

**Replies to initial written questions raised by Finance Committee Members  
in examining the Estimates of Expenditure 2007-08**

**Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security  
Session No. : 2**

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Reply Serial No.

**SB001**

Question Serial No.

0886

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 is the progress of the work on providing a statutory basis for the Independent Police Complaints Council? What is the work expected to be completed?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

We briefed the Legislative Council Panel on Security on the main legislative proposals to establish the Independent Police Complaints Council (IPCC) as a statutory body in June 2006. We are actively drafting the bill and intend to submit it to the Legislative Council within the current legislative session.

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Post Title Permanent Secretary for Security

Date March 2007

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Reply Serial No.

SB002

Question Serial No.

0887

Head: 151 Government Secretariat : Security Subhead (No. & title):  
Bureau  
Programme: (2) Internal Security  
Controlling Permanent Secretary for Security  
Officer:  
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

The provision for 2007-08 is HK\$6.6 million higher than the revised estimate for 2006-07 for reasons including the creation of two posts to deal with anti-money laundering matters. With respect to this, please advise on the details of the two posts. What is the content of the plan on combating the above offence? What is the number of cases successfully detected and what is the amount involved in the past year?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

For many years, in order to combat money laundering and terrorist financing, we have adopted a “five-pronged” strategy, namely legislation, law enforcement, monitoring by financial regulators, publicity and education, and international cooperation, in building up a robust anti-money laundering regime. We will continue to enhance our anti-money laundering measures to tie in with the latest international standards. In this connection, we are now seeking to implement the “Forty Recommendations” and the “Nine Special Recommendations”,<sup>Note</sup> established by the Financial Action Task

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<sup>Note</sup> The “Forty Recommendations” are formulated to combat money laundering while the “Nine Special Recommendations” are formulated to combat terrorist financing.

Force on Money Laundering (FATF). Requirements that can be implemented by administrative means have been implemented through the issue of administrative guidelines by financial regulators. As for the requirements that have to be implemented by legislative means, detailed examination and wide public consultation are required before the drafting of the relevant legislation since the financial sector and five non-financial sectors (lawyers, accountants, real estate agents, dealers of precious metals/stones as well as trust and company service providers) will be affected.

The FATF adopts a “Mutual Evaluation” mechanism that makes use of pressure among members to monitor progress made by members in implementing the “40+9” Recommendations. Since Hong Kong will be subject to “Mutual Evaluation” by the FATF in the latter half of 2007, we have to provide lots of information and respond to more than 200 questions. The FATF will then send a team of experts comprises representatives from other member jurisdictions to Hong Kong to conduct an on-site examination of the operation of the anti-money laundering regime in Hong Kong. The team of experts will review the system in Hong Kong according to a set of specific criteria. Afterwards, it will prepare and submit a detailed report to the Plenary meeting for deliberation in June 2008. We will submit legislative proposal to implement the “40+9” Recommendations to the Legislative Council for consideration after we have considered and adopted the recommendations in the “Mutual Evaluation” report.

There is only one Senior Administrative Officer (SAO) in the Narcotics Division of the Security Bureau taking up the work of combating money laundering and terrorist financing. The SAO, assisted by a Superintendent of Police and an Executive Officer I, has to handle anti-drug publicity and preventive education work as well. It is impossible for the present level of manpower to handle such work efficiently and effectively for the following reasons: the policy area of the FATF is expanding; the money laundering and terrorist financing methods and trends are constantly changing; the implementation of the FATF Recommendations requires lots of consultation and legislative work; and preparation for the “Mutual Evaluation” involves huge amount of positioning, report drafting, coordinating, overall planning and lobbying work. Therefore, an additional provision of about HK\$1.86 m will be allocated in 2007-08 for the creation of two SAO posts so that the above work can be carried out effectively.

In 2006, the local law enforcement agencies secured convictions of 90 persons for money laundering. The penalties imposed ranged from a minimum community service order of 80 hours to a maximum 9 years' imprisonment. In addition, the High Court issued several decrees in the same year to freeze and confiscate assets worth about HK\$50 m and HK\$26 m in total respectively.

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Reply Serial No.

**SB003**

Question Serial No.

0527

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 2007-08, the Administration will continue to work on the draft legislation to provide a statutory basis for the Independent Police Complaints Council (IPCC). Please specify the relevant work plan and the expenditure involved. Has the Administration carried out any study on delinking the IPCC from the Government? What is the expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply :

The Independent Police Complaints Council (IPCC) is an independent body comprising non-official members from a wide spectrum of the community. The legislation being drafted is to establish the IPCC as a statutory body and to specify its role, functions, powers and related matters in law, including the power to employ its own staff, so as to further enhance the transparency and credibility of the police complaints system. We are currently actively drafting the bill and hope to be able to submit it to the Legislative Council within the current legislative session. The cost involved in the drafting exercise and related study is met by the financial provision under the programme of Internal Security of the Security Bureau. We do not maintain a detailed breakdown in this respect.

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**SB004**

Question Serial No.

2180

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 2007-08, the Bureau will continue to work on the draft legislation to provide a statutory basis for the Independent Police Complaints Council. Please advise on the expenditure involved, the details of the work and its estimated completion date. Will consideration be given to providing additional resources for the early completion of the work? If yes, what are the resources involved?

Asked by : Hon. NG Margaret

Reply :

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**SB005**

Question Serial No.

1011

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 :

As mentioned, during 2007-08, the department will ensure the timely commissioning of the Shenzhen Bay Control Point. What is the respective schedule and how much resource has been allocated in 2007-08?

Asked by : Hon. YOUNG Howard

Reply :

Regarding the commissioning date of the Shenzhen Bay Control Point, the Hong Kong and Guangdong sides agreed at the Ninth Plenary Session of the Hong Kong/Guangdong Cooperation Joint Conference held in August 2006 to make the best efforts to commission the control point before 1 July 2007. Both Hong Kong and Shenzhen are striving to meet this target according to schedule.

To tie in with the commissioning of the Shenzhen Bay Control Point and the Hong Kong-Shenzhen Western Corridor Deep Bay Link, the resources currently budgeted for in the Heads of Expenditure of the relevant departments under the Security Bureau in 2007-08 are as follows:

Department	Personal Emolument (\$million)	Number of Newly-added Posts	Other Operating Costs (\$million)	Total (\$million)
Customs and Excise Department	133.957	561	102.656	236.613
Immigration Department	89.300	325	82.956	172.256
Police Force	22.848	106	4.989	27.837
Fire Services Department	5.648	22	1.715	7.363
<b>Total</b>	<b>251.753</b>	<b>1 014</b>	<b>192.316</b>	<b>444.069</b>

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Reply Serial No.

**SB006**

Question Serial No.

1012

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 :

As mentioned, during 2007-08, the department will ensure the operational readiness of frontline departments for the Lok Ma Chau Spur Line Control Point. What is the progress so far and how much resources has been allocated in 2007-08?

Asked by : Hon. YOUNG Howard

Reply :

The relevant departments under the Security Bureau (i.e. the Immigration Department (ImmD), Customs and Excise Department (C&E D) and Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF)) are now installing clearance facilities at the Lok Ma Chau (LMC) Spur Line Control Point. The acceptance procedures and tests are expected to complete by April 2007. Recruitment and training of staff have also been completed progressively. The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government will continue to keep close contact with the Shenzhen Municipal Government on matters relating to the new control point with a view to ensuring its smooth commissioning.

To tie in with the commissioning of the LMC Spur Line Control Point, the resources currently budgeted for in the Heads of Expenditure of the relevant departments under the Security Bureau in 2007-08 are as follows:

Department	Personal Emolument (\$million)	Number of Newly-created Posts	Other Operating Costs (\$million)	Total (\$million)
C&E D	21.013	84	2.261	23.274
ImmD	60.589	213	21.724	82.313
HKPF	15.066	62	0.929	15.995
<b>Total</b>	<b>96.668</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>24.914</b>	<b>121.582</b>

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Reply Serial No.

**SB007**

Question Serial No.

2435

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:

As the Government will enhance the volunteers' operational efficiency in ambulance services in 2007-08, please provide information on the expenditure involved and details of the job in this aspect.

Asked by: Hon. NG Margaret

Reply:

“To enhance the volunteers' operational efficiency in ambulance services” is one of the emphases of general regular training this year. The training includes taking care of and transfer of ambulance patients. Such training hours are included in the target man-hour of general regular training. As there is no increase in the overall target man-hour of general regular training this year, the training does not involve additional expenditure.

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Reply Serial No.

**SB008**

Question Serial No.

0783

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 :

Under the Indicators of this Programme, the actual number of concerted acts of indiscipline in 2006 was 17, a drastic increase of 41.6% from 12 in 2004 and 142.8% from 7 in 2005 respectively. Would the Administration advise this Committee of the reasons for such concerted acts of indiscipline and whether there are measures to prevent them from happening?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Wai-yip, Albert

Reply :

The number of concerted acts of indiscipline fluctuates from year to year. The number of such acts in the past five years is given below. No increasing or decreasing trend has been observed.

<u>2002</u> 17	<u>2003</u> 9	<u>2004</u> 12	<u>2005</u> 7	<u>2006</u> 17
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Last year, the 17 cases of concerted acts of indiscipline mainly involved collective disobedience, delaying the daily operation of institutions, conflicts among prisoners and returning food. The major reasons for such acts were disputes among prisoners, and dissatisfaction with the detention condition/treatment. All cases were swiftly controlled and resolved by staff,



and there was no need to deploy additional resources in the course of action. The Department will continue to deal with all concerted acts of indiscipline in accordance with the established response system to maintain proper order and discipline among prisoners.

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Reply Serial No.

**SB009**

Question Serial No.

0885

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 estimated expenditure and project details in 2007-08 to address the problems of overcrowding and outdated facilities in penal institutions?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

The Correctional Services Department has been implementing a series of measures and considering various ways to address the problems of outdated penal facilities and overcrowding in some of our penal institutions. The old Lai Chi Kok staff married quarters blocks have been converted into a new female institution, namely the Lai Chi Kok Correctional Institution. Opened in July 2006, the new institution provides 650 penal places, 438 for re-provisioning the Victoria Prison and 212 being additional places. The expenditure incurred is \$239.1 million. Other ongoing projects in 2007-08 include:

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CSD will continue to monitor the situation, and consider other redevelopment possibilities to address the problems of outdated facilities and overcrowding in our penal institutions. Meanwhile, the Department is carrying out upgrading works at the existing penal institutions. These works include installation of CCTV and electronic security systems, upgrading of electricity supply systems, and improvement to workshop facilities, etc. The estimated expenditure in 2007-08 is \$35 million.

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Reply Serial No.

**SB010**

Question Serial No.

2675

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 number of concerted acts of indiscipline in 2006 was 17, more than double the 7 cases in 2005. What were the details of these cases? What are the measures to review the situation and whether additional manpower is required?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

The number of concerted acts of indiscipline fluctuates from year to year. The number of such acts in the past five years is given below. No increasing or decreasing trend has been observed.

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Reply Serial No.

**SB011**

Question Serial No.

2676

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 specific projects to address the problems of overcrowding and outdated facilities in penal institutions in 2007-08? What was the outcome of past studies on these problems? What are the expected completion dates of the projects?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

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**SB012**

Question Serial No.

2677

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 measures to improve the ancillary facilities of penal institutions in 2007-08 and what is the estimated expenditure in this respect?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

In 2007-08, the Department will carry out works to improve the ancillary facilities in a number of penal institutions. These works include installation of CCTV and electronic security systems, upgrading of electricity supply systems, replacement of telephone systems, improvement to workshop facilities, and procurement of narcotics and explosives detection and identification system. The estimated expenditure in 2007-08 is \$35 million.

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**SB013**

Question Serial No.

2678

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 :

How many young prisoners joined re-integration programmes during their supervision periods in 2005-06 and 2006-07 respectively? Has the Administration conducted any studies on how to encourage more young offenders to join such programmes?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

All young prisoners satisfying the criteria below are required to undergo supervision for one year after release from prison –

- (a) serving a sentence of three months or above; and
- (b) beginning to serve sentence before the age of 21 and released before the age of 25.

In 2005 and 2006, 91 and 96 such young prisoners were put under supervision respectively. All of them were required to join re-integration programmes as part of their supervision.

