\_\_\_\_



**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**Reply Serial No.**

**SB058**

Head : 70                      Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme : (3) Control after Entry

0732

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Concerning the enforcement action against visitors engaged in unlawful employment after entry and/or overstaying and related employers under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2006-07, please provide the details and the amount of resources to be incurred.

Asked by : Hon. YOUNG Howard

Reply :

We will adopt the following measures to combat the problems of illegal employment and overstaying of visitors:

- (i) to strengthen immigration control at the points of entry so as to keep away visitors whose bona fides are in doubt;
- (ii) to verify, with the aid of Face Recognition System, the identity of doubtful visitors and immigration offenders who try to circumvent immigration control by using different identities;
- (iii) to step up anti-illegal employment operations, including joint operations with other law enforcement agencies;
- (iv) to conduct patrol duties at black spots of illegal employment and to take speedy actions on reports of illegal workers;
- (v) to hold capacity building seminars for, and distribute guidelines to owners' corporations and property management companies to enhance their vigilance on illegal employment in household renovation;
- (vi) to educate safety officers and sub-contractors of construction companies on the security features of identity cards through regular briefings to prevent illegal workers from seeking employment in construction sites with forged identity cards;
- (vii) to step up publicity campaigns against the hiring of persons not lawfully employable and to raise public awareness of the serious consequences of illegal employment. A special team and a vehicle for propaganda purposes have been deployed at black spots of illegal employment since November 2005; and

- (viii) to maintain close liaison with the Mainland authorities so as to ensure that Mainland visitors involved in taking up unapproved employment in Hong Kong will be subject to close scrutiny upon their future applications for exit endorsement for Hong Kong.

To step up enforcement against illegal employment, 10 posts will be created in the latter half of 2006-07 for the Immigration Department.

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Name in block letters \_\_\_\_\_ T K LAI

Post Title \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Immigration

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 11 March 2006

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**Reply Serial No.**

**SB059**

Head : 70                      Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme :                      (4) Personal Documentation

0733

Controlling Officer :              Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau :              Secretary for Security

Question :

Regarding Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2006-07, the Department will continue to lobby foreign countries to grant visa-free access to holders of HKSAR passport. Please provide the targeted countries set for 2006/07, the respective schedule and the amount of resources to be incurred.

Asked by : Hon. YOUNG Howard

Reply :

Enhancing visa-free access for HKSAR passport holders remains an on-going priority of the HKSARG. There are currently 135 countries and territories that have granted or agreed to grant visa-free access and visa on arrival to HKSAR passport holders. As the grant of visa-free access hinges on a variety of factors such as immigration and security consideration, trade relations, reciprocity and the circumstances of individual country or territory, it is unrealistic to draw up any rigid schedule. However, we will continue our efforts to lobby for visa-free access to more countries.

The Director of Immigration personally steers the visa-free lobbying work of the Immigration Department. Other senior officials of the Government also contribute towards the lobbying work when suitable opportunities arise. The costs to be incurred by the Immigration Department on such activities will be absorbed within its existing resources.

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Name in block letters                      T K LAI  
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Post Title                      Director of Immigration  
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Date                      10 March 2006  
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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**Reply Serial No.**

**SB060**

Head : 70      Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme : (5) Nationality and Assistance to HKSAR  
Residents outside Hong Kong

0734

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

It is stated that nine posts will be created for enhancing the round-the-clock services to Hong Kong residents in distress outside Hong Kong. Please provide a breakdown of the posts with specifications on those ranks, job duties and salaries.

Asked by : Hon. YOUNG Howard

Reply :

To enhance the round-the-clock services to Hong Kong residents in distress outside Hong Kong, the establishment of the Assistance to Hong Kong Residents Unit (AHU) of the Immigration Department will be increased from the current 7 posts by 9 posts (viz. 1 Senior Immigration Officer and 8 Immigration Officers), at an annual salary cost of \$3.6 million, to 16 posts (viz. 3 Senior Immigration Officers, 12 Immigration Officers and 1 Clerical Assistant) in the latter half of 2006-07. The estimated total annual salary cost would be \$6.5 million.

Immigration officers in the AHU provide prompt, practicable assistance to Hong Kong Residents in distress outside Hong Kong. Their duties include manning the 24-hour hotline, and liaising and working in collaboration with other bureaux and departments and HKSAR Government Offices outside Hong Kong, the Office of the Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China in Hong Kong, Chinese Diplomatic and Consular Missions overseas, as well as foreign authorities and their consulates in Hong Kong. If the situation warrants, they will also be dispatched on emergency response missions outside Hong Kong so that timely assistance can be provided to Hong Kong residents.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block letters \_\_\_\_\_ T K LAI

Post Title \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Immigration

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 10 March 2006

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**Reply Serial No.**

**SB061**

Head : 70                      Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme :

0735

Controlling Officer :              Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau :              Secretary for Security

Question :

It is expected that a total of 474 posts will be created in 2006-07. Please provide a breakdown of the posts with specifications on their ranks, job duties and salaries.

Asked by : Hon. YOUNG Howard

Reply :

A breakdown of the net creation of 474 posts by rank in 2006-07 is as follows:

<u>Rank</u>	<u>No.</u>
Chief Immigration Officer	+6
Senior Immigration Officer	+16
Immigration Officer	+62
Chief Immigration Assistant	+17
Senior Immigration Assistant	+307
Immigration Assistant	+107
Executive Officer II	-1
Systems Manager	-4
Clerical Officer	-11
Assistant Clerical Officer	-14
Clerical Assistant	+3
Analyst/Programmer I	-4
Printing Technician II	-1
Photographer I	-1
Head Property Attendant	-1
Motor Driver	-7
<b>Total</b>	<b>+474</b>

The additional manpower resources in question will mainly be deployed to the new control points to be set up for the Hong Kong-Shenzhen Western Corridor, Sheung Shui to Lok Ma Chau Spur Line, SkyPlaza as well as to cope with increase in workload at existing control points. The additional annual salary cost for the net creation of 474 posts is estimated to be \$124.5 million.



**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**Reply Serial No.**

**SB062**

Head : 70                      Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme : (1) Pre-entry Control

0737

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

As mentioned, during 2006-07, the department will formulate a new scheme to admit skilled immigrants. What are the concrete plan and the estimated expenditure? When will it be completed?

Asked by : Hon. YOUNG Howard

Reply :

The Immigration Department plans to implement the Quality Migrant Admission Scheme in June 2006. An initial annual quota of 1 000 is set under the Scheme. The additional workload arising from its implementation for 2006-07 will be coped with through internal redeployment of resources.

The scheme will be reviewed one year after its implementation.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block letters \_\_\_\_\_ T K LAI

Post Title \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Immigration

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 10 March 2006

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**Reply Serial No.**

**SB063**

Head : 70                      Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme :                      (2) Control upon Entry

0775

Controlling Officer :              Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau :              Secretary for Security

Question :

Regarding the Automated Passenger Clearance System ("e-Channels"), will the Government inform this Council :

- (a) how many e-Channels will be installed by the Immigration Department at the control points in the next few years in order to enhance the cross-boundary passenger throughput? What are the estimated resources required for each year? and
- (b) with the increase in the number and popularity of e-Channels, how many manually operated passenger clearance counters are expected to be replaced in future? What is the amount of manpower saved?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Ting-kwong

Reply :

- (a) Installation of e-Channels started in phases in December 2004 to enable self-service immigration clearance. Immigration Department plans to roll out about 230 e-Channels for passengers and 46 e-Channels for cross-boundary drivers at various control points by mid 2006. The Finance Committee approved in 2003 \$352.753 million for implementation of the project. The full year annual recurrent cost is \$46.1 million.
- (b) The 230 e-Channels will replace about 140 traditional clearance counters. Upon full implementation, we will be able to release 217 immigration service staff for redeployment.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block letters                      T K LAI \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title                      Director of Immigration \_\_\_\_\_

Date                      10 March 2006 \_\_\_\_\_



Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2006-07  
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**Reply Serial No.**

**SB064**

Head : 70                      Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme : (1) Pre-entry Control

0819

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Regarding the "formulation of a new scheme to admit skilled immigrants", please inform this Council

- (a) what types of skills will the scheme target at? Will quotas / marking systems be set for different skills? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?
- (b) when does the Administration expect to introduce the scheme?

Asked by : Hon. SIN Chung-kai

Reply :

- (a) Under the Quality Migrant Admission Scheme (QMAS), applicants are required to fulfil a set of "must-meet" requirements, which include age, financial ability, good character, language proficiency and educational qualification. Applicants meeting these requirements will be assessed by a point-based test which incorporates criteria such as age, academic/professional qualifications and working experience. Applicants above a specific threshold will then be assessed in detail by an Advisory Committee appointed by the Chief Executive. The Committee will recommend to the Director of Immigration how best to allocate the quota having regard to the short term and long term needs of the community. An initial quota of 1 000 places is set under QMAS.
- (b) We plan to implement the Quality Migrant Admission Scheme in June this year.

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**Reply Serial No.**

**SB065**

Head : 70                      Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme : (2) Control upon Entry

1501

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

As shown in Programme (2), the provision for 2006-07 is \$113.8 million (10.7%) higher than the revised estimate for 2005-06. The Government states that one of the reasons for the increase of the expenditure estimate is the recruitment of staff for handling immigration matters upon the commissioning of Tuen Mun Ferry Terminal. Would the Government advise on the annual estimated expenditure of Tuen Mun Ferry Terminal in such matters? Of the 590 newly created posts, how many are related to the commissioning of Tuen Mun Ferry Terminal? What is the establishment of Tuen Mun Ferry Terminal for handling immigration matters?

Asked by : Hon CHAN Wai-yip, Albert

Reply :

We have earmarked HK\$9.013 million, covering 30 posts, for operating the Tuen Mun Ferry Terminal. They comprise 1 Chief Immigration Officer, 3 Senior Immigration Officers, 5 Immigration Officers, 13 Senior Immigration Assistants and 8 Immigration Assistants.

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**Reply Serial No.**

**SB066**

Head : 70                      Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme :                      (3) Control after Entry

1672

Controlling Officer :              Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau :              Secretary for Security

Question :

Regarding the processing of applications for extension of stay from visitors,

- (a) of the 226 310 applications in 2005, what are the respective numbers for first applications, second applications and repeated applications?
- (b) when processing the above applications, what factors would the Administration take into account to assess whether applications of some doubtful visitors would be approved?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

- (a) In 2005, the Immigration Department received 226 310 applications for extension of stay. Among them, 184 513 came from temporary residents and 41 797 came from visitors in Hong Kong. Breakdowns by first, second or repeated applications are not available.
- (b) In processing applications for extension of stay from visitors, we will take into consideration relevant factors including reason for prolonging the stay in Hong Kong, period of extension applied for, applicant's financial means and previous records in Hong Kong, etc. Each case will be considered on its own merits. An application will be refused if the bona fides of the applicant are in doubt. The applicant should leave Hong Kong before his/her permitted stay in Hong Kong expires.

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Post Title \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Immigration

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 10 March 2006

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**Reply Serial No.**

**SB067**

Head : 70                      Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme :                      (3) Control after Entry

1673

Controlling Officer :              Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau :              Secretary for Security

Question :

Regarding the actions against syndicates arranging the entry of underpaid foreign domestic helpers, how effective were such actions in 2005? As for 2006, what measures will the Administration take to enhance the actions?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

In 2005, the Task Force comprising the Immigration Department (ImmD), the Hong Kong Police Force and the Labour Department (LD) has continued to enhance enforcement actions against the illegal practice of underpayment of wages to foreign domestic helpers (FDHs). Publicity promote awareness of such illegal practices has also been stepped up. We believe these measures together make it more difficult and risky for syndicates to seek profit from such illegal practices.

In 2006, ImmD will continue to take the following measures to combat the problem:

- (i) to organise seminars to brief FDHs, employers and employment agencies of their rights and obligations under the law;
- (ii) to enhance publicity by showing a video on FDHs' rights at the visa issuing offices and distributing guidebooks and leaflets in various languages to FDHs at various offices of ImmD and the airport; and
- (iii) to conduct joint operations with LD to inspect employment agencies engaged in recruiting FDHs with a view to deterring any abuses in relation to underpayment and to educate them on good practices.

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**Reply Serial No.**

**SB068**

Head : 70                      Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme : (2) Control upon Entry

2086

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

The provision for 2006-07 is \$110 million higher than the revised estimate for 2005-06. One of the reasons is the need to create 590 posts for stepping up immigration control. Will the Administration consider to replace the newly-created posts with computer technology in order to save emolument expenses?

Asked by : Hon TAM Heung-man

Reply :

The Immigration Department is committed to capitalising on information technology and other advanced technologies for service improvement and cost reduction. An example is the roll out of e-Channels since December 2004 to support self-service immigration clearance. With the full implementation of e-Channels, we will be able to release 217 immigration service staff for redeployment. These staff will be redeployed to meet other operational needs such as manning the new control points. The number of posts to be created in 2006-07 has already taken account of manpower saving arising from the use of technologies. The Immigration Department will continue to make the best use of technology in order to meet future challenges and improve services.

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**Reply Serial No.**

**SB069**

Head : 70                      Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme :                      (3) Control after Entry

2145

Controlling Officer :              Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau :              Secretary for Security

Question :

In 2005, the number of investigations conducted was 76 661, which is 4 583 less than 2004. What accounts for the decrease?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

We believe our effective immigration control has helped prevent doubtful visitors from entering Hong Kong. This has, in turn, helped to ease the pressure on post-entry investigation work. In fact, the difference in the number of investigations between 2004 and 2005 is relatively minor and we will remain vigilant. In this connection, our operation against immigration offenders, for example, has increased from 21 644 in 2004 to 21 972 in 2005.

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**Reply Serial No.**

**SB070**

Head : 70                      Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme :                      (3) Control after Entry

2146

Controlling Officer :              Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau :              Secretary for Security

Question :

In 2005, 18 369 offenders were prosecuted. How many of them are illegal workers? The respective number in 2005 drops when compared with that of 2004. What accounts for the drop?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

Of the 18 369 offenders prosecuted in 2005, 3 870 were illegal workers. We believe the decrease in the number of offenders prosecuted from 20 864 in 2004 to 18 369 in 2005 mainly reflects our effective immigration control, which successfully prevents doubtful visitors from entering Hong Kong.

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Name in block letters \_\_\_\_\_ T K LAI \_\_\_\_\_

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**Reply Serial No.**

**SB071**

Head : 70                      Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme : (3) Control after Entry

2147

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

In 2005, 23 627 persons were repatriated. How many of them are illegal workers? The respective number in 2005 drops when compared to that of 2004. What accounts for the drop?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

Of the 23 627 persons repatriated in 2005, 9 305 were illegal workers. We believe the decrease in the number of persons repatriated from 25 944 in 2004 to 23 627 in 2005 mainly reflects our effective immigration control, which successfully prevents doubtful visitors from entering Hong Kong.

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

**SB 072**

Head : 70                      Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme : (3) Control after Entry

2148

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

What is the number of staff responsible for dealing with cases of visitors engaged in illegal employment after entry and / or overstaying, and related employers? What are the respective numbers of visitors engaged in illegal employment after entry and / or overstaying, and related employers arrested and prosecuted in 2004 and 2005?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

The Immigration Department has an establishment of 584 staff responsible for investigation, prosecution, deportation and removal of immigration offenders, including visitors who overstay their limit of stay after entry and/or take up illegal employment as well as their aiders and abettors. The arrest and prosecution figures are as follows: -

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>
Visitors arrested for illegal employment	5 355	5 066
Visitors prosecuted for illegal employment	3 767	3 746
Employers arrested for involving in illegal employment of visitors	1 269	1 144
Employers prosecuted for involving in illegal employment of visitors	468	391
Visitors arrested for overstaying	13 650	12 258
Visitors prosecuted for overstaying	11 684	10 073

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Name in block letters T K LAI

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**Reply Serial No.**

**SB073**

Head : 70                      Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme : (3) Control after Entry

2149

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

What was the respective number for cases of foreign domestic helpers being engaged in non-domestic jobs found in 2004 and 2005? What was the number of persons involved? What was the respective number for employers and foreign domestic helpers successfully prosecuted?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

Figures relating to foreign domestic helpers (FDHs) engaged in illegal employment, including non-domestic employment, are as follows:

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>
Number of cases	159	162
Number of FDHs arrested	158	158
Number of Foreign domestic helpers prosecuted (convicted)	110 (102)	119 (114)
Number of Employers prosecuted (convicted)	37 (23)	57 (44)

Further breakdown of the above figures by domestic and non-domestic employment is not available.

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**Reply Serial No.**

**SB074**

Head : 70

Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme :

(5) Nationality and Assistance to HKSAR  
Residents outside Hong Kong

2193

Controlling Officer :

Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau :

Secretary for Security

Question :

The provision for 2006-07 is \$3.3 million higher than the revised estimate for 2005-06, mainly for enhancing the assistance to Hong Kong residents in distress outside Hong Kong. Please provide details of the relevant measures and the expenditures involved.

Asked by : Hon. TAM Heung-man

Reply :

The measures introduced for enhancing the assistance to Hong Kong residents in distress outside Hong Kong include :

- (a) changing the 24-hour hotline of the Assistance to Hong Kong Residents (AHU) from a 8-digit number to a 4-digit number, i.e. 1868, in August 2005; and
- (b) increasing the establishment of AHU by 9 posts (viz. 1 Senior Immigration Officer and 8 Immigration Officers) to 16 posts (viz. 3 Senior Immigration Officers, 12 Immigration Officers and 1 Clerical Assistant) in the latter half of 2006-07 involving an additional annual salary cost of \$3.6 million to be partly offset by the deletion of 6 posts under Phase III of the Updated Information Systems Strategy. The provision for 2006-07 is therefore \$3.3 million higher than the revised estimate for 2005-06.

Active preparations are being made to set up an Immigration Team at the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Guangdong. When the Team commences operation in 2006-07, assistance services in southern China will be enhanced.

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- (c) We will continue to adopt the following measures in the coming year in order to achieve better results in terms of preventing and tackling the problem at source:
- (i) to strengthen immigration control at the points of entry so as to keep away visitors whose bona fides are in doubt;
  - (ii) to verify, with the aid of Face Recognition System, the identity of doubtful visitors and immigration offenders who try to circumvent immigration control by using different identities;
  - (iii) to step up anti-illegal employment operations, including joint operations with other law enforcement agencies;
  - (iv) to conduct patrol duties at black spots of illegal employment and to take speedy actions on reports of illegal workers;
  - (v) to hold capacity building seminars for, and distribute guidelines to owners' corporations and property management companies to enhance their vigilance on illegal employment in household renovation;
  - (vi) to educate safety officers and sub-contractors of construction companies on the security features of identity cards through regular briefings to prevent illegal workers from seeking employment in construction sites with forged identity cards;
  - (vii) to step up publicity campaigns against the hiring of persons not lawfully employable and to raise public awareness of the serious consequences of illegal employment. A special team and a vehicle for propaganda purposes have been deployed at black spots of illegal employment since November 2005; and
  - (viii) to maintain close liaison with the Mainland authorities so as to ensure that Mainland visitors involved in taking up unapproved employment in Hong Kong will be subject to close scrutiny upon their future applications for exit endorsements for Hong Kong.

To step up enforcement against illegal employment, 10 posts will be created in the latter half of 2006-07 for the Immigration Department.

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Post Title \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Immigration \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 11 March 2006 \_\_\_\_\_

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**Reply Serial No.**

**SB076**

Head : 70                      Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme : (1) Pre-entry Control

2329

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Regarding the Certificates of Entitlement, please inform this Council:

- (a) of the number of persons lodging petitions, appeals and judicial reviews in 2005 and a breakdown of the number of these cases being accepted and rejected; and
- (b) that amongst the above categories of cases, how many cases received by the Immigration Department in or before 2004 were not yet processed? Which categories do these cases belong to? What are the reasons for these cases still not being processed?

Asked by : Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply :

- (a) In 2005, there were 78 cases of appeal to the Immigration Tribunal, four cases of judicial review relating to Certificate of Entitlement applications and no petition. Of the 78 appeals to the Immigration Tribunal, 20 cases have been rejected or dismissed, 51 cases are awaiting hearing or determination and seven cases have been withdrawn by the appellants. Of the four judicial review cases, one case has been heard and is awaiting delivery of judgment and three cases have been withdrawn.
- (b) Six appeal cases to the Immigration Tribunal, which were received by the Immigration Department in 2004 or before are pending resolution. Of these, four cases have yet to be heard or determined by the Immigration Tribunal and two are under review by the Immigration Department.

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Post Title \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Immigration

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 10 March 2006

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**Reply Serial No.**

**SB077**

Head : 70                      Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme : (2) Control upon Entry

2330

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Regarding "the number of passengers / seamen refused entry",

- (a) please provide a breakdown by reason for entry and by place of origin of the passengers and seamen who were refused entry in 2005;
- (b) in respect of these cases of refused entry, how many persons had lodged appeals and what were the results?
- (c) of those who were refused entry, how many were so refused entry because of "bona fides of visit in doubt"? What were the purposes of such visits furnished to the Government by these people?

Asked by : Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply :

- (a) Of the 39 874 persons refused permission to land in 2005, 38 243 were passengers and 1 631 were seamen. A breakdown by places of origin and reasons of refusal is tabulated below :

Region Reasons of Refusal	Africa	Asia & Pacific*	Europe	Mainland China	North America	South America	Total
Bona fides of visit in doubt	844	4 249	24	18 900	8	31	24 056
Improper Documentation	272	6 388	141	7 854	39	39	14 733
Use of Forged Travel Documents	160	299	56	535	19	16	1 085
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 276</b>	<b>10 936</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>27 289</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>39 874</b>

(\* "Asia & Pacific" refers to countries in Asia and the Pacific region but excludes Mainland China.)

- (b) In 2005, no objection was lodged under section 53 of the Immigration Ordinance, Cap. 115, against the Director of Immigration’s decision to refuse entry.
- (c) In 2005, 24 056 persons were refused entry on the grounds of “bona fides of visit in doubt”. In general, these passengers claimed that they wished to visit Hong Kong for sightseeing, business or visiting friends or relatives when examined by immigration control officers.

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Date                     9 March 2006



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Reply Serial No.

**SB078**

Question Serial No.

0337

Head : 30 Correctional Services Department

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (1) Prison Management

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Correctional Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

What was the expenditure on providing medical treatment and Chinese medicine for prisoners in 2005-06? What will be the estimated expenditure in this respect in 2006-07?

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Yiu-chung

Reply :

The expenditure of the Correctional Services Department on medical treatment for prisoners is as follows-

2005-06	\$137.573 million
2006-07	\$147.521 million (estimate)

At present, we do not provide Chinese medical treatment to prisoners.

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PANG SUNG YUEN

Commissioner of Correctional Services

10 March 2006

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Reply Serial No.

**SB079**

Question Serial No.

0338

Head : 30 Correctional Services Department

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (2) Re-integration

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Correctional Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

On facilitating the re-integration of prisoners and inmates into society, please inform this Council of the following:

- (a) What were the numbers of discharged prisoners and rehabilitated offenders who had successfully sought employment with the assistance of the authorities in the past three years? What was the expenditure involved? What will be the expenditure in this respect in 2006-07?
- (b) What were the details of and expenditure on the rehabilitation programmes provided for prisoners and inmates in 2005-06? What will be the expenditure in this respect in 2006-07?
- (c) How did the Administration improve the success rates of the re-integration programmes within the supervision period in 2005-06 and what were the details of the measures? What was the expenditure involved? What will be the expenditure in this respect in 2006-07?

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Yiu-chung

Reply :

- (a) The Correctional Services Department provides employment assistance and advice to those offenders who are subject to post-release supervision, as one of the standard supervision conditions is that they have to engage in gainful employment during the supervision period. The number of supervisees who were able to secure gainful employment in the first month after discharge for the past three years is as follows :

	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>
Total number of supervisees (excluding those unsuitable for employment due to old age, disability or other justifiable reasons)	2 498	2 775	2 902
Number of supervisees successfully secured gainful employment in the first month after discharge	2 358 (94.4 %)	2 647 (95.4 %)	2 752 (94.8 %)

We do not have employment statistics on prisoners discharged without statutory supervision. We also do not have a separate breakdown on the expenditure related to employment guidance and assistance as these services are only part of the duties of our Aftercare Officers in helping supervisees to reintegrate into society.

- (b) The Department's rehabilitation and reintegration programmes for prisoners, inmates and supervisees include pre-sentencing assessment, prisoners' welfare services, psychological services, education programme, vocational training and aftercare services. The revised estimated expenditure on these programmes in 2005-06 and the corresponding estimates for 2006-07 are \$458.1 million and \$465.7 million respectively. We do not have the breakdown of expenditure by different types of rehabilitation services.
- (c) In 2005-06, the Department continued to make every effort to rehabilitate offenders and provide support in helping supervisees to lead a law-abiding life. For example, we have developed an integrated framework for managing offenders, applying locally developed risk evaluation measures and psychological treatment programmes for various types of offenders. This framework will be implemented by phases starting from 2006. No additional funding will be required in 2006-07.

Moreover, with the assistance of the University of Hong Kong, we launched a two-year consultancy study, entitled "The Development of Preventive and Treatment Programmes for Offenders with Problems of Psychotropic Substance Abuse" for completion in 2006. The study aims to devise appropriate rehabilitative programmes to prevent offenders from substance abuse after discharge and to recommend measures to enhance the existing Programme. The cost of the study is about \$1 million. We will examine the recommendations of the study, including the resources requirement, in detail.

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Reply Serial No.

**SB080**

Question Serial No.

0347

Head : 30 Correctional Services Department

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (1) Prison Management

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Correctional Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

What was the expenditure incurred arising from prisoners applying for compensation as a result of accidental injuries at or not at work in the past three years?

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Yiu-chung

Reply :

The total amount of such expenditure incurred (including ex-gratia payment and compensation) in the past three years was \$162,030.

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Reply Serial No.

**SB081**

Question Serial No.

0348

Head : 30 Correctional Services Department

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (1) Prison Management

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Correctional Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

What were the details of and expenditure on improving the ancillary facilities of penal institutions and upgrading the fire services installations in industrial workshops, cells and dormitories in 2005-06? What will be the estimated expenditure in this respect in 2006-07?

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Yiu-chung

Reply :

The upgrading of fire services installations at both the dormitories and workshops at Hei Ling Chau Addiction Treatment Centre (Annex) and Ma Hang Prison, as well as the workshops of Sha Tsui Detention Centre, Lai Chi Kok Reception Centre and Pik Uk Prison have been completed. Works at the remaining institutions will be completed by phases from 2006 to 2009.

In 2005-06, the expenditure for fire services upgrading works is \$9.6 million. The estimated expenditure for 2006-07 is \$8 million.

The Department has also been improving the ancillary facilities of penal institutions. Details of such projects which were carried out in 2005-06 or will be carried out in 2006-07 are as follows:

<b>Project</b>	<b>Institution</b>
Replacement of sliding gate system	Pik Uk Correctional Institution
Improvement of security system	Chi Sun Correctional Institution
Installation of video-conferencing system	Tai Lam Centre for Women
Replacement of diesel oil pipeline for hot water boiler	Tai Tam Gap Correctional Institution
Installation/upgrading of CCTV systems	Lai King Training Centre (barrier gate) Stanley Prison (workshops & dining hall) Tai Lam Centre for Women Tai Lam Correctional Institution (hospital & new dormitories) Siu Lam Psychiatric Centre (Security Unit of Block E)

<b>Project</b>	<b>Institution</b>
Installation of video-electric gate system	Lai Chi Kok Reception Centre Tai Tam Gap Correctional Institution
Upgrading of emergency generators	The Hei Ling Chau institutions (for fresh water supply system) Lai Chi Kok Reception Centre Pik Uk Prison
Replacement of low-voltage main switchboards	Lai Sun Correctional Institution Shek Pik Prison
Upgrading of fresh water pump system	The Hei Ling Chau institutions Ma Po Ping Prison & Tong Fuk Centre
Replacement of telephone system	Stanley Prison

The total expenditure of the above projects in 2005-06 is \$8.95 million and the estimated expenditure for 2006-07 is \$15.75 million.

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**Commissioner of Correctional Services**

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Reply Serial No.

**SB082**

Question Serial No.

0349

Head : 30 Correctional Services Department

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (1) Prison Management

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Correctional Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

What were the details of and the expenditure on the works for relieving overcrowding in penal institutions in 2005-06? What will be the estimated expenditure in this respect in 2006-07?

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Yiu-chung

Reply :

The Correctional Services Department completed one project in 2005-06 and is carrying out two projects to alleviate prison overcrowding. Details of these three projects are set out below -

(i) *Lai Chi Kok Correctional Institution*

The old Lai Chi Kok staff married quarters blocks are being converted into a new female institution, namely the Lai Chi Kok Correctional Institution. The new institution will provide 650 penal places. Among these, 438 will be used for the reprovisioning of the Victoria Prison and 212 will be additional places for relieving prison overcrowding. The new institution is scheduled to be opened in July 2006.

The estimated cost of the project is \$229.4 million. The latest estimated expenditure in 2005-06 is about \$115 million; whereas the estimated expenditure in 2006-07 is about \$30 million.

(ii) *Minor Extension of Lai Chi Kok Reception Centre*

A new 3-storey building is being constructed inside the Lai Chi Kok Reception Centre to provide 144 additional penal places to relieve overcrowding. The project is expected to be completed by mid-2007.