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**SB014**

Question Serial No.

2679

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 details of drug addiction treatment services provided for addicted inmates in 2007-08 and what is the estimated expenditure in this respect?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

The Correctional Services Department's Drug Addiction Treatment Centre (DATC) programme is a detoxification programme which aims to wean addicts from drug dependence and restore their physical health through the application of therapeutic and rehabilitative treatment. DATC inmates are assigned work commensurate with their capabilities, skills and fitness with a view to improving their health, developing good working habits and establishing self-confidence and a sense of responsibility. Those who are medically unfit for a full work programme will receive special occupational therapy. In addition, DATC inmates will receive individual and group counselling on relapse prevention, and are subject to one year's statutory supervision upon discharge.

To further enhance the rehabilitative services for offenders in custody, including those receiving treatment in DATCs, the Department has started to implement the Risks and Needs Assessment and Management Protocol for Offenders since October 2006. The Protocol provides a scientific and evidence-based approach to custodial management and offender rehabilitation. Among other things, the Department has embarked on rehabilitative programme matching for target offenders in DATCs since January 2007. These initiatives will help strengthen the DATC inmates' determination in drug abstinence and in leading a drug-free life after discharge.

The estimated total expenditure for operating the DATC programme in 2007-08 is \$102.6 million.

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SB015

Question Serial No.

2680

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 plans to organise publicity and education activities to appeal for community acceptance of and support for rehabilitated offenders in 2007-08? What is the effectiveness of past activities in this respect?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

In 2007-08, the Correctional Services Department will launch a new round of publicity campaign to appeal for community acceptance and support for rehabilitated offenders. Major activities under planning include -

- (i) Personal Encounter with Prisoners Scheme for students;
- (ii) new TV and Radio Announcements in the Public Interest;
- (iii) new publicity posters and wall banners;
- (iv) an experience sharing forum for non-government organisations;
- (v) a symposium on employment for rehabilitated offenders;
- (vi) district-based publicity activities co-organised with District Fight Crime Committees;

- (vii) a TV variety show; and
- (viii) appointment of celebrities and public figures as Rehabilitation Ambassadors.

Since 1999, the Department has organised a series of publicity and public education activities to promote community support for offenders' reintegration. To assess the effectiveness of these publicity activities, the Department carried out two opinion surveys in 2002 and 2004 respectively. Among other things, these surveys found that the percentage of the public who considered that the publicity activities could enhance their understanding of rehabilitated offenders had increased from 43.0% in 2002 to 59.5% in 2004, and the percentage of those who considered it worthwhile for the government to conduct publicity activities to appeal for community support for rehabilitated offenders rose from 83.6% in 2002 to 91.9% in 2004.

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**SB016**

Question Serial No.

0317

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 reasons for the increase in the number of concerted acts of indiscipline from 7 in 2005 to 17 in 2006? What measures will be taken by the Administration to prevent such incidents? What will be the expenditure involved in implementing these measures?

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Yiu-chung

Reply :

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**SB017**

Question Serial No.

0318

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 2007-08, the Administration will seek long-term solutions to address the problems of overcrowding and outdated facilities in penal institutions. What are the measures to be taken and the expenditure involved ?

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Yiu-chung

Reply :

The Correctional Services Department has been implementing a series of measures and considering various ways to address the problems of outdated penal facilities and overcrowding in some of our penal institutions. The old Lai Chi Kok staff married quarters blocks have been converted into a new female institution, namely the Lai Chi Kok Correctional Institution. Opened in July 2006, the new institution provides 650 penal places, 438 for re-provisioning the Victoria Prison and 212 being additional places. The expenditure incurred is \$239.1 million. Other ongoing projects in 2007-08 include:

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Reply Serial No.

**SB018**

Question Serial No.

0319

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 medical expenses for prisoners in 2006-07? What will be the estimated medical expenses for prisoners in 2007-08?

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Yiu-chung

Reply :

The revised estimated expenditure on the provision of medical services for prisoners incurred by the Department in 2006-07 and the estimate for 2007-08 are \$141,979,000 and \$146,695,000 respectively.

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**SB019**

Question Serial No.

0320

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 were the details of and expenditure for the rehabilitation strategies and re-integration programmes in 2006-07? What are the details of and the estimated expenditure for the same in 2007-08?

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Yiu-chung

Reply :

The rehabilitation and reintegration programmes run by the Correctional Services Department (CSD) for prisoners, inmates and supervisees include pre-sentencing assessment, programme services, psychological services, education programme, vocational training and supervision services.

The revised estimated expenditure for the rehabilitation and re-integration programmes in 2006-07 and the corresponding estimates for 2007-08 are \$446.1 million and \$460.8 million respectively. The major initiatives are as follows : –

- (a) The Department has established, on a trial basis, a pre-release vocational training centre for adult prisoners at Lai Sun Correctional Institution (LSCI) since July 2006, to enhance adult prisoners' employability after discharge, thereby facilitating their reintegration into the community. The centre aims to provide full-time market-oriented vocational training for male adult offenders in custody. CSD will continue to monitor closely the operation of the pre-release vocational training centre and strengthen its training programmes; and
- (b) The Department has been implementing the Risks and Needs Assessment and Management Protocol for Offenders since October 2006. The Protocol provides a scientific and evidence-based approach to custodial management and offender rehabilitation. We will embark on rehabilitative programme matching for target offenders in 2007 in inmate centres, namely the detention centre, drug addiction treatment centres, training centres and rehabilitation centres.

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Reply Serial No.

**SB020**

Question Serial No.

2179

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 the Administration will continue to address the problems of overcrowding and outdated facilities in penal institutions in 2007-08, please advise this Council of the expenditure and project details involved as well as the work targets and expected completion dates. Would the Administration increase the provision to expedite such works? If yes, what will be the resources involved?

Asked by : Hon. NG Margaret

Reply :

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**SB021**

Question Serial No.

2436

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 2007-08, the Administration will seek long-term solutions to address the problems of overcrowding and outdated facilities in penal institutions. Please set out the targets, expenditure and purposes of this task, and the expected date of meeting the targets?

Asked by : Hon. NG Margaret

Reply :

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**SB022**

Question Serial No.

2437

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 success rates of Drug Addiction Treatment Centre (non-conviction and free from drugs in one year after discharge) as indicated in 2005 and 2006 are quite low, while that in 2006 is lower than that in 2005 by 3%. Please list the expenditure for this programme in 2007, including the expenditure to be incurred to raise its success rate.

Asked by : Hon. NG Margaret

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 inmates' family and social background, their response to rehabilitation/counselling services and the prevailing economic condition. For offenders with drug problem, their successful re-integration also hinges on the complexity of the addictive problems faced by them.

The Department will continue to make every effort to rehabilitate offenders with drug problem by providing them with timely and suitable support to help them lead a drug-free life after discharge.

To further enhance the rehabilitative services for offenders in custody, including those receiving treatment in DATCs, the Department has started to implement the Risks and Needs Assessment and Management Protocol for Offenders since October 2006. The Protocol provides a scientific and evidence-based approach to custodial management and offender rehabilitation. Among other things, the Department has embarked on rehabilitative programme matching for target offenders in DATCs since January 2007. These initiatives will help strengthen DATC inmates' determination in drug abstinence and in leading a drug-free life after discharge.

The estimated total expenditure for operating the DATC programme in 2007-08 is \$102.6 million, including an additional provision of about \$960,000 for deploying additional staff to run rehabilitative programmes for DATC inmates.

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Reply Serial No.

**SB023**

Question Serial No.

2438

Head : 30 Correctional Services Department

Subhead (No & title) : 000 Departmental Expenses

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Correctional Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

In 2007-08, 62 non-directorate posts will be created. Please advise this Council of the details of these posts and the expenditure involved.

Asked by : Hon. NG Margaret

Reply :

Details of the net creation of 62 non-directorate posts in 2007-08 are as follows:

<b>Rank</b>	<b>No.</b>
Principal Officer	+1
Officer	+20
Assistant Officer I	+14
Assistant Officer II	+30
Clinical Psychologist	+3
Executive Officer I	+1
Executive Officer II	+3
Assistant Lecturer	+1
Personal Secretary II	-2
Office Assistant	-1
Workman II	-8
<b>Total :</b>	<b>+62</b>

The estimated salary provision for the net creation of these 62 posts is \$19.7 million per year.

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Reply Serial No.

**SB024**

Question Serial No.

2439

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 advise this Council of the financial provision and project details in 2007-08 to lower the occupation rate in prisons down to 100% or below. If there is no such financial provision, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. NG Margaret

Reply :

The Correctional Services Department has been implementing a series of measures to address the problems of outdated penal facilities and overcrowding in some of our penal institutions. The old Lai Chi Kok staff married quarters blocks have been converted into a new female institution, namely the Lai Chi Kok Correctional Institution. Opened in July 2006, the new institution provides 650 penal places, 438 for reprovisioning the Victoria Prison and 212 being additional places. The expenditure incurred is \$239.1 million. Other ongoing projects in 2007-08 include:

- (a) An extension block is being added to the Lai Chi Kok Reception Centre to provide 144 additional penal places. The project is scheduled for completion in early 2008 and is estimated to cost \$13.8 million.

- (b) The functions of the Lai King Training Centre (LKTC) and Tai Tam Gap Correctional Institution will be swapped to rationalize the utilization of their penal places and to relieve overcrowding at young female penal institutions. The conversion works at LKTC, i.e. the first phase of the project, are scheduled for completion in early 2008 at an estimated cost of \$13 million.
- (c) The Lo Wu Correctional Institution redevelopment project will commence in mid-2007. The three new correctional institutions there will provide 1 400 penal places (including 1 218 additional places) and are expected to commence operation in early 2010. The Approved Project Estimate of the project is \$1,376.3 million.

CSD will continue to monitor the situation, and consider other redevelopment possibilities to address the problems of outdated facilities and overcrowding in our penal institutions.

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Reply Serial No.

**SB025**

Question Serial No.

0146

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 :

At present, the occupancy rate of penal institutions in Hong Kong is still over 100%, and the Administration is still required to continue improving the environment of penal institutions. As the Administration is now financially healthy, would the Administration consider investing more resources in this respect ?

Asked by : Hon. TAM Heung-man

Reply :

The Correctional Services Department has been implementing a series of measures and considering various ways to address the problems of outdated penal facilities and overcrowding in some of our penal institutions. The old Lai Chi Kok staff married quarters blocks have been converted into a new female institution, namely the Lai Chi Kok Correctional Institution. Opened in July 2006, the new institution provides 650 penal places, 438 for re-provisioning the Victoria Prison and 212 being additional places. The expenditure incurred is \$239.1 million. Other ongoing projects in 2007-08 include:

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CSD will continue to monitor the situation, and consider other redevelopment possibilities to address the problems of outdated facilities and overcrowding in our penal institutions. Meanwhile, the Department is carrying out upgrading works at the existing penal institutions. These works include installation of CCTV and electronic security systems, upgrading of electricity supply systems, and improvement to workshop facilities, etc. The estimated expenditure in 2007-08 is \$35 million.

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Reply Serial No.

**SB026**

Question Serial No.

0147

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 the authorities have initiated measures to improve the environment of penal institutions, please inform this Council of the detailed and specific plans.

Asked by : Hon. TAM Heung-man

Reply :

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Reply Serial No.

**SB027**

Question Serial No.

0771

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

Programme:            (2) Anti-narcotics Investigation

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Customs and Excise

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

The problem of psychotropic drug abuse by youngsters is getting more serious. Ketamine is one of the most popular psychotropic drugs abused by the young people in Hong Kong. However, there is a sharp decrease in its seizures by the Customs and Excise Department, from 242.1 kg in 2005 to 53 kg in 2006. In this connection, please advise this Committee on

- (a) the reasons for the sharp decrease in the amount of seizures; and
- (b) the main importation routes of the seized psychotropic drugs to Hong Kong.

Asked by: Hon. LI Fung-ying

Reply:

The large quantities of ketamine seizures in 2005 were mainly the result of the Customs and Excise Department's successful detection of a series of 18 cases involving 201 kg of psychotropic drug originating largely in India. Our vigorous enforcement is believed to have sent a strong deterrent message to the syndicates involved, as such cases have since subsided. The sharp decrease in the amount of 2006 seizures is believed to have reflected a more cautious approach by the drug smugglers.