The total estimated project cost is \$13.8 million. The expenditure in 2005-06 and 2006-07 is about \$0.5 million and \$2 million respectively.

(iii) *Chi Sun Correctional Institution*

The former Chi Ma Wan Drug Addiction Treatment Centre and Chi Lan Rehabilitation Centre were converted into a new institution, namely the Chi Sun Correctional Institution, in 2005. As a result, a total of 96 additional penal places have been generated.

The total cost of this project was \$5 million, all of which was incurred in 2005-06.

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**SB083**

Question Serial No.

0665

Head : 30 Correctional Services Department

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (1) Prison Management

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Correctional Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Please give an annual breakdown of the types and details of concerted acts of indiscipline in the past three years. Is the Administration required to increase the financial provision for such acts?

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply :

The nature and number of concerted acts of indiscipline in prisons in the past three years are as follows:-

<u>Nature</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>
Fighting	3	3	2
Assault on Prisoner	3	3	0
Food Refusal / Return	1	2	2
Collective Request	0	1	0
Refusal/Attempted Slow motion to Proceed to Assigned Location	1	0	1
Multiple Collective Behaviour	1	1	2
Disobeying Order	0	1	0
Collective Complaint of Sickness	0	1	0
Total :	9	12	7

No additional financial provision is required to deal with such acts.

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**SB084**

Question Serial No.

0666

Head : 30 Correctional Services Department

Subhead (No. & title) : 000 Operational Expenses

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Correctional Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

What posts and ranks will be involved in the deletion of 57 permanent posts by the Correctional Services Department in 2006-07? What will be the personal emoluments and scope of services involved?

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply :

The net deletion of 57 posts is the result of creation and deletion of posts, as shown below:

Rank	No. of posts	Disciplined / Civilian Staff
Principal Officer	-7	Disciplined staff: -59 posts
Officer	-11	
Assistant Officer I	-14	
Assistant Officer II	-23	
Principal Industrial Officer (Correctional Services)	-2	
Technical Instructor	-1	
Instructor	-1	

Senior Master	-1	Civilian staff: +2 posts
Clinical Psychologist	+2	
Management Services Officer I	+1	
Technical Officer/Trainee	+1	
Senior Typist	-1	
Assistant Clerical Officer	+1	
Clerical Assistant	+7	
Supplies Supervisor II	-1	

<b>Rank</b>	<b>No. of posts</b>	<b>Disciplined / Civilian Staff</b>
Motor Driver	-4	
Workman II	-3	
<b>Total :</b>	<b>-57</b>	

The net deletion of these 57 posts will lead to savings of personal emoluments of about \$17 million per year. The deleted posts are mainly involved in logistics support in the Correctional Services Department headquarters or non-core custodial duties, such as workshop supervision, works supervision and physical education supervision in penal institutions.

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**SB085**

Question Serial No.

0816

Head : 30 Correctional Services Department

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (1) Prison Management

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Correctional Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

On exploring the application of high technology facilities/systems for the enhancement of daily operation at penal institutions, please inform this Council of the following:

- (a) What kinds of high technology facilities/systems will be adopted? Which projects will affect the daily operation of penal institutions? Whether the personal rights and interests of prisoners will be so affected?
- (b) What is the expenditure involved in implementing such projects?

Asked by : Hon. SIN Chung-kai

Reply :

The Correctional Services Department has been exploring the feasibility of adopting high technology facilities in new prisons. For example, in the planned redevelopment of the Lo Wu Correctional Institution (LWCI), we plan to introduce the Integrated Security System and the Intruder Detection Alarm System. The former is an integrated system of CCTV, audio broadcasting and electric gates and the latter would enhance the security of perimeter fencing through such means as motion sensor wires, infrared, microwave, and CCTVs. We are still finalising the resources requirement of the LWCI redevelopment project.

We are also pursuing more automation in existing penal institutions. In 2006-07, we will install or upgrade the following facilities –

<b>Item</b>	<b>Institution</b>	<b>Financial Provision (2006-07)</b>
Installation of video-electric gate system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Tai Tam Gap Correctional Institution</li><li>● Lai Chi Kok Reception Centre</li></ul>	\$3.64 million
Installation/upgrading of CCTV systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Tai Lam Correctional Institution</li><li>● Tai Lam Centre for Women</li><li>● Stanley Prison</li><li>● Siu Lam Psychiatric Centre</li></ul>	\$5.56 million
	Total	\$9.2 million

The above systems and facilities will help save manpower and enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of prison operation. They will not affect the personal rights and interests of inmates.

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Question Serial No.

0821

Head : 30 Correctional Services Department

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (1) Prison Management

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Correctional Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

The Correctional Services Department will pursue the re-development of Lo Wu Correctional Institution in 2006-07. Would the Administration

- (a) list by rank the number of staff involved and the number of staff to be recruited for the project;
- (b) list by rank the number of serving correctional services staff to be deployed to Lo Wu Correctional Institution; and
- (c) inform this Council of whether the problems of insufficient manpower or allocation of resources will emerge as a result of an additional correctional institution coming into operation?

Asked by : Hon. LI Fung-ying

Reply :

We are planning to redevelop the Lo Wu Correctional Institution (LWCI) and the adjacent Lo Wu Saddle Club site into a cluster of three institutions with a total of 1 400 penal places. Of these, 1 218 will be additional places and 182 reprovisioned places from the original LWCI.

At this stage, we are still finalising the resources requirement of the project. We will seek funding approval from the Finance Committee later this year, after consultation with the Legislative Council Panel on Security.

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**SB087**

Question Serial No.

0822

Head : 30 Correctional Services Department

Subhead (No. & title) : 000 Operational Expenses

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Correctional Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Despite a reduction in manpower, the Correctional Services Department's contribution of Mandatory Provident Fund will drastically increase to \$1,996,000 in 2006-07, which is 2.09 times that of 2005-06. Would the Administration inform this Council of the reasons for the drastic increase?

Asked by : Hon. LI Fung-ying

Reply :

As required under the Mandatory Provident Fund (MPF) Schemes Ordinance (Cap. 485), the Correctional Services Department will make the employer's mandatory contributions to MPF for those officers appointed under the new civil service entry terms on or after 1 June 2000, prior to their confirmation to the permanent establishment and conversion to the Civil Service Provident Fund Scheme.

While its overall establishment will be reduced by 57 posts in 2006-07, the Department plans to recruit 245 new officers in the same period to fill other vacant posts. As a result, the Department has to make a provision of \$1,996,000 for MPF contributions for 323 staff members (comprising 245 new recruits and 78 serving staff members on probation) in 2006-07, as against \$952,000 for 168 staff members (comprising 45 new recruits and 123 serving staff members on probation) in 2005-06.

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**SB088**

Question Serial No.

0823

Head : 30 Correctional Services Department

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (1) Prison Management

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Correctional Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

The prime tasks of the Administration will be to continue relieving prison overcrowding through redevelopment of penal institutions and expansion and improvement of prison facilities. However, the Administration plans to delete 85 posts in 2006-07. Please

- (a) list by rank the posts and the number of staff to be deleted and how the deletion will be effected;
- (b) inform this Council of the change, if any, in the prisoner-to-frontline staff ratio after the deletion;
- (c) inform this Council of whether the workload of and pressure on the correctional services staff will be increased. If yes, whether the Department has measures to maintain the staff morale and ensure that the quality of services will not deteriorate?

Asked by : Hon. LI Fung-ying

Reply :

- (a) Details of the 85 posts to be deleted under Programme (1) are as follows:

Rank	No.	Disciplined / Civilian
Principal Officer	-8	Disciplined staff: -86 posts
Officer	-16	
Assistant Officer I	-33	
Assistant Officer II	-25	
Principal Industrial Officer	-2	
Technical Instructor	-1	
Instructor	-1	
Assistant Clerical Officer	+1	Civilian staff: +1 post
Clerical Assistant	+7	
Management Services Officer I	+1	
Technical Officer / Trainee	+1	
Supplies Supervisor II	-1	
Senior Typist	-1	
Motor Driver	-4	



<b>Rank</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Disciplined / Civilian</b>
Workman II	-3	
<b>Total :</b>	<b>-85</b>	

The deletion of posts is a result of the implementation of efficiency improvement measures. All holders of the deleted posts will be absorbed by internal redeployment.

- (b) Though 85 posts will be deleted in 2006-07, 33 new posts will be created in the year under this Programme area to improve the medical and nursing services in penal institutions. It is expected that there would not be any significant impact on the staffing level.
- (c) The Correctional Services Department will continue to enhance operational efficiency and effectiveness through the processes of re-engineering, re-organization and re-prioritization. As there will be minimal change in the staffing level, there will be no significant impact on staff workload and work pressure.

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1414

Head : 30 Correctional Services Department

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (1) Prison Management

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Correctional Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

In addressing the problems of overcrowding and outdated facilities in penal institutions, please inform this Council of the details of improvement projects and the estimated expenditure involved.

Asked by : Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply :

The Correctional Services Department has been implementing a series of measures to address the problems of prison overcrowding and outdated facilities. The details of these measures are set out below -

Short-term Measures

(i) *Lai Chi Kok Correctional Institution*

The old Lai Chi Kok staff married quarters blocks are being converted into a new female institution, namely the Lai Chi Kok Correctional Institution. The new institution will provide 650 penal places. Among these, 438 will be used for the re-provisioning of the Victoria Prison and 212 will be additional places for relieving prison overcrowding. The new institution is scheduled to be opened in July 2006.

The estimated cost of the project is \$229.4 million. The latest estimated expenditure in 2005-06 is about \$115 million; whereas the estimated expenditure in 2006-07 is about \$30 million.

(ii) *Minor Extension of Lai Chi Kok Reception Centre*

A new 3-storey building is being constructed inside the Lai Chi Kok Reception Centre to provide 144 additional penal places to relieve overcrowding. The project is expected to be completed by mid-2007.

The total estimated project cost is \$13.8 million. The expenditure in 2005-06 and 2006-07 is about \$0.5 million and \$2 million respectively.

(iii) *Chi Sun Correctional Institution*

The former Chi Ma Wan Drug Addiction Treatment Centre and Chi Lan Rehabilitation Centre were converted into a new institution, namely the Chi Sun Correctional Institution, in 2005. As a result, a total of 96 additional penal places have been generated.

The total cost of this project was \$5 million, all of which was incurred in 2005-06.

Long-term Measures

(i) *Redevelopment of Lo Wu Correctional Institution*

We are planning to redevelop the Lo Wu Correctional Institution (LWCI) and the adjacent Lo Wu Saddle Club site into a cluster of three institutions with a total of 1 400 penal places. Among these, 1 218 will be additional places, which will contribute to relieving prison overcrowding.

The public consultation on the project has been completed. We will report to the Legislative Council Panel on Security on the results of the public consultation and details of the project in April 2006 before seeking funding approval from the Finance Committee. Subject to funding approval, construction will commence in mid-2007 for completion by the end of 2009.

(ii) *Other Projects*

Apart from the redevelopment of LWCI, we are also exploring other long-term prison development options. Initially, we have identified redevelopment potential for the existing institutions at Chi Ma Wan, and will conduct further studies.

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Question Serial No.

1430

Head : 30 Correctional Services Department

Subhead (No. & title) : 000 Operational Expenses

Programme : (2) Re-integration

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Correctional Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

On the re-integration programmes of the Correctional Services Department:

- (a) Taking the non-conviction and free from drugs in one year after discharge as indicators, the success rate of the Drug Addiction Treatment Centre programme has been decreasing from 2003 to only 59.7% in 2005, which is also lower than those of other institutions. Has the Department studied the reasons for such a low success rate? If yes, what is the result of the study; If no, please give the reasons.
- (b) Does the Correctional Services Department have any long-term strategies or solutions to the above problem? Has the Administration considered re-designing the drug treatment programmes? If yes, what are the required resources and estimated effects of the re-designed programmes? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply :

- (a) As in the case of other re-integration programmes, the success rate of the Drug Addiction Treatment Centre (DATC) programme is affected by various personal and socio-economic factors, such as individual offenders' family and social background, their response to rehabilitation/counselling services, and the prevailing economic condition. In particular, some DATC supervisees may still have psychological dependence on drugs, which will have a negative effect on their rehabilitation.

Analysis of the expired DATC supervision cases in the past two years indicates that the number of hard-core cases (i.e. supervisees with three or more previous DATC admissions) increased from 54 (or 4.7% of total) in 2004 to 175 (or 13.0% of total) in 2005. This might have affected the success rate in 2005.

- (b) With the assistance of the University of Hong Kong, we launched a two-year consultancy study, entitled "The Development of Preventive and Treatment Programmes for Offenders with Problems of Psychotropic Substance Abuse" for completion in 2006. The study aims to devise appropriate rehabilitative programmes to prevent offenders from substance abuse after discharge and to recommend measures to enhance the existing Programme.

The cost of the study is about \$1 million. We will examine the recommendations of the study, including the resources requirement, in detail.

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**SB091**

Question Serial No.

1436

Head : 30 Correctional Services Department

Subhead (No. & title) : 000 Operational Expenses

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

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Correctional Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Would the Administration list the expenditure for the provision of medical services, psychological counselling and welfare services for prisoners as at the end of 2005? What is the financial provision for the above services in 2006-07?

Asked by : Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply :

The revised estimated expenditure on medical services, psychological services and welfare services incurred by the Department in 2005-06 and the estimate in 2006-07 are set out below:-

	<b>Revised Estimate <u>2005-06</u> \$'000</b>	<b>Estimate <u>2006-07</u> \$'000</b>
Medical Services	137,573	147,521
Psychological Services	20,493	22,949
Prisoners' Welfare Services	43,057	44,879

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Question Serial No.

1566

Head : 30 Correctional Services Department

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (1) Prison Management

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Correctional Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Regarding the financial provision for prison management in 2006-07, please inform the Council of the monthly unit costs for detaining each young prisoner in Training Centres, Detention Centre and Rehabilitation Centres respectively.

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply :

It is difficult to estimate the cost of detaining a prisoner for a particular type of penal institution and the Department has not made such estimation. This is because apart from detaining prisoners, the Department has to provide many other related services which are not institution-tied. Examples are escort of prisoners to and from courts and hospitals, transfer of prisoners in custody between penal institutions, provision of medical and welfare services, and aftercare services, etc. If an estimation has to be made on the monthly unit cost of detaining a prisoner, a rough calculation is to divide the Department's total expenditure by the penal population and the corresponding figure in 2006-07 is \$15,505.

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**SB093**

Question Serial No.

1678

Head : 30 Correctional Services Department

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (1) Prison Management

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Correctional Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

What are the details of the Lo Wu Correctional Institution re-development project in 2006-07 and what is the expected completion date? Will the project improve the accommodation situation in prisons?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

We are planning to redevelop the Lo Wu Correctional Institution and the adjacent Lo Wu Saddle Club site into a cluster of three institutions with a total of 1 400 penal places. Among these, 1 218 will be additional places, which will contribute to relieving prison overcrowding.