In recent years, ketamine supplies mainly come from South East Asia, including India, and they are often smuggled into or through Hong Kong via circuitous routes, e.g. Malaysia and Singapore.

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**SB028**

Question Serial No.

0770

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 Security

Question:

(1) Regarding the implementation of the Interception of Communications and Surveillance Ordinance (Cap.589), will there be any adjustment to the financial provision given to the enforcement formations and investigation formations of the Customs? If so, please give details of the adjustment.

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

There is no adjustment to the financial provision for the enforcement and investigation formations of the Customs and Excise Department regarding the implementation of the Interception of Communications and Surveillance Ordinance (Cap. 589).

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Reply Serial No.

**SB029**

Question Serial No.

0774

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 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07, was there any surprise check on the above subhead to ensure the fund was used reasonably and in accordance with procedures? If yes, what are the rankings of the officers who carried out the surprise checks as well as the number of checks? If not, what was the reason and whether surprise checks would be carried out in the future?

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 or above the Assistant Commissioner level. The Director of Audit and the Internal Audit Division of the Customs and Excise Department also carry out audits on expenditure under this Subhead.

The number of surprise inspections conducted by the Department in the past three years is as follows:

Year 2004-05 : 22

Year 2005-06 : 20

Year 2006-07 : 21



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**SB030**

Question Serial No.

0775

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 provide the amount of expenditure involved in 2006-07 for the payment for provision of useful information from overseas for investigation purpose and the overseas places involved.

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

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 2006-07 (up to 8 March 2007) is \$8.35 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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**SB031**

Question Serial No.

0776

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 provide the amount of expenditure involved in 2006-07 for the payment for provision of useful information locally for investigation purpose.

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

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**SB032**

Question Serial No.

0777

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:

Regarding the estimated provision for 2007-08, what is the percentage estimated for the payment for provision of useful information for investigation purpose from overseas?

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

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 estimated expenditure under this subhead in 2007-08 is \$8.0 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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**SB033**

Question Serial No.

0778

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 2006-07, 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 29 reward payments made in 2006-07 (up to 8 March 2007). The total expenditure on rewards and special services during that period, including payment of reward money as well as expenses for covert operations, is \$8.35 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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**SB034**

Question Serial No.

0779

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 2006-07.

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

The Department did not offer any rewards for the arrest of offenders in 2006-2007.

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**SB035**

Question Serial No.

0780

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 in 2006-07?

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

The total expenditure of rewards and special services in 2006-07 (up to 8 March 2007) is \$8.35 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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**SB036**

Question Serial No.

0781

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 for 2007-08 is \$8 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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Reply Serial No.

**SB037**

Question Serial No.

0782

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 for 2007-08 is \$8 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 a breakdown of the 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 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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Reply Serial No.

**SB038**

Question Serial No.

0331

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 Security / Secretary for Commerce, Industry and Technology / Secretary  
for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question:

Is there a need for the Customs to increase human resources and hardware investment to tie in with the commissioning of the operation of new control points for the Hong Kong-Shenzhen Western Corridor and the Sheung Shui to Lok Ma Chau Spur Line? What are the concrete items to be added and what is the amount of financial provision involved?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Ting-kwong

Reply:

For the new control point at the Hong Kong-Shenzhen Western Corridor, the Customs and Excise Department has procured fixed X-ray Vehicle Inspection Systems, Mobile X-ray Vehicle Scanning Systems, metal detectors and other specialised equipment to facilitate customs clearance of vehicles and passengers. As regards the new control point for the Sheung Shui to Lok Ma Chau Spur Line, the Department has procured metal detectors, x-ray machines and other specialised equipment for passenger clearance. The total cost involved is about HK\$205 million.



In terms of human resources, the Department plans to create about 561 and 84 posts respectively to man the control points at the Hong Kong-Shenzhen Western Corridor and the Sheung Shui to Lok Ma Chau Spur Line, involving a total recurrent expenditure of about HK\$155 million per year.

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**SB039**

Question Serial No.

0481

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 Department will commission a fireboat station within Cheung Chau Typhoon Shelter in 2007-08. Please provide the details of this measure and the expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Wai-yip, Albert

Reply: In view of the great number of boats berthed in Cheung Chau Typhoon Shelter (particularly during the fishing moratorium, Lunar New Year and Tai Ping Ching Chiu) and the large floating population in the area, the Fire Services Department (FSD) is constructing a fireboat station with berthing facilities at the south-west seafront of the Cheung Chau Typhoon Shelter with a view to further enhancing the efficiency of fire-fighting and rescue services in Cheung Chau and nearby waters. The Cheung Chau Fireboat Station is expected to be commissioned in January 2008. FSD will deploy Fireboat No. 2, currently stationed at Mui Wo, to the new fireboat station.

The estimated construction cost for this works project is about \$12 million. The annual recurrent expenditure of the new fireboat station is estimated at \$580,000.

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Name in block letters KWOK Jing-keung

Post Title Director of Fire Services

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Reply Serial No.

**SB040**

Question Serial No.

0750

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 Administration will monitor the performance of registered fire service installation contractors in 2007-08. Did the Administration carry out similar monitoring before? If yes, how many contractors were monitored in 2005 and 2006 and what was their general performance? Why is it necessary for the Administration to particularly reinforce such work in 2007-08? Please provide the details and estimated expenditures involved.

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply: The performance of all registered fire service installation contractors ("the Contractors") has always been monitored by the Fire Services Department (FSD). According to the Fire Service (Installations and Equipment) Regulations (Cap. 95B), the Contractors shall issue to the person on whose instructions the work was undertaken a certificate and forward a copy thereof to the Director of Fire Services after completion of the work. On receipt of such copy, FSD will carry out random inspections to ensure that the fire service installations concerned are in good condition and, in doing so, the Department can also monitor the performance of the Contractors at the same time. Details regarding the monitoring of the Contractors in 2005 and 2006 are as follows:

Item	2005	2006
Total no. of Contractors	1 165	1 173
No. of certificates being randomly inspected	8 176	9 849
No. of cases of irregularities	9 (0.11%)	4 (0.04%)
No. of cases submitted to the Registered Fire Service Installation Contractors Disciplinary Board for hearing.	9	2 (the remaining 2 cases are being processed)

In view of the above, FSD is generally satisfied with the overall performance of the Contractors. There is no plan to particularly reinforce the monitoring work in 2007-08, and no additional expenditure is therefore involved.

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Name in block letters           KWOK Jing-keung          

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**SB041**

Question Serial No.

0751

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: Why will the Administration review the legislative provisions regarding the registration scheme for fire service installation contractors in 2007-08? What is the implementation timetable?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply: The Fire Services Department (FSD) has been conducting a review on the registration scheme for fire service installation contractors with a view to ensuring that their classification and delineation of responsibilities are commensurate with the advancement in technology and the newly introduced installations and equipment in the market. The review will continue in 2007-08. FSD will consult the industries when there is a concrete proposal.

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Name in block letters \_\_\_\_\_

**KWOK Jing-keung**

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

**Director of Fire Services**

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Reply Serial No.

**SB042**

Question Serial No.

0752

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 prosecutions instituted by the Administration against fire hazards in 2006 was 128. Please provide a breakdown by type of buildings and premises.

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply: The breakdown of the 128 prosecutions instituted against fire hazards in 2006 by type of buildings and premises is as follows:

Industrial building	Residential building/domestic portion of composite building	Commercial building/commercial portion of composite building	Roadside	Open area	Total
14	4	33	1	76	128

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Reply Serial No.

**SB043**

Question Serial No.

0753

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: Of the 313 prosecutions instituted by the Administration against dangerous goods and timber stores in 2006, how many cases involved second-time prosecution or more?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply: Among the 313 prosecutions instituted against dangerous goods and timber stores in 2006, the offenders in 44 cases were prosecuted for the second time and seven of these cases were prosecuted twice within the same year. Among the above prosecutions, there was no case involving third-time prosecution or more.

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Reply Serial No.

**SB044**

Question Serial No.

0754

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 Administration will increase the number of fire appliances with first responders in 2007-08. In this connection, will the Administration review the "First Responder Programme" which has been put into full operation since October 2005? As first responders attended to 25 223 emergency ambulance calls in 2006, will the Administration review the need for increasing manpower?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply: After the full implementation of the "First Responder Programme" in October 2005, the Fire Services Department (FSD) has reviewed the effectiveness of the Programme and considered that there was a need for a second fire appliance that can provide first responder service at selected fire stations, so as to increase the flexibility in manpower deployment and to cope with service demand. As such, FSD started to expand the Programme in November 2005. As at end 2006, there were 37 fire stations with a second fire appliance that can provide first responder service. The Programme will continue to expand to meet actual needs.

The “First Responder Programme” is a value-added service provided by frontline fire personnel. FSD will continue to train more frontline fire personnel to be first responders to cope with service demand. As the duties of first responders are undertaken by existing frontline fire personnel, no additional manpower is required for the implementation of this Programme.

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Reply Serial No.

**SB045**

Question Serial No.

0755

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 Administration will continue to explore the feasibility of introducing a Medical Priority Dispatch System in Hong Kong in 2007-08. What is the progress of the study and when is it expected to complete?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply: At present, emergency ambulance calls are addressed on a next-in queue basis, and there is no mechanism to differentiate the calls in terms of urgency. In view of this, the Fire Services Department (FSD) commissioned a consultancy to study the feasibility of implementing a 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 (SB) has set up a Steering Committee on MPDS to scrutinize the findings 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, accident and emergency 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 Mobilizing System, FSD is currently further formulating concrete proposals. SB and FSD will work closely with the Steering Committee, and will consult the Legislative Council and the public when concrete proposals are available within this year.

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Reply Serial No.

**SB046**

Question Serial No.

0756

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 Administration will commission the ambulance facilities at the Shenzhen Bay Control Point and the Lok Ma Chau Spur Line Control Point in 2007-08. Please provide the details and the estimated expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply: The ambulance facilities to be set up by the Fire Services Department (FSD) at the Shenzhen Bay Control Point are expected to be commissioned in July 2007. In the estimate of 2007-08, FSD has earmarked about \$3.2 million for commissioning the above facilities, of which \$2.5 million will be for the salaries and allowances arising from the creation of 4 Senior Ambulanceman and 8 Ambulanceman posts. The remaining \$700,000 will cover the operating expenses of the facilities.

The ambulance facilities at the Lok Ma Chau Spur Line Control Point are expected to be commissioned in July 2007. The appliances and manpower requirements for the new facilities will be met by redeployment of existing resources. Therefore, no additional posts are required to be created. Other operating expenses, including the costs of electricity, electrical and mechanical maintenance and cleaning services, are estimated at \$23,500 per annum.

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**SB047**

Question Serial No.

0757

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 provision for 2007-08 is \$49.8 million (6.3%) higher than the revised estimate for 2006-07.

Please provide a breakdown of the creation of the 36 posts. What is the manpower and expenditure involved in the replacement of ambulances?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply: There will be a net creation of 36 posts under the programme of Ambulance Service in 2007-08. The details are as follows:

Rank	No. of posts created/ deleted	Reason for creation of posts	Annual expenditure on salary (\$)
Assistant Chief Ambulance Officer	+ 1	To create a time-limited post for the planning of emergency ambulance service for the 2008 Olympic and Paralympic Equestrian Events.	+897,180



Senior Assistant Chief Ambulance Officer	+ 1	To improve the management structure of the Ambulance Command so as to reinforce internal management and upgrade service quality.	+1,008,480
Assistant Chief Ambulance Officer	+ 2		+1,794,360
Superintendent (Ambulance)	<u>- 1</u>		- <u>747,960</u>
	+ 2		+2,054,880
Senior Ambulanceman	+10	To provide 5 additional “ambulance shifts” to cope with the demand for emergency ambulance service.	+2,485,800
Ambulanceman	<u>+20</u> <u>+30</u>		<u>+3,667,200</u> <u>+6,153,000</u>
Ambulance Officer	+ 3	To be responsible for operating the newly-provided “Rapid Response Vehicles” in areas with large demand so as to enhance the monitoring of frontline services and to take command of operations in large-scale incidents.	+1,149,300
Senior Ambulance Officer (SAO)	+ 3	To upgrade the Depot Commander posts of Lau Fau Shan Ambulance Depot, Braemar Hill Ambulance Depot and Kowloon Tong Ambulance Depot from AO to SAO so as to strengthen overall management.	+1,796,400
Ambulance Officer (AO)	<u>- 3</u> 0		<u>- 1,149,300</u> + 647,100
Senior Ambulanceman (SAmbm)	+ 4	To upgrade 4 existing Ambm posts to SAmbm so as to create Ambulance Supervisor posts for the ambulance facilities at the Shenzhen Bay Control Point, which will be commissioned in July 2007.	+ 994,320
Ambulanceman (Ambm)	<u>- 4</u> 0		<u>- 733,440</u> + 260,880
	Total: <u>36</u>		<u>+11,162,340</u>

The Fire Services Department has earmarked a cash flow of about \$21.1 million in 2007-08 for the replacement of 36 ambulances. As this only involves replacement of existing ambulances, no additional manpower is required.