The public consultation on the project has been completed. We will report to the Legislative Council Security Panel on the results of the public consultation and details of the project in April 2006 before seeking funding approval from the Finance Committee. Subject to funding approval, construction will commence in mid-2007 for completion by the end of 2009.

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Question Serial No.

1679

Head : 30 Correctional Services Department

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (1) Prison Management

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Correctional Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Are the security measures in penal institutions adequate and whether the security facilities are outdated? Which penal institutions are involved in the upgrading of the perimeter fencing of institutions in 2006-07 and what is the financial provision for the project?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

The security measures of all penal institutions are adequate to meet operational requirements. In recent years, we have been carrying out works to enhance these security measures, such as perimeter fencing and CCTV system.

In 2006-07, we will upgrade the perimeter fencing and anti-climbing devices at (i) Hei Ling Chau Correctional Institution, (ii) Chi Ma Wan Correction Institution, (iii) Lai Sun Correctional Institution, (iv) Ma Hang Prison, (v) Ma Po Ping Prison & Tong Fuk Centre, (vi) Pak Sha Wan Correctional Institution, and (vii) Stanley Prison. The estimated total expenditure is \$20 million.

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Question Serial No.

1680

Head : 30 Correctional Services Department

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (1) Prison Management

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Correctional Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

What are the measures and financial provision for improving the ancillary facilities of penal institutions in 2006-07? Among the facilities to be improved, which are for prisoners and which for Correctional Services staff?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

In 2006-07, the Department will carry out the following projects to improve the ancillary facilities of different penal institutions:

<b><u>Institution</u></b>	<b><u>Project</u></b>
The Hei Ling Chau institutions Ma Po Ping Prison and Tong Fuk Centre	Upgrading of fresh water pump system
Tai Lam Correctional Institution (hospital & new dormitories) Tai Lam Centre for Women Stanley Prison (workshops & dining hall) Siu Lam Psychiatric Centre (Security Unit of Block E)	Installation/upgrading of CCTV systems
Tai Tam Gap Correctional Institution Lai Chi Kok Reception Centre	Installation of video-electric gate system
Lai Chi Kok Reception Centre Pik Uk Prison	Upgrading of emergency generators
Shek Pik Prison Lai Sun Correctional Institution	Replacement of low-voltage main switchboards
Stanley Prison	Replacement of telephone system

The estimated expenditure involved in 2006-07 is \$15.75 million.

These improvement projects will enhance the operation of the respective institutions for the benefit of both staff and inmates.

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Question Serial No.

1681

Head : 30 Correctional Services Department

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (2) Re-integration

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Correctional Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

What are the publicity and education activities appealing for community acceptance of and support for rehabilitated offenders in 2006-07? Has the Administration reviewed the effectiveness of these activities in the past? For example, has the Administration compiled statistics on the employment situation of discharged prisoners, especially young prisoners?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

In 2006-07, we plan to launch a series of publicity and education activities, including the following –

- a new series of TV docu-drama on the rehabilitation of offenders;
- community involvement activities jointly organized with District Fight Crime Committees to appeal for public support for rehabilitated offenders;
- student forums providing opportunities for secondary school students and rehabilitated offenders to interact and discuss the untoward consequences of committing crimes;
- further promotion of the district-based “One Company One Job” campaign to promote equal employment opportunities for rehabilitated offenders;
- continued broadcast of announcements on television and radio as well as display of posters to appeal for public support for rehabilitated offenders; and
- competitions for inmates to display their talents in cultural and recreational activities.

To assess the effectiveness of our publicity activities, We carried out two opinion surveys in 2002 and 2004 respectively. The surveys found that -

- (a) 59.5% of the respondent in 2004 agreed that one or more publicity activities organized in the preceding 12 months could enhance their understanding of rehabilitated offenders. In 2002, on average 43% of the respondents agreed that our publicity activities helped them understand inmates/discharged offenders and the need of giving support to their re-integration; and

- (b) 91.9% of the respondent in 2004 considered it worthwhile for the Government to continue to conduct publicity activities to appeal for community support for rehabilitated offenders. In 2002, the percentage was 83.6%.

The Correctional Services Department provides employment assistance and advice to those offenders who are subject to post-release supervision, as one of the standard supervision conditions is that they have to engage in gainful employment during the supervision period. In the past three years, over 90% of the supervisees successfully secured gainful employment in the first month after discharge.

We do not have statistics on the employment rate of those prisoners discharged without supervision.

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Head : 30 Correctional Services Department

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (2) Re-integration

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Correctional Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

The indicator of the drug treatment centre (non-conviction and free from drugs in one year after discharge) is only 59.7% in 2005. Has the Administration evaluated the difficulties and their causes in the rehabilitation of these prisoners? Has the Administration studied any measures to be taken in 2006 to tackle the problem?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

As in the case of other re-integration programmes, the success rate of the Drug Addiction Treatment Centre (DATC) programme is affected by various personal and socio-economic factors, such as individual offenders' family and social background, their response to rehabilitation/counselling services, and the prevailing economic condition. In particular, some DATC supervisees may still have psychological dependence on drugs, which will have a negative effect on their rehabilitation.

Analysis of the expired DATC supervision cases in the past two years indicates that the number of hard-core cases (i.e. supervisees with three or more previous DATC admissions) increased from 54 (or 4.7% of total) in 2004 to 175 (or 13.0% of total) in 2005. This might have affected the success rate in 2005.

With the assistance of the University of Hong Kong, we launched a two-year consultancy study, entitled "The Development of Preventive and Treatment Programmes for Offenders with Problems of Psychotropic Substance Abuse" for completion in 2006. The study aims to devise appropriate rehabilitative programmes to prevent offenders from substance abuse after discharge and to recommend measures to enhance the existing Programme.

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**SB098**

Question Serial No.

1735

Head : 30 Correctional Services Department

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (2) Re-integration

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Correctional Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

- (a) What were the details of and expenditure on the Post-release Supervision Scheme in 2005-06? What is the financial provision for the scheme in 2006-07?
- (b) How many discharged prisoners successfully sought employment with the assistance of the authorities in 2005-06? What was the expenditure involved? What is the financial provision for such work in 2006-07?

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Yiu-chung

Reply :

- (a) During 2005, our Aftercare Officers and social workers of the Social Welfare Department continued to assist supervisees under the Scheme in reintegrating into society by providing guidance, counselling and support. During the year, a total of 443 discharged offenders completed the supervision under the Scheme and the success rate (in terms of non-conviction during the supervision period) was 88%.

We do not have a separate breakdown of the expenditure for the Scheme as the services provided by the Scheme are only part of the aftercare services provided by the Correctional Services Department (CSD) for the rehabilitation and reintegration of discharged prisoners and inmates.

- (b) CSD provides employment assistance and advice to those offenders who are subject to post-release supervision, as one of the standard supervision conditions is that they have to engage in gainful employment during the supervision period. Of the 2 902 prisoners discharged under supervision in 2005 (excluding those unsuitable for employment due to old age, disability or other justifiable reasons), 2 752 (or 94.8%) successfully secured gainful employment in the first month after discharge.

We do not have employment statistics on prisoners discharged without statutory supervision. We also do not have a separate breakdown on the expenditure related to employment guidance and assistance as these services are only part of the duties of our Aftercare Officers in helping supervisees to reintegrate into society.

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Reply Serial No.

**SB099**

Question Serial No.

2092

Head : 30 Correctional Services Department

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (1) Prison Management

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Correctional Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

As government statistics show, the number of prisoners in 2006-07 will increase but the Department will delete 85 posts at the same time. Will the deletion affect the management of prisoners?

Asked by : Hon. TAM Heung-man

Reply :

The 85 deleted posts are mainly involved in logistics support in the Correctional Services Department (CSD) headquarters or non-core custodial duties, such as workshop supervision, works supervision, physical education supervision and non-custodial driving duties in penal institutions. On the other hand, 33 posts will be created under the captioned Programme to improve the medical and nursing services in penal institutions.

CSD will continue to enhance operational efficiency and effectiveness through the processes of re-engineering, re-organization and re-prioritization. The deletion of the posts will not compromise service quality and will not affect the management of prisoners.

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Reply Serial No.

**SB100**

Question Serial No.

2093

Head : 30 Correctional Services Department

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (1) Prison Management

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Correctional Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Has the Administration reserved additional funds for improving the environment of existing institutions to relieve overcrowding before the completion of new penal institutions?

Asked by : Hon. TAM Heung-man

Reply :

Apart from longer term prison development projects (e.g. the redevelopment of the Lo Wu Correctional Institution), we have also adopted interim measures to alleviate overcrowding in penal institutions in the near term. In 2005-06, we have completed one such interim project and are carrying out two. Details of these three projects are set out below-

(i) *Lai Chi Kok Correctional Institution*

The old Lai Chi Kok staff married quarters blocks are being converted into a new female institution, namely the Lai Chi Kok Correctional Institution. The new institution will provide 650 penal places. Among these, 438 will be used for the reprovisioning of the Victoria Prison and 212 will be additional places for relieving prison overcrowding. The new institution will be opened in July 2006.

The estimated cost of the project is \$229.4 million. The latest estimated expenditure in 2005-06 is about \$115 million; whereas the estimated expenditure in 2006-07 is about \$30 million.

(ii) *Minor Extension of Lai Chi Kok Reception Centre*

A new 3-storey building is being constructed inside the Lai Chi Kok Reception Centre to provide 144 additional penal places to relieve overcrowding. The project is expected to be completed by mid-2007.

The total estimated project cost is \$13.8 million. The expenditure in 2005-06 and 2006-07 is about \$0.5 million and \$2 million respectively.

(iii) *Chi Sun Correctional Institution*

The former Chi Ma Wan Drug Addiction Treatment Centre and Chi Lan Rehabilitation Centre were converted into a new institution, namely the Chi Sun Correctional Institution, in 2005. As a result, a total of 96 additional penal places have been generated.

The total cost of this project was \$5 million, all of which was incurred in 2005-06.

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Reply Serial No.

**SB101**

Question Serial No.

0661

Head: 45 Fire Services Department

Subhead(No. & title): 000 Operational Expenses

Programme: (3) Ambulance Service

Controlling Officer: Director of Fire Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question : In the Estimates of Expenditure 2003-04, additional resources were allocated to the ambulance service of the Fire Services Department (FSD) for the net creation of 74 posts. What are the grounds for the further creation of 43 posts in 2006-07?

Asked by: Hon. LEE Cheuk-yan

Reply: To enhance the emergency ambulance service, the FSD originally proposed a net creation of 74 posts under the Programme of Ambulance Service in 2003-04. The plan did not materialize due to the freezing of open recruitment of civil servants and the fall in number of ambulance calls in the year concerned.

To cope with the growing demand for ambulance service in recent years, and to provide the manpower for the new ambulance depots in Mongkok, Kwai Chung and Kowloon Tong, the ambulance facilities for the Hong Kong – Shenzhen Western Corridor and the ambulance training school, there is a need for the FSD to create a net total of 43 posts under the Programme of Ambulance Service in 2006-07.

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Reply Serial No.

**SB102**

Question Serial No.

0826

Head: 45 Fire Services Department

Subhead(No. & title): 000 Operational Expenses

Programme: (3) Ambulance Service

Controlling Officer: Director of Fire Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question : The number of urgent calls fell from 37 192 in 2004 to 34 175 in 2005, and it is estimated that it will be 31 000 in 2006. In this connection, will the Government inform this Council of :

- (a) whether there is any mechanism for the Department to define emergency calls and urgent calls; if there is, when is the assessment under this mechanism conducted? Is it conducted right on spot or upon arrival at the hospital;
- (b) what are the reasons for the significant downward trend in the services for urgent calls; and
- (c) whether the significant drop of calls is related to the internal work transfer.

Asked by: Hon. LI Fung-ying

Reply: (a) There are two kinds of emergency calls. The first kind refers to calls from the public, requesting conveyance of patients and casualties from incident spots to hospitals for emergency treatment. The second kind refers to calls from hospitals or medical institutions, requesting transfer of critical patients from a hospital or medical institution to another acute hospital for emergency treatment or examination. According to the performance pledge of the Fire Services Department (FSD), 92.5% of emergency calls should be handled within 12 minutes.

In addition, the FSD also provides another kind of inter-hospital transfer service, i.e. "urgent calls", by which patients and casualties with lower urgency are transferred from hospitals or clinics to acute hospitals for treatment or examination. According to the internal target agreed by the FSD and the Hospital Authority (HA), the FSD will provide such service in about one hour.

Regarding calls from medical institutions, the medical personnel concerned are responsible for assessing the needs and condition of the patients, and then the FSD will provide corresponding service as requested by the medical personnel concerned.

- (b) The number of “urgent calls” mainly depends on the demand for inter-hospital services by medical institutions. According to the HA, the drop of calls may be related to the change of mode of medical services in recent years. In the past, the HA put more emphasis on hospital care for patients with stable condition, whereas at present, the emphasis has been switched to community medical services. As a result, the demand for transferring patients from a hospital or medical institution to another hospital or medical institution for treatment or examination has been decreasing. However, further observation is required before a conclusion can be made on the actual reason for the drop of calls.
- (c) The mode of handling “urgent calls” by the FSD in 2005 was the same as that in 2004. It is believed that the drop of “urgent calls” was related to the reasons mentioned above in paragraph (b) and the issue of internal work transfer does not exist.

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Reply Serial No.

**SB103**

Question Serial No.

0827

Head: 45 Fire Services Department

Subhead(No. & title): 000 Operational Expenses

Programme: (3) Ambulance Service

Controlling Officer: Director of Fire Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question : The feasibility of introducing a Medical Priority Dispatch System in Hong Kong is being explored. In this connection, will the Government inform this Council of the details of the Priority Dispatch System? Which Departments will be involved in the scheme?

Asked by: Hon. LI Fung-ying

Reply: At present, emergency ambulance calls are handled by the Fire Services Department (FSD) on a next-in-queue basis, and there is no mechanism to discern the degree of urgency. In view of this, FSD commissioned a consultancy to study the feasibility of implementing the Medical Priority Dispatch System (MPDS) in Hong Kong. In October 2005, the consultant completed the study, which included making reference to some international practices, and recommended the implementation of MPDS in Hong Kong to enable better identification of critical patients and thus saving more lives by a quicker response to these calls. The Security Bureau set up a Steering Committee on Medical Priority Dispatch System in December 2005 to scrutinize the conclusions of the consultant's study, and to propose whether or not to implement the MPDS. The Committee comprises Legislative Council members, representatives from FSD and the Hospital Authority, emergency medical service experts and academics, and representatives from FSD's staff unions. If the Committee concludes that Hong Kong should implement the MPDS, FSD will be responsible for the implementation work.