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**SB048**

Question Serial No.

2689

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: Regarding the Third Generation Mobilizing System,

- (a) what was the number of system failures in 2006? What were their types? What was the average time for repair? What were their impacts on fire and ambulance services?
- (b) what are the estimated expenses and maintenance costs for the system improvement works in 2007-08?

Asked by: Hon. SIN Chung-kai

Reply: (a) In 2006, the Third Generation Mobilizing System ("the System") experienced one failure which affected the overall mobilizing function, resulting in a shift to manual deployment of fire and ambulance appliances. The failure involved a software problem in the computer system, and the System resumed normal in 13 minutes. During the incident, the Fire Services Department (FSD) received one special service call and two ambulance calls. All the above-mentioned calls were responded to within the target response time.

- (b) In addition to the continuous adjustment to the performance of the System, with a view to upgrading its operation efficiency, FSD also plans to set up wireless LAN facilities in fire stations and ambulance depots in 2007-08. When the software of the Mobile Data Terminals in fire appliances and ambulances requires updating or upgrading, the Central Server will automatically transmit the new software to the Mobile Data Terminals through the wireless LAN in fire stations/depots, thereby enhancing the effectiveness of software updating procedures. FSD is discussing with the contractor the details of the above plan and the costs of such system improvement work. The expenses involved will be covered by the approved commitment for the System (\$718.6 million) whereas the maintenance cost will be covered by the operating expenses.

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**SB049**

Question Serial No.

0748

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 ambulance calls received in 2006 were actually not a matter of emergency? Would the Department conduct any review in respect of the abuse of ambulance service so as to ensure effective use of public resources?

Asked by: Hon. TAM Heung-man

Reply: As the Fire Services Department (FSD) currently has no mechanism to differentiate the calls in terms of urgency, there are no data on calls actually not of emergency. Nevertheless, as we see from the cases handled daily, it may not be necessary for some people to use the emergency service provided by ambulances. If such people can be encouraged to use ambulance resources appropriately, FSD can handle other patients who are in greater need of immediate treatment more speedily.

To ensure that ambulance resources are more targeted at persons with genuine needs, FSD will continue to encourage appropriate use of emergency ambulance service through public education such as broadcasting announcements in the public interest and organizing Ambulance Service Campaigns. FSD is also studying the feasibility of implementing a Medical Priority Dispatch System in Hong Kong to enable better identification of critical patients and thus saving more lives by a quicker response to these calls.

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**SB050**

Question Serial No.

0749

Head: 45 Fire Services Department

Subhead (No. &  
title):

Programme: (3) Ambulance Service

Controlling Director of Fire Services

Officer:

Director of Secretary for Security

Bureau:

Question: Under this programme, there will be a net creation of 36 posts in 2007-08. Please provide the details of such posts (including the ranks of the posts to be created and deleted, and the necessity of creating the new posts).

Asked by: Hon. TAM Heung-man

Reply: There will be a net creation of 36 posts under the programme of Ambulance Service in 2007-08. The details are as follows:

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**Reply Serial No.**

**SB051**

**Question Serial No.**

0468

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (3) Control after Entry

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

The indicators about the number of torture claim cases received were 186 in 2005 and 514 in 2006, and the estimate for 2007 is 800. Please provide details of the past cases and reason for the estimated increase.

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Bernard

Reply :

The Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment ("the Convention") applies to Hong Kong. The Government has put in place administrative procedures for assessing claims made under the Convention as to whether there are substantial grounds for believing that the claimants would be in danger of being subjected to torture upon returning to their places of origin.

The claimants concerned are normally those who have no claim for immigration purposes on the HKSAR. A majority of them are from South Asian countries and some of them come from the African continent.

There was a consistent upsurge of cases over the past months, with a monthly average of 64 in the last quarter of 2006. Therefore, it is estimated that an average monthly intake in 2007 will be about 70 cases, amounting to a yearly estimation of 800 cases.



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**SB052**

Question Serial No.

0469

Head : 70      Subhead (No. & title) :

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

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

The indicators about the number of telephone calls received and made via “1868” hotline were 22 442 in 2005 and 110 148 in 2006, and the estimate for 2007 is 115 700. Please give a breakdown by nature of the requests and the departments involved to help handle the calls.

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Bernard

Reply :

The Immigration Department does not maintain statistics according to the nature of requests for assistance made via the “1868” hotline.

The assistance cases mainly concern loss of travel documents, traffic accidents, hospitalisation, return of corpse, suspected missing of persons, detention, return of Hong Kong residents from the Mainland or overseas and safety of Hong Kong residents etc. There are also general enquiries on the type of assistance services which can be provided.

Depending on the nature of assistance required, the Immigration Department will liaise with the relevant departments/authorities such as the Social Welfare Department, the Home Affairs Department, the Hong Kong Police Force, the Department of Health, the Information Services Department, the relevant Consulate-Generals, the Office of the Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Chinese Diplomatic and Consular Missions in relevant countries/territories, the Office of the Government of the HKSAR in Beijing and the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Guangdong, etc. Assistances that may be rendered include notifying relatives in Hong Kong; facilitating early return of the residents to Hong Kong; and liaison with the authorities in the place of occurrence.

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**SB053**

Question Serial No.

1606

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (4) Personal Documentation

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Regarding the 30 posts to be created in 2007-08, what is the manpower required to meet "the increased requirement for specialist supplies and equipment"? What are the details of their work?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Man-kwong

Reply :

The 30 posts to be created, comprising three Executive Officer IIs and 27 Clerical Assistants, will be deployed to strengthen the administrative and clerical support in various sections of the Personal Documentation Branch. These posts are not created to meet increased requirement for specialist supplies and equipment.

In 2007-08, the increased provision for specialist supplies and equipment is mainly for the purchase of new electronic passport blanks.



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**SB054**

**Question Serial No.**

1261

Head : 70      Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (1)      Pre-entry Control

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Regarding visa applications and the Certificates of Entitlement, please inform this Council of the number of persons lodging petitions, appeals and judicial reviews in 2006 by category and a breakdown of the number of these cases being accepted and rejected.

Asked by : Hon. HO Chun-yan

Reply :

A breakdown of petitions, appeals and judicial review applications for visa and Certificate of Entitlement received in 2006 are as follows:

	<b>Received</b>	<b>Allowed</b>	<b>Dismissed</b>	<b>Withdrawn/ Disposed by Court Order</b>	<b>Under Process</b>
<b>Visa Application</b>					
Petition	17	1	4	2	10
Judicial Review	6	0	2	2	2
<b>Certificate of Entitlement Application</b>					
Appeal	59	1	19	19	20
Judicial Review	1	1*	0	0	0



\*The Court ordered to remit the appeal to the Immigration Tribunal for reconsideration.

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**SB055**

**Question Serial No.**

1262

Head : 70      Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (1) Pre-entry Control

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Regarding cases of petition, appeal and judicial review relating to visa applications and the Certificates of Entitlement in 2006, how many cases received by the Immigration Department in or before 2005 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. HO Chun-yan, Albert

Reply :

No cases received in 2005 or before were not yet processed in 2006.

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Post Title      Director of Immigration  
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Date      15 March 2007  
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**SB056**

**Question Serial No.**

1263

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (1) Pre-entry Control

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

What is the financial implication of the number of cases of petition, appeal and judicial review relating to visa applications and the Certificates of Entitlement to the Immigration Department in 2006?

Asked by : Hon. HO Chun-yan

Reply :

As the number of cases processed in 2006 (i.e. 148 cases) is similar to that of 2005 (i.e. 146 cases), the financial implications on the department are the same as those in 2005, i.e. \$5.59 million in staff salary cost.

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**SB057**

Question Serial No.

1264

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (2) Control upon Entry

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Please provide a breakdown of the number of passengers who were refused entry in 2006 by passengers, seamen, reason and place of origin.

Asked by : Hon. HO Chun-yan, Albert

Reply :

In 2006, a total of 42 249 visitors/seamen were refused permission to Hong Kong. A breakdown by reasons and places of origin is as follows:

Reason for Refusal \ Place of Origin	Africa	Asia Pacific*	Europe	Mainland	North America	South America	Total
	Doubtful intention – Visitor	1 065	4 915	21	21 121	9	121
Doubtful intention – Seaman	0	0	0	542	0	0	542
Improperly Documented	200	5 342	102	7 472	41	58	13 215
Forged Travel Document	209	372	41	584	18	16	1 240
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 474</b>	<b>10 629</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>29 719</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>42 249</b>

\* Excluding the Mainland of China



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**SB058**

**Question Serial No.**

1265

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (2) Control upon Entry

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

How many cases of appeal were lodged in respect of the cases of refused entry in 2006 and what were the results?

Asked by : Hon. HO Chun-yan, Albert

Reply :

In 2006, no objection was lodged under Section 53 of the Immigration Ordinance (Cap. 115) against the Director of Immigration's decision to refuse a person's entry into Hong Kong.

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

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**Reply Serial No.**

**SB059**

**Question Serial No.**

1266

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (2) Control upon Entry

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

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. HO Chun-yan, Albert

Reply :

In 2006, there were 27 794 visitors and seamen who were refused entry to Hong Kong due to doubtful purpose of visit. In general, these persons claimed that they intended to enter Hong Kong for sightseeing, business, visiting friends or relatives, or in transit to other destinations.

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**Reply Serial No.**

**SB060**

**Question Serial No.**

1267

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (2) Control upon Entry

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

What is the financial implication of the number of cases of refused entry in 2006 to the Immigration Department?

Asked by : Hon. HO Chun-yan, Albert

Reply :

To maintain effective immigration control, the Immigration Department will create 21 posts at various control points in 2007-08 to help, among other duties, strengthen the examination of doubtful cases. The estimated provision in terms of salary cost for these posts is \$8 million per year.

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**Reply Serial No.**

**SB061**

Question Serial No.

1268

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (2) Control upon Entry

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Regarding the Government's "new arrangements for obstetric services" for pregnant Mainland women giving birth in Hong Kong, what are the resources allocated by the Immigration Department on manpower and administration? What is the expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. HO Chun-yan, Albert

Reply :

The Government and the Hospital Authority have implemented since 1 February 2007 a number of measures to ensure that local pregnant women will continue to receive proper health services. On the immigration front, the Immigration Department has temporarily re-deployed about 110 additional officers, involving a monthly salary provision of about \$2.4 million, to control points to identify and examine pregnant visitors upon their arrival. The Department will continuously review the situation including the staff deployment.

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**Reply Serial No.**

**SB062**

**Question Serial No.**

**0180**

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

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

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Please give a breakdown of the original nationalities of those who applied for naturalisation as Chinese nationals and the number of applications by their original nationalities in 2004, 2005 and 2006. It is estimated that the number of applications for naturalisation as a Chinese national will be increased by some 300 cases in 2007. What accounts for this increase?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

The number of applications for naturalisation as a Chinese national with breakdowns by applicants' nationality in the years 2004-2006 are tabulated below:

<b>Nationality</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>
Pakistani	443	791	884
Indian	259	401	411
Indonesian	323	275	302
Vietnamese	156	102	76
Malaysian	32	17	26
Others	129	133	141
Total	1 342	1 719	1 840

The number of naturalisation applications has been on the increase in recent years. It is estimated that the upward trend will continue and there would be an increase of about 300 cases in 2007 based on the average growth rates in 2005 and 2006. The increase may be attributable to the greater travel convenience enjoyed by holders of HKSAR passports.

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**Reply Serial No.**

**SB063**

**Question Serial No.**

**0181**

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (1) Pre-entry Control

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Regarding the processing of entry visas, the number of applications processed is about the same as the number of applications received. But for the processing of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Business Travel Cards, the number of applications processed falls significantly behind the number of applications received in 2005 and 2006. In this connection, please inform this Council of the difficulties the Immigration Department faced in processing the visas concerned and the manpower and expenditure involved.

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

Under current arrangements, local applications for Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Business Travel Card (ABTC) received by the Immigration Department will be sent to all other 16 participating economies for pre-clearance through the ABTC Processing System operated by Australia. Normally, the ABTCs will be issued to the applicants upon receipt of clearance of all the participating economies.

The Immigration Department will monitor the reply from the participating economies and inform applicants every three months of the number of participating economies which have granted pre-clearance. Should an applicant choose to collect the ABTC before pre-clearance is granted by all the participating economies, an ABTC valid for those economies which have granted the pre-clearance will be issued.

The difference in the number of local applications received and processed is attributable to the time taken by participating economies for pre-clearance, and that majority of the applicants choose to wait for the grant of pre-clearance by their targeting economies before the issue of the ABTC.

As regards the referral applications, they are sent to the Immigration Department through the ABTC Processing System in Australia. Due to replacement of the APEC computer system in December 2006, the processing of the referral applications had been suspended for three weeks. The difference in referral applications received and processed in 2006 is attributable to the replacement of the computer system. With the new APEC computer system in Australia put into use in December 2006, the processing of the applications will be speeded up. All the applications received during the suspension period have subsequently been followed up.

In processing these applications, we sometimes experienced system hiccups and upgrades as well as long processing time taken by some participating economies thus causing delay to the processing.

Currently, three posts are deployed to handle ABTC applications. The total estimated salary costs are \$0.68 million per year.

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**SB064**

**Question Serial No.**

**0182**

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (1) Pre-entry Control

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Regarding the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Business Travel Card, not all the applications received have been processed in 2005 and 2006, but the Immigration Department still estimates that the numbers of applications received and processed will be about the same in 2007. What are the grounds for such estimation?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

The processing of Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Business Travel Card (ABTC) applications requires the pre-clearance of participating economies. The Immigration Department will endeavour to continue to urge other participating economies to speed up the pre-clearance process through the ABTC Processing System operated by Australia. We have seen some improvements in this aspect recently. Furthermore, a new APEC computer system to handle ABTC applications was put into use in December 2006 and it is anticipated that the processing of the applications will be speeded up accordingly. Therefore, we estimate that in 2007, the number of applications received will be the same as the number of applications processed.

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**Reply Serial No.**

**SB065**

**Question Serial No.**

**0183**

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (1) Pre-entry Control

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Please list the number of entry visas by types issued to foreign visitors in 2004, 2005 and 2006, the number of visa applications rejected, the reasons for rejection and the nationalities of the applicants rejected.

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

The statistics on applications for visit visas are tabulated below:

Year	Number of Visit Visa Applications#			
	Received	Approved*	Refused*	Withdrawn by applicants or Showing No Response to enquiries made by the Immigration Department*
2004	23 055	19 426	774	2 519
2005	42 591	37 466	861	3 594
2006	53 273	49 600	555	3 513

- # There is no breakdown by types of visa, i.e. single-journey, double-journey, multiple-journey or transit visas, issued to foreign visitors.
- \* The number of applications processed includes applications brought forward from the previous year.

In respect of the refused applications, a breakdown by geographical regions of the applicants is tabulated below :

Year	Africa	Asia and Pacific	Middle East	Others	Total
2004	631	141	0	2	774
2005	447	400	3	11	861
2006	108	444	0	3	555

The common grounds of refusing visit visa applications are :

- (a) bona fides of visit to Hong Kong in doubt;
- (b) not having adequate funds to cover the duration of stay without working;
- (c) not holding a valid travel document with sufficient returnability to his/her country of residence or citizen;
- (d) having an adverse record;
- (e) may pose security threat to Hong Kong; or
- (f) having a likelihood of becoming a burden to Hong Kong.

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**SB066**

Question Serial No.

0184

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (1) Pre-entry Control

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Provision for 2007-08 has increased by 15.5%, involving the creation of 87 posts. Please list in detail the post titles of the newly created posts, their annual salary costs and the specific duties of the staff concerned.

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

The breakdown of the 87 posts is as follows:

<b><u>Rank</u></b>	<b><u>No.</u></b>
Senior Immigration Officer	4
Immigration Officer	16
Chief Immigration Assistant	7
Executive Officer II	11
Assistant Clerical Officer	14
Clerical Assistant	35
Total	87

The total amount of annual salary costs for these 87 posts is \$20.9 million. These posts will mainly be deployed for tightening the pre-entry visa control on doubtful visitors, coping with anticipated increase in workload and meeting demands from new policy initiatives, e.g. the Quality Migrant Admission Scheme.

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**Reply Serial No.**

**SB067**

Question Serial No.

0185

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (2) Control upon Entry

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Provision for 2007-08 has increased by 20%. Regarding this, how much expenditure is needed for supporting the operation of the Shenzhen Bay Control Point? Please list the number of new posts to be created, their post titles (ranks), annual salary costs and the specific duties involved.

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

In 2007-08, an estimated provision of \$172.256 million will be provided for the Shenzhen Bay Control Point (SBCP). The sum includes \$89.300 million for personal emoluments and \$82.956 million for other expenses. The provision reflects the creation of 325 new posts for the operation of the SBCP, including 296 posts for training purpose already included in the 2006-07 Estimates and a further 29 in 2007-08.

The total number of posts approved for the operation of the SBCP is 325, comprising one Assistant Principal Immigration Officer (as the border sub-division commander), four Chief Immigration Officers (as operations commanders), 11 Senior Immigration Officers (as shift and group leaders), 40 Immigration Officers (as team leaders, duty officers, channel supervisors and or case officers), ten Chief Immigration Assistants (team leaders, assistant duty officers and / or assistant channel supervisors), 194 Senior Immigration Assistants (as immigration counter officers) and 65 Immigration Assistants (for guard, escort and search duties).

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**SB068**

**Question Serial No.**

0186

Head : 70      Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (2)      Control upon Entry

Controlling Officer :      Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau :      Secretary for Security

Question :

Provision for 2007-08 has increased by 20%. Regarding this, how much expenditure is needed for coping with the increased workload generated by the upsurge in passenger traffic at control points? Please list the number of new posts to be created at various control points, their post titles (ranks), annual salary costs and the specific duties involved.

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

In 2007-08, an additional salary provision of \$20.65 million involving 75 new posts will be provided to cope with the increased workload at the existing control points.

The distribution of the additional posts is listed in the table below:

Control Point	Immigration Officer	Senior Immigration Assistant	Total
Airport	7	28	35
Lok Ma Chau	7	10	17
Man Kam To	2	10	12
Macau Ferry Terminal	1	6	7





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**SB069**

**Question Serial No.**

**0187**

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (2) Control upon Entry

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

With effect from February 2007, the Immigration Department has adopted new immigration measures to prevent a visitor in an advanced stage of pregnancy without a confinement booking in Hong Kong from giving birth in Hong Kong. The measures will affect the immigration clearance procedures of passengers. In this connection, how does the Administration ensure that the target for clearing passengers within a 30-minute waiting time in case of travelling by land can be maintained?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

To handle the additional workload arising from identifying and examining pregnant visitors upon arrival, the Immigration Department has deployed additional staff to control points through temporary redeployment. So far, in general the service level of immigration clearance at control points has not been affected. The Department will continuously review the situation including the staff deployment.

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**Reply Serial No.**

**SB070**

**Question Serial No.**

0188

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (2) Control upon Entry

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

What are the additional manpower allocated by the Immigration Department in various control points and resources involved for implementing the new immigration measures adopted since February 2007 to prevent a visitor in an advanced stage of pregnancy without a confinement booking in Hong Kong from giving birth in Hong Kong?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

The Government and the Hospital Authority have implemented a number of measures since 1 February 2007 to ensure that local pregnant women will continue to receive proper health services. On the immigration front, the Immigration Department has temporarily re-deployed about 110 additional officers, involving a monthly salary provision of about \$2.4 million, to the control points to identify and examine pregnant visitors upon their arrival. The Department will continuously review the situation including the staff deployment.



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**SB071**

**Question Serial No.**

**0189**

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (2) Control upon Entry

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Please provide information in respect of the following table:

Number of persons coming to Hong Kong on the endorsement for individual visit:

Year / Form of endorsement	Once every 3 months	Twice every 3 months	Once a year	Twice a year
2003 (since July)				
2004				
2005				
2006				

Total number of days staying in Hong Kong for persons with the endorsement for individual visit:

Year / Form of endorsement	Once every 3 months	Twice every 3 months	Once a year	Twice a year
2003 (since July)				
2004				
2005				
2006				

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

The required statistics are not available as the Immigration Department does not maintain records according to the different types of “Individual Visit Endorsement” which visitors hold upon entry.

The number of visitors who entered Hong Kong with “Individual Visit Endorsement” are as follows:

Year	Number
2003 (since July)	667 271
2004	4 259 601
2005	5 550 255
2006	6 673 283

As regards the total number of days staying in Hong Kong, the records which the Immigration Department maintained for the last six months (1 September 2006 to 28 February 2007) show that a total of 2 391 243 visitors holding “Individual Visit Endorsement” made 3 629 248 trips to Hong Kong. The duration of each visit varied from one to seven days. On average, each trip lasted for 2.7 days.

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**Reply Serial No.**

**SB072**

**Question Serial No.**

0190

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (3) Control after Entry

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Regarding the enforcement action taken by the department against visitors engaged in unlawful employment and overstaying in Hong Kong, please list the respective numbers for the enforcement action conducted in 2004, 2005 and 2006, the number of people deployed in each operation and the number of persons arrested after each operation.

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

Figures of anti-illegal worker operations conducted and persons arrested in the past three years are as follows:

Year	No. of Operations Conducted	No. of Persons Arrested
2004	7 659	31 235
2005	6 497	26 323
2006	9 183	21 957

\* Persons arrested include those taking up unapproved employment and/or overstaying.





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**Reply Serial No.**

**SB073**

**Question Serial No.**

0191

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (3) Control after Entry

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

In 2004, 2005 and 2006, what are the number of employers arrested and prosecuted by the Department for employing persons who enter Hong Kong illegally, overstay or breach the conditions of stay in Hong Kong? Of these, what is the number of cases in which the Department was dissatisfied with the court decision and lodged an appeal?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

The numbers of employers arrested and prosecuted for employing illegal workers in the past three years are as follows:

Year	Arrested	Prosecuted
2004	1 375	507
2005	1 254	450
2006	985	333

Normally, an immediate custodial sentence is given on conviction of an offence relating to employing illegal workers. In the past three years, two applications for review of sentence were made to the High Court and five applications for review of sentence were made at Magistracy level by the Department.



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**SB074**

Question Serial No.

0192

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (4) Personal Documentation

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

The Department estimates that the number of applications for HKSAR passports in 2007 will be doubled when compared with the year of 2006. Please state whether the Department will deploy the necessary manpower and resources for this purpose. If not, how does the Department ensure that the indicator for the handling of applications for HKSAR passport within ten working days can be met?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

It is estimated that the number of HKSAR passport applications for 2007 would be 79% more than that of 2006 as about 400 000 passports which were issued in 1997 are due for replacement in 2007. With the introduction of HKSAR electronic passports on 5 February 2007, a new computer system has been put in use to process applications, and the passport personalisation process has also been automated. The processing time can therefore be shortened to ten working days, and the existing manpower resources are expected to be able to cope with the increase in workload.

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**SB075**

**Question Serial No.**

**0390**

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (1) Pre-entry Control

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Regarding the financial provision of \$171 million under programme "Pre-entry control", please list in detail the provision to be allocated for implementing the HKSAR Travel Pass Scheme and issuing Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Business Travel Cards to local business people, the measures to be taken and the estimated number of cases that can be handled. What is the expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Kwan-yuen, Andrew

Reply :

At present, 17 APEC economies have participated in the issue of Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Business Travel Cards (ABTC), the holders of which will enjoy fast track immigration clearance at control points of these participating economies.