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Reply Serial No.

**SB104**

Question Serial No.

0907

Head: 45 Fire Services Department

Subhead(No. & title): 000 Operational Expenses

Programme: (3) Ambulance Service

Controlling Officer: Director of Fire Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question : The estimated financial provision for 2006-07 is 2.8% higher than the original estimate for 2005-06. The provision includes the replacement of ambulances, but does it include the procurement of light fire appliances and ambulances suitable for rural villages in the New Territories? If yes, what is the number of vehicles to be procured for each type? What is the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply: The estimated financial provision for ambulance service in 2006-07 is 2.8% higher than the original estimate for 2005-06. The provision includes the replacement of 9 town ambulances. According to our experience, light fire appliances and ambulances can only be used in a few rural areas and they are not meant for general use because of their size constraints. In view of this, the Fire Services Department does not have any plan to procure additional light fire appliances or ambulances at present, and no provision has been made for this purpose in 2006-07.

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**SB105**

Question Serial No.

1425

Head: 45 Fire Services Department

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: (1) Fire Service

Controlling Officer: Director of Fire Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question : It is indicated that the response time for fire calls in built-up area in 2005 was below the performance target, and this was related to the teething problems with the implementation of the Third Generation Mobilising System. What were the details? Also, in this connection, the Department will enhance the performance of the system in collaboration with the contractor. What are the details and will additional funds be expected?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply: In 2005, 331 fire calls in built-up areas, representing approximately 1.03% of the total fire calls in built-up area, could not meet the performance target due to the teething problems with the implementation of the Third Generation Mobilising System (TGMS). The details are as follows:

(1) Initial incompatibility problems

The TGMS comprises a number of sub-systems. Like other sophisticated computer systems, it was unavoidable that there were integration problems during its initial implementation, including intermittent breakdown of the software system and overloading of some parts of the hardware. In this connection, the contractor has modified the software and taken action to enhance the functions of the hardware.

(2) Adaptation problems

The TGMS is a fully computerized system adopting a brand new operating mode. Although the frontline personnel had received relevant training before the new system was commissioned, they still needed time to adapt to and cope with the system upon actual commissioning. Therefore, the Fire Services Department (FSD) has organized different kinds of talks and seminars and immediately explained in detail some of the common errors on the departmental intranet by means of information digest, in order to help staff members adapt to the new system as soon as possible and to improve their efficiency.

In tackling the teething problems with the implementation of the TGMS, FSD and the contractor have implemented a series of measures which have gradually proven to be effective. In January and February 2006, on average 93.2% of the total fire calls in buildings was responded to within the 6-minute target response time, which is higher than the performance pledge of 92.5%.

Most of the above-mentioned action plans do not incur additional expenses. Some of the improvement items may incur additional expenses, and such expenses will be covered by the approved commitments.

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**SB106**

Question Serial No.

1426

Head: 45 Fire Services Department

Subhead(No. & title): 000 Operational Expenses

Programme: (1) Fire Service

Controlling Officer: Director of Fire Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question : What is the present position regarding the preparation for the fire fighting and rescue facilities at the new control point of the Hong Kong – Shenzhen Western Corridor? Besides, is additional manpower required in 2006 to handle the above?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply: The Fire Services Department (FSD) will construct a fire station cum ambulance depot in the area of new control point of the Hong Kong – Shenzhen Western Corridor. Based on the current progress, the construction of the fire station cum ambulance depot is expected to be completed and put into service by the end of 2006 or early 2007. The FSD is procuring the required fire appliances and equipment, and has reserved resources in the estimate for 2006-07 to create 22 posts in the fire stream to provide fire service in the zone of new control point.

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**SB107**

Question Serial No.

1649

Head: 45 Fire Services Department

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: (3) Ambulance Service

Controlling Officer: Director of Fire Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question : The performance set for 2005 under this programme was slightly below target mainly due to the increase in the number of emergency ambulance calls, traffic congestion and the teething problems with the implementation of the Third Generation Mobilising System (TGMS). In this connection, would the Government inform us of -

- (a) the number of calls with delayed response due to traffic congestion and that due to the teething problems with the implementation of the TGMS respectively?
- (b) the actual position of flexible deployment of resources to achieve the target response time?

Asked by: Hon. KWONG Chi-kin

- Reply:
- (a) In 2005, 7 165 and 6 339 emergency ambulance calls, representing approximately 1.30% and 1.15% of all emergency ambulance calls respectively, fell short of the pledged performance target due to traffic congestion and the teething problems with the implementation of the TGMS respectively.
  - (b) In addition to daily flexible deployment of ambulances to strategic locations for stand-by duty, the Fire Services Department regularly reviews the number of ambulances deployed at individual ambulance depots in accordance with different demands for ambulance service in various districts, with a view to balancing supply and demand. Moreover, a series of measures have been adopted to achieve the target response time performance, such as introducing a "staggered shift" system, setting up an "urgent care fleet", etc.

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**SB108**

Question Serial No.

1650

Head: 45 Fire Services Department

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: (3) Ambulance Service

Controlling Officer: Director of Fire Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question : How many staff will be deployed to man the new control point at the Hong Kong-Shenzhen Western Corridor upon its commission? Is there any need to recruit more staff and, if so, what will be the number of new recruits?

Asked by: Hon. KWONG Chi-kin

Reply The Fire Services Department (FSD) has reserved resources in the estimate for 2006-07 to create 12 posts for the ambulance stream to provide ambulance service in the new control zone upon commission of the Hong Kong-Shenzhen Western Corridor.

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Reply Serial No.

**SB109**

Question Serial No.

1651

Head: 45 Fire Services Department

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: (3) Ambulance Service

Controlling Officer: Director of Fire Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question : What is the progress of studying the feasibility of introducing a Medical Priority Dispatch System in Hong Kong? When will the study start and end?

Asked by: Hon. KWONG Chi-kin

Reply At present, emergency ambulance calls are handled on a next-in queue basis, and there is no mechanism to discern the degree of urgency. In view of this, Fire Services Department (FSD) commissioned a consultancy to study the feasibility of implementing the Medical Priority Dispatch System (MPDS) in Hong Kong. In October 2005, the consultant completed the study, which included making reference to some international practices, and recommended the implementation of MPDS in Hong Kong to enable better identification of critical patients and thus saving more lives by a quicker response to these calls. The Security Bureau set up a Steering Committee on Medical Priority Dispatch System in December 2005 to scrutinize the conclusions of the consultant's study and to propose whether or not to implement the MPDS. The Committee comprises Legislative Council members, representatives from FSD and the Hospital Authority, emergency medical service experts and academics, and representatives from FSD's staff unions. As there are many issues to be discussed, which include classification of calls and integration with the Third Generation Mobilising System, no specific timetable is available at this moment. However, FSD will work closely with the Steering Committee and complete the study as soon as possible.

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**SB110**

Question Serial No.

1652

Head: 45 Fire Services Department

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: (3) Ambulance Service

Controlling Officer: Director of Fire Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question : What are the posts, ranks and personal emoluments involved in the net creation of 43 posts?

Asked by: Hon. KWONG Chi-kin

Reply: The breakdown of the net creation of 43 posts under the Programme of Ambulance Service in 2006-07 is as follows:

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Number of net creation / deletion of posts</b>	<b>Unit annual salary cost (\$)</b>
Senior Ambulance Officer	+3	598,800
Ambulance Officer	+3	383,100
Principal Ambulanceman	+15	301,380
Senior Ambulanceman	-3	248,580
Ambulanceman	+24	183,360
Assistant Clerical Officer	+4	162,180
Cook	-3	142,860
Total	<b>+43</b>	--

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**SB111**

Question Serial  
No.

1674

Head: 45 Fire Services Department

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: (2) Fire Protection and Prevention

Controlling Officer: Director of Fire Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question : The number of Fire Hazard Abatement Notices issued in 2005 was 2 648, which represents a drop of 44% from 4 731 as compared to 2004. What was the reason? Was it related to the enhancement of public awareness of fire safety? If so, will the publicity be strengthened?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply: The number of Fire Hazard Abatement Notices (FHANs) issued by the Fire Services Department (FSD) in 2005 has dropped as compared with 2004. The FSD believes that the decrease was related to the enhancement of public awareness of fire safety. Upon receipt of the warning letters issued by the FSD, most members of the public actively complied with the instructions to abate fire hazards. As a result, the FSD did not have to issue FHANs for these cases.

In 2006-07, the FSD will continue organizing public education programmes on fire prevention with a view to further enhancing public awareness of fire safety.

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Reply Serial No.

**SB112**

Question Serial No.

1675

Head: 45 Fire Services Department

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: (2) Fire Protection and Prevention

Controlling Officer: Director of Fire Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question : In 2005, the number of applications for approval of portable fire fighting equipment processed was 838, a nearly two-fold increase from 431 as compared to 2004. What was the reason? Is it necessary to allocate more resources and manpower to process such applications in 2006?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply: In accordance with Regulation 3 of the Fire Service (Installations and Equipment) Regulations (Cap. 95B), the Director of Fire Services may from time to time approve for sale or supply any type of portable equipment.

There are mainly two reasons for the increase in the number of applications:

(a) Applications involving various models of equipment

Product diversification is the current trend for manufacturers or suppliers of portable fire fighting equipment. As a result, there are often many different models for the same portable fire fighting equipment. The Fire Services Department (FSD) treated each application for a different model of portable fire fighting equipment as an individual case. Therefore, the total number of applications processed has increased.

(b) Repeated applications for equipment of the same model

Last year, FSD noticed that there were repeated applications for portable fire fighting equipment of the same model by different suppliers or agents. In spite of the repetitions, FSD treated such cases as individual applications.

Although the number of applications increased by nearly two-fold, there was no significant increase in workload because less time and fewer procedures were required for processing applications for the same model of equipment or repeated applications. It is therefore not necessary for FSD to allocate more resources and manpower to handle the applications for approval of portable fire fighting equipment at present.

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Reply Serial No.

**SB113**

Question Serial No.

1676

Head: 45 Fire Services Department

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: (2) Fire Protection and Prevention

Controlling Officer: Director of Fire Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question : Please provide the details of expanding the Fire Safety Ambassador Scheme during 2006-07. What will be the personnel establishment and expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply: Since the implementation of the Fire Safety Ambassador Scheme in 1997, the Fire Services Department (FSD) has trained 65 051 Fire Safety Ambassadors (FSAs) as at end 2005, with the aim of disseminating fire protection messages to the general public. FSD plans to recruit 9 000 more FSAs in 2006. The estimated expenditure for this scheme in 2006-07 is \$1.3 million, which is mainly used for training courses, production of newsletters and organization of activities.

Apart from this, FSD has launched the Fire Safety Ambassador Honorary President Association Scheme since January 2005. The main objective of this scheme is to further promote and support the activities organized under the FSA Scheme at the district level through the appointment of Fire Safety Ambassador Honorary Presidents. As at end 2005, eight District Fire Safety Ambassador Honorary President Associations have been established, namely, Yau Tsim Mong, Wong Tai Sin, Sham Shui Po, Kwun Tong, Kowloon City, the North District, Sha Tin and Wan Chai, with a total of 96 Honorary Presidents appointed. FSD will continue to extend the FSA Honorary President Association Scheme to other districts this year.

The Community Relations Section of the Fire Safety Command is responsible for the planning of the FSA and FSA Honorary President Association Schemes, while most recruitment, training and daily management duties are devolved to the fire stations in the districts. There are 3 Assistant Divisional Officers, 1 Assistant Clerical Officer, 1 Clerical Assistant, 2 Contract Community Relations Officers and 1 Contract Community Relations Assistant in the present establishment of the Community Relations Section.

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**SB114**

Question Serial No.

1677

Head: 45 Fire Services Department

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: (3) Ambulance Service

Controlling Officer: Director of Fire Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question : What are the details and effectiveness of providing a community education programme in 2005? Please list the districts which have joined the programme. Are there any areas in the programme that need to be expanded or deleted in 2006?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply: In 2005, the Fire Services Department (FSD) endeavored to implement various community education programmes on ambulance service such as the organization of cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training courses. A total of 1 396 members of the public have completed the CPR training. FSD has also organized activities like open days and exhibitions in ambulance depots in the Central and Western District, Wan Chai, Sham Shui Po, Cheung Sha Wan, Yau Tsim Mong, Sha Tin and Fanling, as well as on various occasions. In addition, FSD organized an Ambulance Service Promotion Day at Olympian City 2 in Kowloon last November, attracting over 20 000 participants. Besides, FSD launched a publicity campaign at the end of last year through television, radio and posters in a bid to educate the public not to abuse the ambulance service.

In 2006, FSD will continue to implement various community education programmes throughout Hong Kong, including organization of ambulance service promotion days, open days, exhibitions and CPR training courses with the aim of enhancing public knowledge of ambulance service.

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**SB115**

Question Serial No.

1839

Head: 45 Fire Services Department

Subhead(No. & title):

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

Controlling Officer: Director of Fire Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question : Regarding the Third Generation Mobilising System,

- (a) how many incidents of system failures have occurred since it was commissioned? What was the average time required to rectify the problems? What were the impacts on fire and ambulance services?
- (b) how long will it take to achieve total system accuracy? What are the expenses involved?

Asked by: Hon. SIN Chung-kai

- Reply:
- (a) The Third Generation Mobilising System (TGMS) was initially launched in the New Territories on 1 March 2005, and thereafter in Hong Kong and Kowloon on 26 June 2005. At the initial stage of the cut-over, there were two incidents of system failures which resulted in the need for manual deployment of appliances. The average time required for rectifying these failures was about 6 minutes. During the two incidents, there were 2 fire calls, 1 special service call and 23 ambulance calls being handled by the Fire Services Department. Of these, only 1 ambulance case failed to meet the target response time due to system failure.
  - (b) According to the present schedule proposed by the contractor, the operation of TGMS is expected to be largely problem-free in the third quarter of this year. We expect that certain system improvement items may involve additional expenses, but we believe that the amount approved for the project is sufficient to cover such expenses.

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**SB116**

Question Serial No.

2094

Head: 45 Fire Services Department

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: (1) Fire Service

Controlling Officer: Director of Fire Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question : The Third Generation Mobilising System has been in operation, but the performance targets have yet to be achieved. The Director of Fire Services anticipates that the performance targets can be achieved in 2006-07 and that there will be an increase in expenditure. Please explain specifically how the performance targets will be achieved through the increased expenditure.

Asked by: Hon. TAM Heung-man

Reply: In the year 2006-07, an increased provision of about \$6 m has been made in the estimates of expenditure to cover the maintenance fee for the Third Generation Mobilising System after the expiry of its maintenance period.

In addition, the Fire Services Department will upgrade the hardware and software, such as replacing the server, increasing Random Access Memory of mobile data terminals, and installing wireless location area network at various fire stations and ambulance depots, with a view to improving the operational efficiency of the entire system to better meet the performance targets.