The Travel Pass Scheme aims to facilitate business visitors who have genuine needs to visit Hong Kong frequently and the holders will be allowed to use Hong Kong resident counters at control points.



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**SB076**

**Question Serial No.**

1664

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (2) Control upon Entry

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

What was the expenditure required by the Administration in the work for preventing the entry of undesirable persons in 2006? Of this, how much was used for preventing the entry of Mainland pregnant women with 7 months' pregnancy onward without confinement bookings? In 2007-2008, what is the expenditure involved in this area of work? Of this, how much is used for preventing the entry of Mainland pregnant women with 7 months' pregnancy onward without confinement bookings?

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Yiu-chung

Reply :

We do not keep separate expenditure record on the work for preventing the entry of undesirables because the measures and operations relevant to the prevention of entry of undesirables are embedded in all aspects of immigration control work.

The Government and the Hospital Authority have implemented since 1 February 2007 a number of measures to ensure that local pregnant women will continue to receive proper health services. On the immigration front, the Immigration Department has temporarily re-deployed about 110 additional officers, involving a monthly salary provision of about \$2.4 million, to control points for identifying and examining pregnant visitors upon their arrival. The Department will continuously review the situation including the staff deployment.





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**SB077**

**Question Serial No.**

1949

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (3) Control after Entry

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Regarding the assessment of cases with claims made under the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment in 2006, what were the details of the work and expenditure involved? Please also give details of the work concerned and expenditure involved in 2007-08.

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Yiu-chung

Reply :

The Government has in place administrative procedures for assessing claims made under the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment ("the Convention") as to whether there are substantial grounds for believing that the claimants would be in danger of being subjected to torture upon returning to their places of origin.

To comply with the high standard of procedural fairness as set down by the Court of Final Appeal in the judgement and given the complexity of the torture claim cases, our processing of torture claims involves interviews, clarifications of facts, assessment and research into the country information before making determination on a claim. Where the determination is not in favour of a claimant, he may appeal to the Chief Executive (CE) and the appeal will be considered by the Secretary for Security under the delegated authority of CE.



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**SB078**

**Question Serial No.**

2616

Head : 70      Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (2) Control upon Entry

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Please list separately the staff establishment by rank and form of employment for the SkyPlaza, Lok Ma Chau Spur Line Control Point and Shenzhen Bay Control Point, the number and ranks of existing staff members as well as the number of new recruits to be deployed to the three new immigration facilities. For these facilities, will there be any additional expenditure incurred arising from the implementation of the new policy to control the entry of Mainland pregnant women to give birth in Hong Kong and what are the number of staff and the estimated financial provision involved?

Asked by : Hon. LI Fung-ying

Reply :

(1) For SkyPlaza, the establishment is 49 permanent posts -

<b>Rank (Permanent Posts)</b>	<b>No. of Post</b>
Senior Immigration Officer (SIO)	3
Immigration Officer (IO)	6
Chief Immigration Assistant (CIA)	5
Senior Immigration Assistant (SIA)	32
Immigration Assistant (IA)	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>49</b>

Initially 46 serving officers (3 SIOs, 6 IOs, 5 CIAs, 29 SIAs and 3 IAs) are deployed to SkyPlaza. The situation will be monitored closely to ensure adequate manpower deployment.

For the Shenzhen Bay Control Point, the establishment is 325 permanent posts

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<b>Rank (Permanent Posts)</b>	<b>No. of Post</b>
Assistant Principal Immigration Officer (APIO)	1
Chief Immigration Officer (CIO)	4
Senior Immigration Officer	11
Immigration Officer	40
Chief Immigration Assistant	10
Senior Immigration Assistant	194
Immigration Assistant	65
<b>Total</b>	<b>325</b>

Initially, 14 serving staff (1 CIO, 2 SIOs, 4 IOs and 7 SIAs) have been deployed as a project team to handle all the preparatory work. Remaining posts will be filled up by both serving and newly trained staff upon commissioning.

For the Lok Ma Chau Spur Line Control Point, the establishment is 213 permanent posts -

<b>Rank (Permanent Posts)</b>	<b>No. of Post</b>
Chief Immigration Officer	4
Senior Immigration Officer	8
Immigration Officer	33
Chief Immigration Assistant	27
Senior Immigration Assistant	106
Immigration Assistant	31
Executive Officer II	1
Assistant Clerical Officer	1
Clerical Assistant	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>213</b>



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**SB079**

**Question Serial No.**

2617

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (3) Control after Entry

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

In 2006, the number of offenders prosecuted significantly decreased by about 16.3%. Regarding this, will the Government inform this Council of the following:

- (a) Please provide the number of overstayers by nationality in the past three years (namely, 2004, 2005 and 2006). Of this number, what is the percentage of pregnant Mainland women? and
- (b) The Department has implemented new measures on restricting pregnant Mainland women from giving birth in Hong Kong. Has the Administration assessed whether the number of cases of overstaying in Hong Kong for giving birth will increase substantially? If yes, does the Administration have any solutions?

Asked by : Hon. LI Fung-ying

Reply :

- (a) The figures and breakdown by places of origin of overstayers arrested in the past three years are as follows:

Region Year	Africa	Asia and Pacific *	Europe	Mainland China	North America	South America	Total
2004	49	1 094	3	12 494	5	5	13 650
2005	114	1 142	5	10 987	5	5	12 258
2006	143	1 606	8	8 406	4	22	10 189

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

We do not maintain a figure on pregnant overstayers from Mainland China. According to records, the figures of Mainland overstayers who gave birth in Hong Kong in the past three years are as follows:

Year	Number of Mainland overstayers who gave birth in Hong Kong
2004	6 863
2005	6 213
2006	3 325

- (b) With effect from 1 February 2007, arriving visitors (from any place outside Hong Kong) who appear to be in an advanced stage of pregnancy are subject to closer immigration examination to establish their bona fides. Generally speaking, a pregnant visitor, as well as any other visitor, must fulfill all normal immigration requirements before permission is granted to her to enter Hong Kong. If a pregnant visitor is suspected to be seeking to abuse medical service in Hong Kong in respect of her confinement, she may be refused permission to land. As the entry of pregnant visitors is being tightened up through immigration control, it is expected that there will not be a significant increase in the number of visitors overstaying in Hong Kong.





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**SB080**

**Question Serial No.**

2659

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (1) Pre-entry Control

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

In 2005 and 2006, the numbers of applications for the Certificate of Entitlement were 7 242 and 5 819 respectively. For 2007, the estimated number is only 4 400. Please state the criteria used to determine such estimated figure.

Asked by : Hon. NG Margaret

Reply :

The estimation is based on the number of applications received in the past four years, which shows that there is a decreasing trend:

Year	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>
No. of applications received	15 453	8 981	7 242	5 819

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**SB081**

Question Serial No.

2660

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (4) Personal Documentation

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

The work of Programme (4) involves assessing claims to right of abode and dealing with related matters. What is the key performance measure for it? Please provide the application figures, assessment progress and result details for the years of 2001 to 2006.

Asked by : Hon. NG Margaret

Reply :

Under the law, a valid permanent identity card shall be evidence that the person to whom the card relates enjoys the right of abode in Hong Kong. Claims to right of abode are made by applying for verification of eligibility for permanent identity card.

The target key performance measure is to process an application within six weeks upon receipt of all necessary documents.

The statistics relating to verification of eligibility for permanent identity card applications are as follows:



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**SB082**

**Question Serial No.**

2661

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (1) Pre-entry Control

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Please provide the numbers of petition, appeal and judicial review cases regarding the Certificate of Entitlement for the past five years. How many of these cases required the conduction of DNA tests? What are the respective numbers of tests carried out by Mainland and Hong Kong laboratories? How many of them proved positive for genetic linkage?

Asked by : Hon. NG Margaret

Reply :

From 2002 to 2006, there were 607 appeals to the Immigration Tribunal, seven judicial reviews but no petition relating to Certificate of Entitlement (COE) applications. Out of the 607 appeals to the Immigration Tribunal, the Tribunal suggested conducting DNA tests in seven appeals. DNA tests in five cases had been proceeded with while the appellants in the other two cases declined to do so. Both the Mainland and Hong Kong forensic authorities were involved in these DNA tests. The results of these five DNA tests were that two cases were positive and the other three were still pending.



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**Reply Serial No.**

**SB083**

Question Serial No.

1135

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (2) Control upon Entry

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Regarding the indicator of “passengers/seamen refused entry”, the actual numbers of persons involved are 39 874 and 42 249 in 2005 and 2006 respectively while the estimated number is 45 000 in 2007. In view of the implementation of the new immigration policy over Mainland pregnant women, is the estimated number too optimistic? Following the commissioning of the new immigration facilities, how does the Administration ensure that there is sufficient manpower to meet the challenges?

Asked by : Hon. SHEK Lai-him, Abraham

Reply :

The estimated refusal figure of 45 000 passengers/seamen in 2007-08 is based primarily on the increase in passenger traffic and number of refusal cases in the past few years, with due regard to the possible additional workload arising from the Government’s implementation of new measures on pregnant visitors.

To tie in with the commissioning of two new control points (i.e. the Shenzhen Bay Control Point and the Lok Ma Chau Spur Line Control Point) in 2007, the Immigration Department is actively recruiting and training the required pool of frontline staff for filling a total of 534 uniformed posts by mid-2007. Four civilian staff will also be deployed to the two new control points.





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**SB084**

**Question Serial No.**

1136

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (2) Control upon Entry

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Would the commissioning of the new immigration facilities at the SkyPlaza, Lok Ma Chau Spur Line Control Point and Shenzhen Bay Control Point bring pressure on the frontline staff members? What measures will be taken to ensure the smooth operation of the facilities?

Asked by : Hon. SHEK Lai-him, Abraham

Reply :

With the ever-increasing passenger traffic over the years, existing control points have been hard-pressed by the passenger and vehicular traffic especially at peak periods. The commissioning of the three control points in question in 2007 will help to divert part of the current traffic and share the existing workload at control points. To ensure smooth operations upon their commissioning, a total of 587 staff will be deployed to man the three new control points: 49 for the SkyPlaza, 213 for the Lok Ma Chau Spur Line Control Point and 325 for the Shenzhen Bay Control Point.

Apart from deploying appropriate manpower to the new control points, the Immigration Department will continue to extend e-Channel services and employ advanced information technology to upkeep our efficient clearance service and performance pledges. With automated clearance successfully extended to eligible temporary Hong Kong residents, the Immigration Department is considering extension of e-Channel service to frequent visitors holding Travel Passes in the latter half of 2007.

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Post Title Ag. Director of Immigration

Date 14 March 2007

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**Reply Serial No.**

**SB085**

**Question Serial No.**

1137

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (3) Control after Entry

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

In 2007-08, what proactive actions will the Immigration Department take in stepping up action against illegal workers? Will inspection and enforcement actions be stepped up? If yes, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. SHEK Lai-him

Reply :

We will adopt the following measures to combat the problems of illegal employment so as to achieve better results in terms of prevention 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 the 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 publicity purposes have been deployed at black spots of illegal employment;
- (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 closer scrutiny upon their future applications for exit endorsement for Hong Kong; and
- (ix) to continue to carry out, in consultation with the Department of Justice, an effective prosecution of illegal workers and their employers. At present, illegal workers and their employers will normally be sentenced to imprisonment upon conviction.

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Post Title Ag. Director of Immigration

Date 14 March 2007

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**SB086**

Question Serial No.

2367

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (1) Pre-entry Control

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Regarding “the developing and implementation of the Application and Investigation Easy System and the Electronic Records Programme to enable applications to be assessed and cases handled in a paperless environment supported by imaging facilities”, please inform this Council:

- (a) What is the work to be carried out by the Administration in 2007-08 for the implementation of the above projects? What is the expenditure involved?
- (b) What is the schedule of implementation for the whole projects and the expected level of efficiency enhanced?
- (c) Will the Administration consider expanding the projects so as to enable e-applications with the support of imaging facilities and thus facilitate submissions via the internet? If yes, what is the schedule of implementation for the projects and the expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. SIN Chung Kai

Reply :



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**SB087**

Question Serial No.

2368

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (1) Pre-entry Control

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Regarding “the development and implementation of the Data Management Information System (formerly known as Data Warehousing – Management Information System) to provide relevant information and statistics for better-informed decisions and planning”, please inform this Council:

- (a) What kind of information and statistics will the above system provide?
- (b) What is the work to be carried out by the Administration in 2007-08 for the implementation of the above project? What is the expenditure involved? What is the schedule of implementation for the whole project?
- (c) Will the Administration share such information with other government departments, such as the Census and Statistics Department, the Electoral Affairs Commission, etc. in order to enhance the work efficiency and decision-making capacity of the Departments? If yes, what are the details of such plan and the expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. SIN Chung Kai

Reply :





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**SB088**

Question Serial No.

1604

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (2) Control upon Entry

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

In 2007-08, 133 posts will be created. Please provide information on the following:

- (1) the average salary of the posts;
- (2) the job duties of the respective posts; and
- (3) the reasons for creating the posts.

Asked by : Hon. TAM Heung-man

Reply :

(1) The total annual salary costs in terms of the Notional Annual Mid-point Salary of the posts, are \$36.39 million, i.e. about \$273,600 per post.

(2) The breakdown of the 133 posts by rank is as follows –

(3)

<b><u>Rank</u></b>	<b><u>No</u></b>
Chief Immigration Officer	2
Immigration Officer	28
Senior Immigration Assistant	86
Executive Officer II	2
Assistant Clerical Officer	9
Clerical Assistant	5
Systems Manager	1



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1605

Head : 70      Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (4) Personal Documentation

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

The new computer system supporting the issue of smart identity cards has been in operation since 2003 and the identity card replacement exercise will be completed in March 2007. Will any part of the computer system become obsolete after a period of three years? Will the Administration consider updating the computer system in 2007-08? If yes, what is the expenditure involved? Will the Administration conduct review on the operational efficiency of the system?

Asked by : Hon. TAM Heung-man

Reply :

The Smart Identity Card System is planned to operate for ten years since 2003. Hence, no new system is required after a lapse of three years. After March 2007, the system will continue to be used for jobs such as issue of replacement cards. The review of the system efficiency is an ongoing process.



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1642

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (1) Pre-entry Control

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

In 2007-08, 87 posts will be created. Please provide

- (1) the average salary of the posts;
- (2) the job duties of the respective posts; and
- (3) the reasons for creating the posts.

Asked by : Hon. TAM Heung-man

Reply :

- (1) The average annual salary costs for the 87 posts are about \$240,000.
- (2) These posts will mainly be deployed for tightening the pre-entry visa control on doubtful visitors, coping with anticipated increase in workload and meeting demands from new policy initiatives, e.g. the Quality Migrant Admission Scheme.
- (3) The existing establishment could hardly cope with the increasing workload. In order to upkeep our standard of service in according due facilitation to bona fide visitors and talented people coming to Hong Kong while maintaining effective immigration control, creation of the new posts is necessary.

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**Question Serial No.**

2674

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (1) Pre-entry Control

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

In 2006-07, what is the number of visa applications for training in Hong Kong processed by the Immigration Department? Please list the number of cases by the number of weeks needed from applications received to processed.

Asked by : Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply :

In 2006, the Immigration Department received 5 080 applications for training visas/entry permits and processed 5 176 such applications. The number of applications processed is larger than the number of applications received because some cases were brought forward from 2005.

Our performance pledge is to finalise 90% of these applications within four weeks upon receipt of all necessary documents. In 2006, our achievement was well above the pledged standard with over 98% of the applications finalised within the pledged processing time. We do not maintain breakdown on the length of time taken to finish these applications.

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

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 15 March 2007 \_\_\_\_\_



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**Question Serial No.**

0332

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (2) Control upon Entry

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

How many e-Channels are there at various boundary control points now? Is it necessary to install additional e-Channels in the next three years? What is the amount involved in the maintenance of the existing system and the installation of new system? What are the estimated expenditure and manpower saved with the installation of additional e-Channels?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Ting-kwong

Reply :

There are altogether 246 e-Channels for passengers and 40 e-Channels for vehicles at the existing control points. The annual system maintenance cost for e-Channels at the existing control points is around \$25.7 million. The Immigration Department will monitor the changes in passenger and vehicle traffic and consider if additional e-Channels are required at the existing control points.

For new control points, the Immigration Department plans to install 70 e-Channels for passengers at Lok Ma Chau Spur Line Control Point; and 29 e-Channels for passengers and 40 e-Channels for goods vehicles at Shenzhen Bay Control Point upon their commissioning. The annual system maintenance cost for e-Channels at these two new control points is around \$12.9 million.



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**SB093**

**Question Serial No.**

2604

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (1) Pre-entry Control

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

What are the implementation details of the HKSAR Travel Pass Scheme especially for the business people and frequent travellers to Hong Kong? How much provision will be allocated in 2007-08 for this scheme?

Asked by : Hon YOUNG Howard

Reply:

The Travel Pass Scheme has been implemented since 1998 to enhance the mobility of business travellers by facilitating bona fide frequent visitors to the HKSAR. Application is open to frequent visitors who hold valid passports and are eligible to come to the HKSAR without a visa or entry permit for visit purpose. Applicants should have genuine needs to visit the HKSAR frequently, and have come for visit without breaching relevant laws and conditions of stay on three or more occasions (other than return from side trips to the Mainland China or Macau) in the 12-month period immediately preceding the application, or can satisfy the Director of Immigration that their visits may bring substantial benefits to the HKSAR.

The Travel Pass is valid for three years and good for multiple entries to the HKSAR for a stay of up to two months for each trip. A holder of a Travel Pass can enjoy simplified immigration clearance and are allowed to use Hong Kong resident counters.



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Question Serial No.

2605

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (1) Pre-entry Control

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

It is stated that a pilot system will be rolled out for the advance passenger processing as promoted by the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation. What is the concrete plan and the resources involved in 2007-08?

Asked by : Hon. YOUNG Howard

Reply :

The Immigration Department has launched a pilot advance passenger processing scheme since November 2005. Airlines have been invited to join the pilot scheme on a voluntary basis. So far, two local airlines have joined the scheme. The Department will continue its efforts to persuade other airlines to join the scheme.

A non-recurrent project cost of \$9.1 million was approved in 2005 for the development of the system. The annual recurrent expenditure for 2007-08 is estimated to be \$1.1 million, which includes the costs for hardware and software maintenance, data communication and staff costs.

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**Question Serial No.**

2606

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

How much provision will be allocated in 2007-08 to provide self-service clearance for frequent visitors holding Travel Pass and what is the concrete plan?

Asked by : Hon. YOUNG Howard

Reply :

The expenditure for the implementation of self-service clearance for frequent visitors holding Travel Pass was included in the fund approved by the Finance Committee for the Implementation of Phase II of the Updated Information Systems Strategy for the Immigration Department in 2003. Separate funding provision is not required for 2007-08. The tentative rollout date for the programme is in the latter half of 2007.

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**Question Serial No.**

2607

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (4) Personal Documentation

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

It is expected that the number of applications for HKSAR passport for 2007-08 will be 394 264 (79%) more than the revised actual for 2006-07. What accounts for the increased number of applications and the resources involved?

Asked by : Hon. YOUNG Howard

Reply :

It is estimated that the number of HKSAR passport applications for 2007-08 would be 79% more than the revised actual figure of 2006-07, as about 400 000 passports which were issued in 1997 are due for replacement in 2007. With the introduction of HKSAR electronic passport on 5 February 2007, a new computer system has been put in use to process applications for passports, and the passport personalisation process has also been automated. The existing manpower resources are expected to be able to cope with the increase in workload.



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

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Question Serial No.

2608

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (4) Personal Documentation

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

With regard to lobbying more foreign countries to grant visa-free access to holders of HKSAR passport, will the department inform this Committee the plan of the 2007-08 financial year?

Asked by : Hon. YOUNG Howard

Reply :

This is an on-going objective of the Immigration Department to lobby for visa-free access to more countries to secure greater travel convenience for HKSAR passport holders. There are currently a total of 134 countries and territories that have agreed to grant visa-free access or visa on arrival to HKSAR passport holders.

The Department is actively discussing with a number of countries regarding the grant of visa-free access for HKSAR passport holders. As the grant of such travel convenience is the prerogative of foreign countries/territories and it hinges on various factors such as immigration and security consideration, reciprocity and individual country's or territory's circumstances, it is not practical to draw up any rigid schedule for the lobbying work.

Apart from the visa-free lobbying work conducted by the Immigration Department, other senior officials of the Government also contribute towards the lobbying work whenever a suitable opportunity arises.



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**Reply Serial No.**

**SB098**

**Question Serial No.**

2609

Head : 70      Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

As stated, there will be a net creation of 94 permanent posts in 2007-08 under details of expenditure on operating account. Please provide a breakdown of the posts with specification of those ranks, job duties and salaries.

Asked by : Hon. YOUNG Howard

A breakdown of the net creation of 94 posts by rank and their annual salary costs in 2007-08 is as follows :

<b>Rank</b>	<b>No. of Posts</b>	<b>Annual Salary Cost</b>
Assistant Principal Immigration Officer	-2	-\$1,794,360
Chief Immigration Officer	-7	-\$5,235,720
Senior Immigration Officer	-1	-\$598,800
Immigration Officer	-78	-\$29,881,800
Chief Immigration Assistant	-11	-\$3,220,140
Senior Immigration Assistant	+103	\$24,849,780
Immigration Assistant	+27	\$4,780,620
Executive Officer I	-2	-\$962,040
Executive Officer II	+21	\$6,385,680
Senior Clerical Officer	-1	-\$365,160
Clerical Officer	-61	-\$16,828,680
Assistant Clerical Officer	+17	\$2,757,060



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SB 099

Question Serial No.

0816

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 :

The estimate for 2007-08 is \$2.0 million (12.8%) lower than the revised estimate for 2006-07. This is mainly due to the reduced requirement on operating expenses in connection with the Incident. Please advise this Committee of the details of the incidents, the expenditure involved and the number of incidents for 2006, as well as the estimated expenditure and the number of the incidents for 2007.

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Wai-yip, Albert

Reply :

In 2006-07, the Independent Police Complaints Council (IPCC) dealt with an incident in which the personal data of complainants who had complained against the Police were disclosed on the Internet (the Incident).

To deal with the Incident, an additional provision of \$2.9 million was required in 2006-07 comprising expenses for employing additional staff on non-civil service contract (NCSC) terms to deal with the aftermath of the Incident, postage for mailing of letters, furniture and equipment for additional staff, and other incidental administrative expenses. The estimated provision for following up with the Incident

in 2007-08 is \$1.3 million. The decrease in provision in 2007-08 is mainly due to the anticipated reduced requirement for additional NCSC staff to deal with the outstanding issues arising from the Incident.

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Question Serial No.

2172

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 explain why the revised estimate is 22.8% higher than the original estimate for 2006-07? The estimate for 2007-08 is 7.1% higher than the original estimate for 2006-07. Does it include the additional expenditure arising from the leakage of personal data on the Internet? If so, please specify. If not, please provide the details of such 7.1% increase in provision.

Asked by : Hon. NG Margaret

Reply :

The revised estimate for 2006-07 is \$2.9 million (22.8%) higher than the original estimate. This is mainly due to the increase in operating expenses to deal with the aftermath of the incident in which the personal data of complainants who had complained against the Police were disclosed on the Internet (the Incident). The estimate for 2007-08 is \$0.9 million (7.1%) higher than the original estimate for 2006-07. It has included the additional expenses for payment to staff employed on non-civil service contract terms, and provision for incidental administrative expenses in relation to the Incident.



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Question Serial No.