In January and February 2006, on average 93.2% of building fire calls were responded to within the 6-minute target time, which is higher than the performance pledge of 92.5%.

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Name in block letters           KWOK JING KEUNG          

Post Title           Director of Fire Services          

Date           10.3.2006

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**SB117**

Question Serial No.

2095

Head: 45 Fire Services Department

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: (3) Ambulance Service

Controlling Officer: Director of Fire Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question : It is planned that part of the ambulance service will be transferred to other departments. Will reduction of the establishment of ambulanceman/ambulancewoman be required?

Asked by: Hon. TAM Heung-man

Reply: Currently, in addition to the handling of emergency ambulance calls from the public, the Fire Services Department (FSD) also provides two categories of ambulance service for hospitals or medical institutions, i.e. "Priority One" and "Priority Two" calls. The former involves transfers of critical patients from a hospital or medical institution to another acute hospital for emergency treatment or examination. FSD treats these "Priority One" calls as emergency ambulance service (EAS) calls. According to FSD's performance pledge, such calls should be responded to by ambulances or ambulance aid motorcycles within 12 minutes. As regards "Priority Two" calls, they are termed as "Urgent Calls" by FSD. They are of less urgency than "Priority One" calls. Ambulance staff need to transfer patients from a hospital or medical institution to an acute hospital or medical institution for treatment or examination. There is no performance pledge for this kind of service, but FSD's internal target is to provide the hospital transfer service within about an hour.

For some cases of "Priority Two" calls, the patients may not need to be handled by professionally trained personnel like the ambulance staff of FSD. Also, the demand for EAS which has to be handled within 12 minutes has been on the rise in recent years. Therefore, the Security Bureau, FSD, the Hospital Authority and the Auxiliary Medical Service are carrying out preliminary discussion on whether some of the "Priority Two" calls can be triaged by a mechanism and handled by other organizations based on the assessment of medical personnel. This could enable FSD's ambulance staff to focus on EAS calls that need their expertise, and hence improve the service for those who are in genuine need of EAS. This proposal will not lead to a reduction in the establishment of ambulanceman.

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Reply Serial No.

**SB118**

Question Serial No.

0061

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

Programme : (1) Control and Enforcement

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Customs and Excise

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Commerce, Industry and Technology / Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury / Secretary for Security

Question :

15 posts will be created for improving air cargo clearance services while 649 posts will be created for improving the boundary crossing facilities at control points. But at the same time, it is recommended that 38 posts be deleted. Will the authorities provide detailed information on the creation and deletion of posts? Will the staff affected by the deletion of posts be transferred to the newly created posts?

Asked by : Hon. TAM Heung-man

Reply :

In 2006-07, the Customs & Excise Department plans to create 664 new disciplined posts and delete 38 posts under Programme (1) "Control and Enforcement". The creation of 664 posts is required to meet the manpower requirements of new projects and initiatives for implementation in 2006-07, whereas 38 posts, comprising 28 disciplined posts and 10 civilian posts, will be deleted because of efficiency measures. A breakdown of the posts to be created/deleted is set out below –

<b>New projects / initiatives</b>	<b>No. of posts to be created</b>
Improving air cargo clearance services	15
Shenzhen Bay Port	534
Sheung Shui to Lok Ma Chau Spur Line	84
Asia Airfreight Terminal 2	22
SkyPlaza	9
Total, no. of posts to be created:	664

<b>Efficiency measures</b>	<b>No. of posts to be deleted</b>
Rationalizing the manpower provision for manning the sector patrol launches	31
Streamlining the work procedures of other operations and support service	7
Total, no. of posts to be deleted:	38

Incumbents of the deleted posts will be deployed to fill the newly created posts and other vacant posts in the department.

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Commissioner of Customs and Excise

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Reply Serial No.

**SB119**

Question Serial No.

0773

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

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Customs and Excise

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Commerce, Industry and Technology / Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury / Secretary for Security

Question :

Under the "Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2006-07", it is said that the Customs and Excise Department will continue to improve clearance services to facilitate efficient passenger and cargo flows across the boundary. The establishment ceiling for 2006-07 shows that the number of non-directorate posts will increase by 621 posts. What are the distribution of ranks in the establishment concerned and the distribution of staff at the control points? Moreover, what are the justifications for having nine directorate posts? What is the amount of expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Ting-kwong

Reply :

The increase of 621 posts in 2006-07 is due to the planned creation of 676 posts for new projects/initiatives at various control points, partly offset by the deletion of 55 posts due to the implementation of various efficiency measures. The distribution of the posts is as follows—

Rank	Shenzhen Bay Port	Sheung Shui to Lok Ma Chau Spur Line	Hong Kong International Airport	Implementa-tion of efficiency measures	Total
Superintendent	+1	-	-	-	+1
Assistant Superintendent	+2	+1	-	-	+3
Senior Inspector	+9	+3	-	-1	+11
Inspector	+35	+6	+15	-4	+52
Chief Customs Officer	+9	+8	+3	+14	+34
Senior Customs Officer	+204	+21	+9	-41	+193
Customs Officer	+274	+45	+19	-	+338
Senior Trade Controls Officer	+3	-	-	-2	+1
Trade Controls Officer	+6	-	-	-3	+3
Assistant Trade Controls Officer	+3	-	-	-7	-4
Executive Officer II	-	-	-	-1	-1
Analyst/Programmer II	-	-	-	-1	-1
Assistant Supplies Officer	-	-	-	+1	+1
Supplies Supervisor II	-	-	-	+1	+1



<b>Rank</b>	<b>Shenzhen Bay Port</b>	<b>Sheung Shui to Lok Ma Chau Spur Line</b>	<b>Hong Kong International Airport</b>	<b>Implementation of efficiency measures</b>	<b>Total</b>
Supplies Assistant	-	-	-	-2	-2
Assistant Clerical Officer	-	-	-	-1	-1
Photographer I	-	-	-	-1	-1
Launch Assistant	-	-	-	-6	-6
Workman II	-	-	-	-1	-1
<b>Total</b>	<b>+546</b>	<b>+84</b>	<b>+46*</b>	<b>-55</b>	<b>+621</b>

\* Creation of new posts at Hong Kong International Airport is to improve air cargo clearance services and provide Customs clearance service at Asia Airfreight Terminal 2 and SkyPlaza.

The nine directorate postholders are responsible for overseeing the administration and operation of the Customs & Excise Department, with an establishment of over 5 000 staff. The salary provision for these posts is about \$12.7 million per annum.

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**SB120**

Question Serial No.

1354

Head : 31 Customs and Excise Department      Subhead (No. & title) : 000 Operational Expenses

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Customs and Excise

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Commerce, Industry and Technology / Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury / Secretary for Security

Question :

The Customs and Excise Department plans to create 621 permanent posts in 2006-07. Please provide a list showing the distribution of the additional manpower according to the grade and the control points to which the additional manpower will be deployed.

Asked by : Hon. LI Fung-ying

Reply :

The planned increase of 621 posts in 2006-07 is due to the planned creation of 676 posts for new projects/initiatives, partly offset by the planned deletion of 55 posts as a result of the implementation of various efficiency measures. The distribution of the posts is as follows—

	Inspector Grade	Customs Officer Grade	Trade Controls Officer Grade	General and Common Grades	<b>Total</b>
Shenzhen Bay Port	+47	+487	+12	-	<b>+546</b>
Sheung Shui to Lok Ma Chau Spur Line	+10	+74	-	-	<b>+84</b>
Hong Kong International Airport:					
- Asia Airfreight Terminal 2	+7	+15	-	-	<b>+22</b>
- Improving air cargo clearance services	+8	+7	-	-	<b>+15</b>
- SkyPlaza	-	+9	-	-	<b>+9</b>
Implementation of efficiency measures	-5	-27	-12	-11	<b>-55</b>
<b>Total number of posts created/deleted:</b>	<b>+67</b>	<b>+565</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-11</b>	<b>+621</b>

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**SB121**

Question Serial No.

1431

Head : 31 Customs and Excise Department      Subhead (No. & title) : 103 Rewards and Special Services

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Customs and Excise

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

In 2005-06, what are the respective numbers of cases and persons granted with rewards and special services payments and the number of rewards and special services payments made as well as the actual expenditures involved?

Asked by : Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply : There were 39 reward payments made in 2005-2006 (up to 4 March 2006). The total expenditure on rewards and special services during that period, including payment of reward money as well as expenses for covert operations is \$7.3 million. It would not be appropriate to reveal the expenditure details under this subhead because the disclosure of such information would compromise the operational effectiveness of investigations.

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**SB122**

Question Serial No.

1432

Head : 31 Customs and Excise Department      Subhead (No. & title) : 103 Rewards and Special Services

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Customs and Excise

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Please list out the cases involving the offer of rewards for the arrest of offenders and their respective amounts, the actual expenditures involved, the actual number of payments made, and the number of recipients of such rewards in 2005-06.

Asked by : Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply : The Department did not offer any rewards for the arrest of offenders in 2005-2006.

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**SB123**

Question Serial No.

1433

Head : 31 Customs and Excise Department      Subhead (No. & title) : 103 Rewards and Special Services

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Customs and Excise

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

What are the expenditures on the procurement and maintenance of equipment under Subhead 103 in 2005-06?

Asked by : Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply : The total expenditure of rewards and special services in 2005-2006 (up to 4 March 2006) is \$7.3 million. It would not be appropriate to reveal the expenditure details under this subhead because the disclosure of such information would compromise the operational effectiveness of investigations.

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**SB124**

Question Serial No.

1434

Head : 31 Customs and Excise Department      Subhead (No. & title) : 103 Rewards and Special Services

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Customs and Excise

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

The estimated expenditure under Subhead 103 for 2006-07 is \$9 million. How much of the estimated expenditure will be used for rewards for the arrest of offenders? And, how much will be used for procurement and maintenance of equipment?

Asked by : Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply : Rewards are paid to informers who provide information leading to discovery of offences with seizures of offending goods and/or arrests. Special services payments are made in relation to covert operations. The two expenditure items are within the same subhead, and funds are transferable between them if necessary. It would not be appropriate to reveal the expenditure details under this subhead because the disclosure would compromise the operational effectiveness of investigations.

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**SB125**

Question Serial No.

1435

Head : 31 Customs and Excise Department      Subhead (No. & title) : 103 Rewards and Special Services

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Customs and Excise

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

The estimated expenditure under subhead 103 for 2006-07 is \$9 million. How much of the estimated expenditure will be earmarked for the suppression of serious crimes and the protection of intellectual property rights? Please give the breakdown figures.

Asked by : Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply : The expenditure under this subhead will be used for combating Customs-related offences. There is no specific allocation to different types of such offences. It would also not be appropriate to reveal the expenditure details under this subhead because the disclosure would compromise the operational effectiveness of investigations.

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**SB126**

Question Serial No.

1437

Head : 31 Customs and Excise Department      Subhead (No. & title) : 103 Rewards and Special Services

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Customs and Excise

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Please list the ranks of officers who carried out surprise checks on the above subhead in 2005-06, as well as the number of checks. During the period, how many abnormal cases were found on the accounts?

Asked by : Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply : Periodic surprise inspections of expenses under Subhead 103 Rewards and Special Services are carried out by officers at and above the Assistant Commissioner level. The Director of Audit and the Internal Audit Division of the department also carry out audits on expenditure under the subhead.

Twenty inspections were conducted in 2005-06. No irregularities were found.

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**SB127**

Question Serial No.

1438

Head : 31 Customs and Excise Department      Subhead (No. & title) : 103 Rewards and Special Services

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Customs and Excise

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

For the expenditures under this subhead, please provide this Committee with the following information:

- a) the amount of expenditure involved in 2005-06 for the payment for provision of useful information from overseas for investigation purpose and the overseas places involved;
- b) the amount of expenditure involved in 2005-06 for the payment for provision of useful information locally for investigation purpose.
- c) Regarding the proposed provision for 2006-07, what is the amount of expenditure estimated for the payment for provision of useful information for investigation purpose from overseas?

Asked by : Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply : (a), (b) and (c) Expenditure under Subhead 103 "Rewards and Special Services" includes payments of rewards, special services and operational expenses incurred in covert operations, including anti-narcotics, anti-illicit fuel and cigarettes, and anti-piracy operations. The actual expenditure under this subhead in 2005-06 (up to 4 March 2006) is \$7.3 million. It would not be appropriate to reveal the expenditure details under this subhead because the disclosure of such information would compromise the operational effectiveness of investigations.

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SB128

Head : 35 Government Secretariat: Beijing Office

Question Serial No.

Subhead (No. & title) :

0820

Programme : (2) HKSAR Immigration-related Matters

Controlling Officer : Director, Beijing Office

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

A total of 297 and 331 requests for assistance from Hong Kong residents were received in 2004 and 2005 respectively. Please list the provinces in which the assistance seekers ran into distress or made the assistance requests and the nature of these cases.

Asked by : Hon. MA Lik

Reply :

In 2004, the Beijing Office received 297 requests for assistance from Hong Kong residents in distress in the Mainland. Of these, 82 cases involved the loss of travel documents or monies, and 126 cases were from persons who were in danger, involved in traffic accidents, injured or whose relatives had passed away in the Mainland, etc. The remaining 89 cases involved the detention of Hong Kong residents in the Mainland. Breakdown of places in which the assistance seekers made the requests is as follows:-

- (i) 82 cases involving the loss of travel documents or monies: Beijing (73), Zhejiang (3), Guangdong (2), Shanghai (1), Tianjin (1), Shandong (1) and Tibet Autonomous Region (1);
- (ii) 126 cases from persons in danger, involved in traffic accidents, injured or whose relatives had passed away: Guangdong (41), Beijing (37), Tibet Autonomous Region (8), Zhejiang (6), Fujian (5), Shandong (4), Shanghai (4), Sichuan (4), Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region (3), Tianjin (3), Chongqing (2), Hunan (2), Hainan (1), Heilongjiang (1), Hubei (1), Jiangsu (1), Jiangxi (1), Qinghai (1) and Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region(1);
- (iii) 89 cases involving detention: Guangdong (55), Beijing (8), Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region (4), Fujian (3), Hebei (3), Hubei (2), Hunan (2), Shandong (2), Shanghai (2), Sichuan (2), Yunnan (2), Hainan (1), Henan(1), Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region (1) and Zhejiang (1);

In 2005, the Beijing Office received 331 requests for assistance from Hong Kong residents in distress in the Mainland. Of these, 82 cases involved the loss of travel documents or monies, and 163 cases were from persons who were in danger, involved in traffic accidents, injured or whose relatives had passed away in the Mainland, etc. The remaining 86 cases involved the detention of Hong Kong residents in the Mainland. Breakdown of places in which the assistance seekers made the requests is as follows:-

- (i) 82 cases involving the loss of travel documents or monies: Beijing (66), Shanghai (5), Tibet Autonomous Region (3), Jilin (2), Guangdong (1), Shannxi (1), Chongqing (1), Jiangxi(1), Tianjin (1), and Shandong (1);
- (ii) 163 cases from persons in danger, involved in traffic accidents, injured or whose relatives had passed away: Guangdong (46), Beijing (36), Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region (21), Shanghai (13), Tibet Autonomous Region (8), Hunan (5), Hebei (4), Jiangxi (4), Shandong (3), Yunan (3), Zhejiang (2), Jiangsu (2), Tianjin (2), Shaanxi (2), Jilin (2), Anhui (1), Chongqing (1), Fujian (1), Hainan (1), Heilongjiang (1), Hubei (1), Liaoning (1), Qinghai (1), Shanxi (1) and Sichuan (1);
- (iii) 86 cases involving detention: Guangdong (42), Beijing (7), Shanghai (6), Fujian (5), Zhejiang (4), Tianjin (3), Guizhou (3), Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region (2), Hunan (2), Shanxi (2), Heilongjiang (2), Jiangsu (1), Anhui (1), Qinghai (1), Sichuan (1), Jiangxi (1), Shaanxi (1), Henan (1), and Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region (1).

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SB129

Head : 35 Government Secretariat: Beijing Office

Question Serial No.

Subhead (No. & title) :

0828

Programme : (2) HKSAR Immigration-related Matters

Controlling Officer : Director, Beijing Office

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

In 2005, the Beijing Office received 82 requests for assistance from Hong Kong residents in the Mainland involving the loss of travel documents or monies. Please state the number of people and the places involved in each of these 82 cases.

Asked by : Hon. LI Fung-ying

Reply :

The 82 requests for assistance from Hong Kong residents in the Mainland involved 82 persons. The breakdown of places involved is as follows:-

Beijing (66), Shanghai (5), Tibet Autonomous Region (3), Jilin (2), Guangdong (1), Shaanxi (1), Chongqing (1), Jiangxi (1), Tianjin (1) and Shandong (1).

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SB130

Head : 35 Government Secretariat: Beijing Office

Question Serial No.

Subhead (No. & title) :

0829

Programme : (2) HKSAR Immigration-related Matters

Controlling Officer : Director, Beijing Office

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

In 2005, the Beijing Office received a total of 163 requests for assistance from Hong Kong residents in danger, involved in traffic accidents, injured or whose relatives had passed away in the Mainland. Please provide a breakdown of these 163 requests by the number of cases, the number of persons and the places involved under the categories of "In danger", "Involved in traffic accidents", "Injured" and "Relatives passed away in the Mainland".

Asked by : Hon. LI Fung-ying

Reply :

The 163 requests for assistance from Hong Kong residents in the Mainland involved 163 persons. Breakdown on places involved under different categories are as follow:

24 cases involving Hong Kong residents in danger: Beijing (13), Hebei (3), Guangdong (3), Jiangsu (2), Yunnan (1), Shaanxi (1) and Qinghai (1);

48 cases involving traffic accidents: Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region (20), Guangdong (15), Beijing (5), Tibet Autonomous Region (5) and Hunan (3);

12 cases involving injured Hong Kong residents: Shanghai (4), Beijing (3), Guangdong (3), Hubei (1) and Hunan (1);

12 cases involving relatives passed away in the Mainland: Guangdong (5), Beijing (3), Shandong (2), Shanghai (1) and Yunnan (1);

67 other cases (e.g. requests for making enquiries or reflecting personal situation to the relevant Mainland authorities): Guangdong (20), Beijing (12), Shanghai (8), Jiangxi (4), Tibet Autonomous Region (3), Tianjin (2), Jilin (2), Zhejiang (2), Chongqing (1), Heilongjiang (1), Liaoning (1), Hebei (1), Shanxi (1), Anhui (1), Fujian (1), Shandong (1), Hunan (1), Hainan (1), Sichuan (1), Yunnan (1), Shaanxi (1) and Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region (1).

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Reply Serial No.

SB131

Head : 35 Government Secretariat: Beijing Office

Question Serial No.

Subhead (No. & title) :

0842

Programme : (2) HKSAR Immigration-related Matters

Controlling Officer : Director, Beijing Office

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Given the increasing number of Hong Kong residents living and working in the Mainland, will the Administration inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) What are the details of the expenditure items incurred under this Programme by the Beijing Office in 2005-06?
- (b) It is estimated that the Beijing Office will only handle 330 requests for assistance from Hong Kong residents in the Mainland in 2006-07, which is one short of the actual number in 2005. Will that lead to Hong Kong residents in distress failing to receive assistance in the Mainland?

Asked by : Hon. KWONG Chi-kin

Reply :

- (a) The revised estimate of expenditure under Programme (2) of the Beijing Office in 2005-06 is as follows –

	(\$'000)
Personal Emoluments	8,300
Personnel Related Expenses	300
Departmental Expenses	3,700
Other Charges	<u>200</u>
	<u>12,500</u>

- (b) It is difficult for the Beijing Office to predict the number of Hong Kong residents in distress in the Mainland who require assistance in 2006-07. The figure of 330 cases in 2006-07 was estimated on the basis of the number of requests for assistance from HK residents in distress in the Mainland handled during the past two years and taking into account the likely diversion of some of the cases to the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Guangdong (GDETO) once its new Immigration Team is in place to render assistance to Hong Kong residents in distress in the five provinces under GDETO's coverage. Notwithstanding the estimates in the controlling officer's report, the Beijing Office will endeavour to render assistance whenever it receives such requests from Hong Kong residents.

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Reply Serial No.

**SB132**

Head : 35 Government Secretariat: Beijing Office

Question Serial No.

Subhead (No. & title) :

0950

Programme : (2) HKSAR Immigration-related Matters

Controlling Officer : Director, Beijing Office

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Please provide the number of cases for which assistance was provided by the Beijing Office to Hong Kong residents in distress in the Mainland in 2004 and 2005, with breakdown by the nature of assistance sought.

Asked by : Hon. LAU Chin-shek

Reply :

The number and nature of cases for which assistance was provided by the Beijing Office to Hong Kong residents in distress in the Mainland in 2004 and 2005 are set out below:-

<b>Case Nature</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>
Loss of travel documents and monies	82 cases	82 cases
Persons in danger, involved in traffic accidents, injured or whose relatives had passed away in the Mainland	126 cases	163 cases
Persons under detention in the Mainland	89 cases	86 cases
<b>Total</b>	<b>297 cases</b>	<b>331 cases</b>

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Name in block letters      Patrick T K Nip

Post Title      Acting Director, Beijing Office

Date      10.3.2006



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Reply Serial No.

SB133

Head : 35 Government Secretariat: Beijing Office

Question Serial No.

Subhead (No. & title) :

0951

Programme : (2) HKSAR Immigration-related Matters

Controlling Officer : Director, Beijing Office

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

In respect of the 86 cases which involved HK residents under detention in 2005, please provide details of the assistance rendered by the Beijing Office to the assistance seekers. How does the Beijing Office assess its effectiveness in handling these cases?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Chin-shek

Reply :

In handling requests for assistance from Hong Kong residents under detention in the Mainland, the Beijing Office would gather details of the case from the assistance seekers and explain to them the relevant Mainland laws, regulations and procedures for criminal cases under different stages, e.g. under investigation, prosecution, trial or imprisonment, etc. The Beijing Office would also remind the assistance seekers that they may employ Mainland lawyers as their legal representatives. At the request of the assistance seekers, the Beijing Office would pass on and reflect their views and requests to the relevant Mainland authorities. It would maintain close contact with the assistance seekers and provide them with relevant information for reference (e.g. the rights and obligations of a person under detention, time limit and ways for lodging appeal and further appeals, etc.). The Security Bureau and the Beijing Office have also published booklets providing general information and guideline on applicable Mainland laws and regulations for reference by interested parties.

Generally speaking, the Beijing Office has been able to resolve satisfactorily most of the requests for practical assistance. On the whole, the Beijing Office has received positive responses from the Mainland authorities on the enquires made on detention cases. Progress has been observed in some of the cases, for example, information on the case development under different stages such as detention, trial or lodging appeals is provided, and requests for parole, parole on medical grounds or commutation of imprisonment period being granted. From its establishment in 1999 to 31 January 2006, the Beijing Office has received a total of 150 letters of appreciation, banners or metal plaques from assistance-seekers or their relatives. They reflect the public's recognition of the effectiveness of assistance rendered by the Beijing Office.

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Post Title      Acting Director, Beijing Office

Date      10.3.2006

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SB134

Question Serial No.

1848

Head : 35 Government Secretariat : Subhead (No. & title) :  
Beijing Office

Programme : (2) HKSAR Immigration-related Matters

Controlling Officer : Director, Beijing Office

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Regarding the estimate under Programme (2) for 2006-07 being \$0.7 million higher than the revised estimate for 2005-06 mainly as a result of the provision required to pay one-off allowances for staff posted to and from the Beijing Office, will the Administration advise whether this allowance item is an existing one? If so, please explain the causes for the increased expenditure? If not, why has the Administration added this new allowance item?

Asked by : Hon. TAM Heung-man

Reply :

The provision for 2006-07 is \$0.7 million higher than the revised estimate for 2005-06. This is mainly because the tours of duty of four officers under Programme (2) will expire in 2006-07. Current Government arrangements are that allowances are payable to officers upon posting outside Hong Kong and on return to Hong Kong on completion of posting. These allowances mainly include subsistence allowance before taking up rented accommodation on commencement of posting and before returning to Hong Kong at the end of posting. In addition, disturbance allowance is payable to cover incidental expenses officers may incur arising from posting outside Hong Kong and changes in living environment. We also need to provide passage allowance to these officers for returning to Hong Kong on completion of posting and to succeeding officers for reporting for duty at Beijing.

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Date	10.3.2006

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SB135

Question Serial No.

0755

Head : 121 Independent Police Complaints Council

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : Police Complaints Administration

Controlling Officer : Secretary, Independent Police Complaints Council

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

- (a) Please provide the number of complaints classified as substantiated after review by the Independent Police Complaints Council (IPCC) in 2005 and the number of police officers involved.
- (b) Please provide the number of complaints in respect of which the IPCC disagreed with the classifications by the Complaints Against Police Office after review in 2005, and the follow-up actions taken by the IPCC on these complaints.
- (c) Regarding the complaints reviewed in 2005, on how many occasions did the IPCC comment on the disciplinary actions or warnings given to police officers for their misconduct? On how many occasions were these comments accepted by the Police? On how many occasions were they not accepted and no follow-up actions were taken after explanation or clarification? On how many occasions did recommendations have to be made to the Commissioner of Police or the Chief Executive?

Asked by : Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply :

- (a) Among the 2 828 cases endorsed by the Independent Police Complaints Council (IPCC) in 2005, 116 (involving 153 allegations) were found to be substantiated. These cases involved 181 police officers.
- (b) In examining the complaints investigation reports submitted by the Complaints Against Police Office (CAPO), the IPCC may propose to CAPO to re-classify the investigation results depending on the evidence available. In 2005, the IPCC raised 93 queries of this kind with CAPO. As a result of these queries, 64 investigation results were changed subsequently. All the investigation results concluded by CAPO in the year were endorsed by the IPCC after its review and in the light of the amendments, explanations and clarifications by CAPO.

- (c) The imposition of disciplinary action and warning on police officers is the prerogative of the Commissioner of Police. The IPCC may, however, comment on whether the level of the disciplinary action or warning is commensurate with the gravity of the misconduct. The IPCC made 18 such comments in 2005. Of these, 14 (77.8%) were accepted by the Police and 4 (22.2%) were satisfactorily explained/followed-up by the Police. The IPCC had no further question about the disciplinary action or warning imposed on police officers after explanation or clarification was furnished by the Police, and made no suggestion in this regard to the Commissioner of Police or the Chief Executive in 2005.

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Name in block letters MRS BRENDA FUNG

Post Title Secretary, Independent  
Police Complaints Council

Date 10 March 2006

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SB136

Question Serial No.

0756

Head : 121 Independent Police Complaints Council

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : Police Complaints Administration

Controlling Officer : Secretary, Independent Police Complaints Council

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Please provide:

- (a) the establishment and strength of the Secretariat of the Independent Police Complaints Council in 2005-06 and the estimated figures for 2006-07; and
- (b) the number of observers, resources involved and the numbers of observations and complaint cases involved in 2005-06 and the estimated figures for 2006-07.

Asked by : Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply :

- (a) The establishment and strength position of the Secretariat of the Independent Police Complaints Council (IPCC) for 2005-06 and 2006-07 are as follows:-

	<u>2005-06</u>	<u>2006-07</u>
Establishment	22	22
Strength (as at 31 March)	22	22

- (b) The number of IPCC Observers in 2005-06 (as at 3 March 2006) was 91 (comprising 19 IPCC Members and 72 Lay Observers). The resources required for the IPCC Observers Scheme are mainly in the form of travelling allowance payable to the Lay Observers. In 2005-06 (up to 3 March 2006), about \$42,300 was paid to the Lay Observers as travelling allowance.

In 2005, 327 observations involving 243 complaint cases were conducted by the Observers.

The estimated number of Observers in 2006-07 is not available as serving Lay Observers may retire while additional Lay Observers may be appointed by the Secretary for Security during the year. Expenditure on travelling allowance to be incurred in 2006-07 would depend on the number of observations made, and the rate of travelling allowance payable to Lay Observers. The current rate of the allowance is \$173 for each visit.

It is estimated that the number of observations and complaint cases involved in 2006 would be similar to that for 2005.

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Date 10 March 2006

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Reply Serial No.

SB137

Question Serial No.

0883

Head : 121 Independent Police Complaints Council

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : Police Complaints Administration

Controlling Officer : Secretary, Independent Police Complaints Council

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

With the establishment remaining unchanged, the complaint cases registered by the Complaints Against Police Office (CAPO), complaint cases received by the Independent Police Complaints Council (IPCC) from CAPO and complaint cases endorsed by IPCC and returned to CAPO are expected to increase in 2006-07. As such, what measures are in place to ensure the quality of complaints administration.

Asked by : Hon. LEONG Kah-kit, Alan

Reply :

The number of complaint investigation reports submitted by the Complaints Against Police Office (CAPO) to the Independent Police Complaints Council (IPCC) for scrutiny in 2004 and 2005 were 3 281 and 2 983 respectively. It is expected that the number of complaints investigation reports received by the IPCC from CAPO in 2006 would be around 3 000. Barring a sudden sharp increase in the number of complaint cases, the existing staffing of the IPCC Secretariat should be sufficient to provide support to the IPCC for thorough and efficient examination of complaint investigation reports submitted by CAPO.

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Reply Serial No.

**SB138**

Question Serial No.

2087

Head : 121 Independent Police Complaints Council

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : Police Complaints Administration

Controlling Officer : Secretary, Independent Police Complaints Council

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Will the curtailment of financial provision affect the service standard of the Independent Police Complaints Council (IPCC) and prolong the processing time of complaints?

Asked by : Hon. TAM Heung-man

Reply :

The amount of provision sought for 2006-07 is \$0.6 million or 4.5% lower than the revised estimate for 2005-06. This is mainly due to the lapse of supernumerary posts created to accommodate officers on pre-retirement leave, partly offset by an increase in operating expenses. There is no decrease in the level of resources, both in terms of manpower and operating expenditure, for the IPCC to discharge its function in monitoring the handling of complaints against the Police. The decrease in provision would not adversely affect the quality of service currently provided by the IPCC.

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Name in block letters MRS BRENDA FUNG

Post Title Secretary, Independent  
Police Complaints Council

Date 10 March 2006



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Reply Serial No.

**SB139**

Question Serial No.

0057

Head: 23 - Auxiliary Medical Service

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: Auxiliary Medical Service

Controlling Officer: Chief Staff Officer, Auxiliary Medical Service

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

It is known that the Government is planning to let the Auxiliary Medical Service (AMS) take over from the Fire Services Department the service of transfer of patients between hospitals of the Hospital Authority. Please give a detailed description of the plan and inform this Committee whether the 2006-07 estimates of expenditure of AMS will be affected.

Asked by: Hon. TAM Heung-man

Reply:

The Fire Services Department (FSD) currently provides two types of ambulance service for the Hospital Authority (HA), namely "Priority One" calls and "Priority Two" calls. The former involves transfers of patients with extreme urgency from a hospital or medical institution to an acute hospital for emergency treatment or examination without delay. FSD treats these "Priority One" calls as emergency ambulance service (EAS) calls. According to FSD's performance pledge, 92.5% of such calls should be responded to within 12 minutes. As regards "Priority Two" calls, they are termed as "Urgent Calls" by FSD. According to the definition of HA, these calls are less urgent as compared with "Priority One" calls. Ambulance staff is required to transfer patients from a hospital or medical institution to another hospital or medical institution for medical treatment or examination.

We understand that for some cases of "Priority Two" calls, the patients may not need to be handled by professionally trained personnel like the ambulance staff of FSD. Therefore, the Security Bureau, FSD, HA and the Auxiliary Medical Service (AMS) are carrying out discussions about whether some of the "Priority Two" calls can be triaged and handled by AMS based on the assessment of medical personnel. This could enable FSD's ambulance staff to focus on EAS calls that need their expertise, and hence improve the service for those who are in genuine need of EAS. As the above proposal for adjusting the mode of service delivery of "Priority Two" calls is still under study, estimates of the expenditure involved are not available at this stage.

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**CHAN YIU WING**

Post Title \_\_\_\_\_

Chief Staff Officer, Auxiliary Medical Service

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Reply Serial No.

**SB141**

Question Serial No.

0824

Head: 23 - Auxiliary Medical Service

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: Auxiliary Medical Service

Controlling Officer: Chief Staff Officer, Auxiliary Medical Service

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

20 methadone clinics which provide medical service to an average of 6 794 patients daily are manned by the Auxiliary Medical Service for the Department of Health. In this respect, will the Government provide information on the number, ranks, duties and nature of employment of the employees working in the above-mentioned clinics?

Asked by: Hon. LI Fung-ying

Reply:

The Auxiliary Medical Service currently deploys a total of 130 members to work in 20 methadone clinics daily. Different number (ranging from 3 to 7) of members work shift at these clinics according to the operational need of individual clinics. Their duties include patient registration, collecting samples, dispensing, general nursing, assisting doctors in consultation, clerical support, accounting, management of methadone and promotion of health education, etc.

Those deployed to work in methadone clinics are AMS's voluntary members. They rank from Grade I Officers, Grade II Officers and Grade III Officers.

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**CHAN YIU WING**

Post Title \_\_\_\_\_

**Chief Staff Officer, Auxiliary Medical Service**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Reply Serial No.

**SB142**

Question Serial No.

0856

Head: 23 - Auxiliary Medical Service

Subhead(No. & title): 000 Operational expenses

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Chief Staff Officer, Auxiliary Medical Service

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Regarding the proposed deletion of two permanent posts in 2006-07, please provide detailed information and the estimated savings in expenditure.

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Yiu-chung

Reply:

In 2006-07, the Auxiliary Medical Service will delete 2 permanent posts which include 1 Artisan post and 1 Workman II post. The estimated savings in expenditure are \$0.25 million.

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Name in block letters \_\_\_\_\_ **CHAN YIU WING** \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title \_\_\_\_\_ **Chief Staff Officer, Auxiliary Medical Service** \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ **9 March 2006** \_\_\_\_\_

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Reply Serial No.

**SB143**

Question Serial No.

0115

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

Programme : (6) Treatment of Drug Abusers

Controlling Officer : Director of Health

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

During 2006-07, the Administration starts subventing a treatment and rehabilitation centre for adult females. Please inform this Council of -

- (a) the estimated expenditure involved and the details of the subvention plan;
- (b) the location and the scope of service of the centre; and
- (c) whether the Administration has set any indicators to review the effectiveness of the subvention plan.

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Yuen-han

Reply :

- (a) The Society for the Aid and Rehabilitation of Drug Abusers (SARDA) has been operating a treatment and rehabilitation centre for adult females (the Centre) since 1997. Its current funding from the Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust will cease in 2006-07. The Government will increase the subvention for SARDA in 2006-07 by \$3.3M to cover the operating cost of the Centre.
- (b) The Centre is located at Sun Chui Estate in Shatin with a bed capacity of 24. It is the only centre in Hong Kong that services female drug abusers aged 25 and above and allows children aged under five to stay with their mothers who are under rehabilitation in the Centre.

The Centre runs a three to six month voluntary residential treatment and rehabilitation programme for adult female drug abusers who have completed detoxification in other centres. It also offers short-term rehabilitation to female methadone patients who are maintained on low dosage and are desirous of completing detoxification in a residential setting. On completion of the rehabilitation programme, there is a one-year aftercare service.

- (c) The planned performance indicators for the Centre in 2006 are 8 000 occupied bed-days and 90 admissions. The target completion rate of in-patient treatment and rehabilitation courses is 60%.

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Post Title Director of Health

Date 9 March 2006

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Reply Serial No.

**SB144**

Question Serial No.

1066

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

Programme : (6) Treatment of Drug Abusers

Controlling Officer : Director of Health

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

The financial provision for the subvented sector is estimated to be increased by 5.7% to \$86.7M for 2006-07. In this regard, please inform this Council of (a) the names of the subvented organisations and their respective amounts allocated and increases in provision; and (b) whether the Administration has assessed the effectiveness of services provided by its methadone clinics and various subvented voluntary organisations in facilitating detoxification? If yes, please elaborate by listing relevant indicators such as the success rate of detoxification; if not, what is/are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

The subvention to various subvented organisations for 2005-06 and 2006-07 is as follows -

<u>Subvented Organisation</u>	<u>2005-06 Revised Estimate</u> \$M	<u>2006-07 Estimate</u> \$M	<u>Difference</u> \$M
Society for the Aid and Rehabilitation of Drug Abusers	72.2	76.7	+4.5
Caritas Hong Kong	4.6	4.7	+0.1
Hong Kong Christian Service	5.2	5.3	+0.1

The increased provision is mainly for subventing a treatment and rehabilitation centre for adult females.

The Department has been closely monitoring the performance and effectiveness of the methadone clinic service and subvented residential treatment and rehabilitation programmes. The key performance measures are -

***Targets***

	<u>Target</u>
average attendance rate of patients registered with methadone clinics	70%
completion rate of the in-patient treatment courses	
- detoxification	70%
- rehabilitation	60%

***Indicators***

	<u>2006 (Estimate)</u>
patients registered with methadone clinics	9 150
average daily attendances at methadone clinics	6 800
patients admitted for residential treatment	2 100
bed-days occupied at residential treatment and rehabilitation centres	113 000

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Post Title Director of Health

Date 9 March 2006



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**SB145**

Question Serial No.

1352

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

Programme : (6) Treatment of Drug Abusers

Controlling Officer : Director of Health

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

During 2006-07, the Department of Health starts subventing a treatment and rehabilitation centre for adult females. What are the details and the estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Yiu-chung

Reply :

The Society for the Aid and Rehabilitation of Drug Abusers (SARDA) has been operating a treatment and rehabilitation centre for adult females (the Centre) since 1997. Its current funding from the Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust will cease in 2006-07. The Government will increase the subvention for SARDA in 2006-07 by \$3.3M to cover the operating cost of the Centre.

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Post Title      Director of Health

Date      9 March 2006

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**SB146**

Question Serial No.

1353

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

Programme : (6) Treatment of Drug Abusers

Controlling Officer : Director of Health

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

What were the respective numbers of male and female drug abusers being provided with voluntary treatment by the Department of Health in 2005-06 and what was the expenditure involved? In 2006-07, how many voluntary treatment places will be provided by the Department of Health to male and female drug abusers respectively and what is the estimated expenditure?

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Yiu-chung

Reply :

Voluntary treatment services to drug abusers are provided through methadone clinics and subvented residential treatment and rehabilitation programmes. The revised estimate for 2005-06 is \$116.3M and the estimate for 2006-07 is \$120.2M.

The average daily attendances at methadone clinics in 2005 were 6 800 (6 100 males and 700 females). It is estimated that these attendance rates will be about the same in 2006.

The capacity and admission figures for subvented residential programmes are –

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
<b><u>Capacity (places)</u></b>			
<u>Year 2005</u>			
The Society for the Aid and Rehabilitation of Drug Abusers (3 centres)	378	336	42
Caritas - Hong Kong (1 centre)	20	20	-
Hong Kong Christian Service (1 centre)	<u>20</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>-</u>
Total :	<u>418</u>	<u>376</u>	<u>42</u>
 <u>Year 2006 (Estimate)</u>			
The Society for the Aid and Rehabilitation of Drug Abusers (4 centres)	402	336	66
Caritas - Hong Kong (1 centre)	20	20	-
Hong Kong Christian Service (1 centre)	<u>20</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>-</u>
Total :	<u>442</u>	<u>376</u>	<u>66</u>

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
<b><u>Admissions</u></b>			
<u>Year 2005</u>			
The Society for the Aid and Rehabilitation of Drug Abusers ( <i>3 centres</i> )	1 830	1 675	155
Caritas - Hong Kong ( <i>1 centre</i> )	100	100	-
Hong Kong Christian Service ( <i>1 centre</i> )	<u>70</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>-</u>
Total :	<u>2 000</u>	<u>1 845</u>	<u>155</u>
<u>Year 2006 (Estimate)</u>			
The Society for the Aid and Rehabilitation of Drug Abusers ( <i>4 centres</i> )	1 920	1 675	245
Caritas - Hong Kong ( <i>1 centre</i> )	110	110	-
Hong Kong Christian Service ( <i>1 centre</i> )	<u>70</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>-</u>
Total :	<u>2 100</u>	<u>1 855</u>	<u>245</u>

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Post Title \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Health

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 9 March 2006

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Reply Serial No.

**SB147**

Question Serial No.

0855

Head: 27 - Civil Aid Service

Subhead (No. & title): 000 Operational expenses

Programme : Civil Aid Service

Controlling Officer : Chief Staff Officer, Civil Aid Service

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

What are the details regarding the deletion of two permanent posts in 2006-07 and the amount of savings arising from this?

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Yiu-chung

Reply :

Two permanent posts comprising one Clerical Officer and one Foreman will be deleted upon retirement of the incumbents in 2006-07. The total amount of savings arising from the deletion of these posts is about \$0.44M.

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Name in block letters ROBERT M K CHAN

Post Title Chief Staff Officer, Civil Aid Service

Date 8 March 2006

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Head: 28 Civil Aviation Department

Subhead:

Programme: (2) Airport Standards

Controlling Officer: Director-General of Civil Aviation

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

On Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2006-07, the Department will implement aviation security quality control programme and develop training programme. Please tell this Council:

- (a) the contents of the aviation security quality control programme, the manpower and expenditure involved, the target participants and the results expected to be achieved.
- (b) the contents of the training programme, the manpower and expenditure involved, the target participants and the results expected to be achieved.

Asked by: Hon. KWONG Chi-kin

Reply:

- (a) To comply with the aviation security requirements promulgated by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), the Aviation Security Authority (ASA) (i.e. the Secretary for Security) has drawn up the Hong Kong Aviation Security Programme (HKASP) for the purpose of safeguarding aviation operations against acts of unlawful interference. To strengthen monitoring of compliance with the requirements of the HKASP by the stakeholders such as airport operator, aircraft operators, aviation security services providers, regulated agents for air cargo and aviation support services operators, the ASA has incorporated the Hong Kong Aviation Security Quality Control Programme (HKASQCP) into the HKASP. The HKASQCP sets out the roles and responsibilities of the ASA and the Director-General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) in the quality control programme. These include coordinating and conducting surveys, inspections, tests, audits of the security measures implemented by the stakeholders. The HKASQCP is administrated by existing staff in the Civil Aviation Department (CAD) and no additional resources will be required. Through the implementation of the HKASQCP, CAD can identify deficiencies in response to evolving security requirements and effect appropriate corrective actions to ensure the HKASP is effectively implemented. The implementation of the HKASQCP also encourages the aviation industry to develop and maintain similar quality control systems.
- (b) Appropriate training for personnel of all organizations (e.g. airport operator, aircraft operators, aviation security services providers, regulated agents for air cargo and aviation support services operators) involved with or responsible for the implementation of various aspects of the HKASP is vital. In line with the latest requirements of ICAO, DGCA will draw up a training programme setting out the aviation security training standards and requirements for such personnel. The drawing up of the training programme will be undertaken by existing CAD staff and no additional resources will be required.

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Name in block letters \_\_\_\_\_ NORMAN LO \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title \_\_\_\_\_ Director-General of Civil Aviation \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 10.3.2006 \_\_\_\_\_

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Reply Serial No.

**SB149**

Question Serial No.

0060

Head : 48 Government Laboratory

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (3) Forensic Science Service

Controlling Officer : Government Chemist

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

As four posts will be deleted for efficiency savings, please advise this Committee how to ensure that the efficiency and quality of work of other staff will not be affected as a result.

Asked by : Hon. TAM Heung-man

Reply :

Four posts (which comprise three Science Laboratory Technician IIs and one Laboratory Attendant) will be deleted in 2006-07 for efficiency savings. These posts provide technical support and general cleaning support in forensic science service respectively. The efficiency and quality of work will be maintained through acquisition of advanced equipment, increasing use of automation, revision of work procedures, improvement of analytical methods, and redeployment of staff.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block letters Dr T L TING

Post Title Government Chemist

Date 7 March 2006