0812

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 :

Concerning an incident in which the personal data of complainants who had complained against the Police were disclosed on the Internet, would the Administration please advise what measures will be taken in 2007-08 to improve the situation and prevent similar incidents from happening? What is the expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. TAM Heung-man

Reply :

Since the Incident came to light, a number of measures have been undertaken to improve the internal security relating to the handling of personal data of the Secretariat of the Independent Police Complaints Council (IPCC). They include appointing a full-time technical staff to handle information technology-related matters, and undertaking a major review of the IPCC Secretariat's internal security instructions relating to the handling of personal data. As a result of the review, access to the personal data kept in the complaints statistical system (CSS) of the IPCC is confined to the Secretary, IPCC and such persons with her express permission. The extent and level of personal data kept in the CSS have been reduced. The security

requirements in the contracts of outsourcing services have been reinforced by expressly prohibiting the outsourced contractor or agent to use or disclose personal data for any purpose other than those for which the outsourced contractor or agent is assigned to carry out, prohibiting sub-contracting of services except with the prior consent of the Secretary, IPCC, prohibiting the use of real data for testing and development purposes, requiring the outsourced contractor to give guidance in producing test or 'dummy' data, as well as carrying out audit checks on the outsourced contractor or agent from time to time to confirm if he is carrying out the required security measures and obligations. Existing outsourcing contracts have also been reviewed to ensure there are sufficient safeguards by the contractors to protect any personal data handed to them by the IPCC. The internal security instructions have been strengthened and staff have been reminded to observe them.

On 18 September 2006, the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data issued an Enforcement Notice to the IPCC, requiring compliance with three measures. On 26 October 2006, the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data confirmed that the IPCC had complied with the Enforcement Notice.

The above measures will continue to be observed in 2007-08. A provision of \$237,000 is earmarked in 2007-08 for the continual employment of a full-time technical staff to handle information technology-related matters.

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**SB 102**

Question Serial No.

0813

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 the number of complaints classified as substantiated after review by the Independent Police Complaints Council in 2006-07 and the number of police officers involved.

Asked by : Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply :

Among the 2 114 cases endorsed by the Independent Police Complaints Council (IPCC) in 2006, 81 (involving 104 allegations) were found to be substantiated. These cases involved 116 police officers.

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SB 103

Question Serial No.

0814

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 the number of complaints in respect of which the IPCC disagreed with the Complaints Against Police Office after review in 2006-07, and the follow-up actions taken by the IPCC on these complaints.

Asked by : Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply :

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 2006, the IPCC raised 75 queries of this kind with CAPO. As a result of these queries, 44 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.

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Question Serial No.

0815

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 :

Regarding the complaints reviewed in 2006-07, 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 did recommendations have to be made to the Commissioner of Police or the Chief Executive?

Asked by : Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply :

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 23 such comments in 2006. Of these, 19 (82.6%) were accepted by the Police and 4 (17.4%) were satisfactorily explained/followed-up by the Police. The IPCC raised no further question about the disciplinary action or warning imposed on police officers after explanation/clarification was furnished by the Police, and made no suggestion in this regard to the Commissioner of Police or the Chief Executive in 2006.



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SB105

Question Serial No.

0817

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 the establishment and strength of the Secretariat of the Independent Police Complaints Council in 2006-07 and the estimated figures for 2007-08.

Asked by : Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply :

The establishment and strength position of the Secretariat of the Independent Police Complaints Council (IPCC) in 2006-07 and 2007-08 are as follows:-

	<u>2006-07</u>	<u>2007-08</u>
Establishment	22	22
Strength (as at 31 March)	22	22

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SB 106

Question Serial No.

0818

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 the number of observers, resources involved and the numbers of observations and complaint cases involved in 2006-07 and the estimated figures for 2007-08 under the Observers Scheme.

Asked by : Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply :

The number of IPCC Observers in 2006-07 (as at 8 March 2007) 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 allowances payable to the Lay Observers. In 2006-07 (up to 8 March 2007), about \$43,200 was paid to the Lay Observers as travelling allowances.

In 2006, 317 observations involving 230 complaint cases were conducted by the Observers.

The estimated number of Observers in 2007-08 is not available as serving Lay Observers may retire while additional Lay Observers may be appointed during the year. So is the expenditure on travelling allowances to be incurred in 2007-08 as it would depend on the number of observations made, and the rate of travelling allowances payable to Lay Observers. The current rate of the allowance is \$176 for each visit.

It is estimated that the number of observations and complaint cases involved in 2007 would be similar to that for 2006.

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Reply Serial No.

**SB107**

Question Serial No.

0212

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:

Regarding “introducing and monitoring the effectiveness of road safety initiatives” mentioned in this programme, please inform this Committee of: a) the estimate for 2007-08; b) the rate of increase or decrease comparing with 2006-07; and the road safety problems to be addressed and the improvement measures to be implemented in 2007-08.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply:

- (a) In 2007-08, the overall estimated expenditure on the Programme of Road Safety is \$1,129.5 m. Introducing and monitoring the effectiveness of road safety initiatives is part of the overall Programme of Road Safety. There is no specific separate expenditure item.
- (b) The estimated expenditure for the Programme of Road Safety in 2007-08 increases by \$31.5 m (2.9%) over the revised estimate in 2006-07. This is mainly for the creation of 10 new posts for strengthening traffic enforcement, additional provision for filling vacancies, and increased operating expenses and cash flow requirement for capital items.
- In 2007-08, the Force will continue to focus on improving drivers' driving behaviour and implement the following “road safety” publicity and educational activities to support enforcement actions:

- distributing publicity leaflets and organising talks on road safety for drivers;
- increasing the number of public transport vehicles for the display of road safety messages; and
- continuing to organise road safety campaigns on “Smart Driving with Courtesy”.

Besides, the Force will also organise the following publicity and educational activities to enhance other road users’ awareness of road safety:

- jointly organising various publicity activities and visits relating to road safety education with the Road Safety Council, District Councils and community organisations;
- displaying road safety slogans on all major roads in Hong Kong;
- organising talks to enhance elderly’s and students’ awareness of road safety;
- organising territory-wide school road safety campaigns targeting at drivers, teachers and students; and
- maintaining close co-operation with various commercial organisations to organise more road safety activities.

Coupled with the above work, the Force will launch territory-wide enforcement actions against speeding, non-observance of traffic lights, careless driving and dangerous driving with a view to enhancing drivers’ alertness in road safety. The Force will also encourage commuters to report the undesirable driving behaviour of professional drivers.

The Force will also continue to organise anti-drink driving publicity and educational activities, particularly carrying out large-scale enforcement actions against drink driving during major festivals and public holidays. Members of the public are also invited for voluntary breath tests so as to strengthen the appeal for drivers to quit the drink driving habit.

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**SB108**

Question Serial No.

0213

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:

Regarding the target of “identifying traffic problem areas and improving liaison with the Transport Department to strategically deploy police resources to alleviate traffic congestion and improve road safety”, please inform this Committee: (a) of the content of the work; (b) of the expenditure for 2006-07; (c) of the effectiveness of the work; (d) of the estimated expenditure for 2007-08; and (e) whether the work is expected to be effective in preventing road accidents.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply:

- (a) The Traffic Branch Headquarters of the Force and all regional traffic formations will discuss measures relating to traffic management and other matters with the Transport Department (TD) with a view to strategically deploying police resources to alleviate traffic congestion and improve road safety. The Force will also adopt appropriate measures to prevent accidents, and take enforcement actions to tackle red lights jumping, speed driving and other undesirable driving behaviour based on the information about traffic accident blackspots provided by the TD. In addition, the Force will deploy officers to the Emergency Transport Co-ordination Centre to assist the TD to deal with traffic incidents.

- (b) The overall expenditure for the Programme of Road Safety in 2006-07 was \$1,098 m. Identifying traffic problem areas and improving liaison with the TD falls under the overall Programme of Road Safety. There is no specific separate expenditure item.
- (c) Regarding the effectiveness of the work, the number of traffic accidents recorded in 2006 was 14 849, which decreased by 1.4% comparing with the 15 062 cases in 2005; the number of fatal traffic accidents reduced by 2.9% from 139 cases in 2005 to 135 cases in 2006. It is the lowest record in Hong Kong in the past 49 years.
- (d) The overall estimated expenditure for the Programme of Road Safety in 2007-08 is \$1,129.5 m. The Force has no specific separate expenditure item for better liaison with the TD to alleviate traffic congestion and improve road safety.
- (e) In 2007-08, the Force will maximise its efforts to enhance road safety and reduce traffic accidents through education, publicity and flexible law enforcement actions.

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**SB109**

Question Serial No.

0827

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:

Under this programme, the number of fatal/serious injury cases caused by traffic accidents is estimated to be 2 500 in 2007, an increase over the actual number of 2 396 in 2006. Please inform this Committee of the reasons. Does this indicate that the number of traffic accidents will further increase? If so, what are the counter measures?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply:

The estimated number of fatal/serious injury cases in 2007 is only a projection based on the records of past years. It does not indicate that the number of traffic accidents will further increase. The Force has implemented a three-pronged strategy for road safety, namely publicity, education and law enforcement, which are of the same importance. The Force will continue to place effort in promoting road safety and hence further reducing traffic accidents through various promotional and educational activities and law enforcement actions.

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**SB110**

Question Serial No.

0828

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:

Regarding Programme (3) Road Safety, please inform this Committee of the following matters:

As regards the indicator of prosecutions for speeding offences, the estimated number of prosecutions in 2007 increases by around 4 000 comparing with the actual number recorded in 2006. Does it mean that the publicity on safe driving is insufficient or the penalty is unable to act as a deterrent? Has the Authority conducted an analysis on the speeding drivers by type and studied the causes? If yes, what are the results of the analysis and study?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply:

The estimation of 220 000 tickets to be issued for prosecutions in 2007 is only a projection based on past records. It does not indicate any inadequacies of the current safe driving publicities or the deterrent effects of penalties.

The Force has implemented a three-pronged strategy for road safety, namely publicity, education and law enforcement, which are of the same importance. In fact, the Force has been monitoring speeding statistics so as to formulate combating strategy.

However, neither analysis nor study on speeding drivers by type has been conducted. The Force will carry out territory-wide or local targeted enforcement actions where necessary to tie in with various publicity activities with a view to enhancing drivers' alertness in road safety and reminding them not to overspeed.

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**SB111**

Question Serial No.

1501

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 Secondary School Liaison Officer Programme,

- a) how many educational and publicity activities were conducted and how many enquiry and help-seeking cases were received in 2004, 2005 and 2006?
- b) how many cases needed to be formally referred to the Force for investigation and to other government departments for action? What was the nature of the case involved?
- c) what were the manpower and expenditure involved?
- d) has any similar crime prevention programme been conducted in primary schools? What were the resources involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Man-kwong

Reply:

- (a) The number of educational and publicity activities held under the Secondary School Liaison Officer Programme and the number of enquiry and help-seeking cases received in the recent three years are as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>No. of Educational and Publicity</u>	<u>No. of Enquiry and Help-seeking</u>
	<u>Activities</u>	<u>Cases</u>
	<u>Held</u>	<u>Received</u>
2004	1 590	3 500
2005	1 540	3 200
2006	1 480	2 400

- (b) An average of over 500 cases each year needed to be formally referred to the relevant units of the Force for follow-up investigation. If necessary, the officer in charge of the case will notify or refer the case to other government departments according to the established procedures. The nature of the cases involved includes drugs, crimes of violence, sexual offence, theft, gang fights and so on. If the enquiry does not relate to police work, the Secondary School Liaison Officer will inform the enquirer at once.
- (c) The manpower for the Secondary School Liaison Officer Programme mainly includes 33 Sergeants serving as “Secondary School Liaison Officers”. The estimated expenditure for 2007-08 is \$9.3 m.
- (d) The Force also launches a similar crime prevention programme in primary schools. The expenditure of the programme is mainly spent on the staff cost of 25 Sergeants who serve as “School Liaison Officers”. The estimated expenditure for 2007-08 is \$7.05 m.

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**SB112**

Question Serial No.

2392

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 continue to explore the use of new screening devices to detect drink driving offences in 2007-08. Please inform the progress. When will the use of the new screening devices be put into service?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kin-yee, Miriam

Reply:

The Force has always been paying attention in the market in identifying new "screening devices" and the development of related technology. At present, no "screening devices" have been found to be more effective and suitable for use in Hong Kong than the ones in use by the Force in terms of technology reliability and accuracy. The Force will continue to explore in this area.

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**SB113**

Question Serial No.

0200

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:

How many police officers were promoted through assessments and appraisals and so on in 2004, 2005 and 2006? How many of them possess a tertiary education and other relevant professional qualifications?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

The number and percentage of Police Constables who have promoted to the ranks of Sergeant and Inspector and possess a tertiary education and relevant professional qualifications in the financial years of 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 are listed below:

Financial year	Number of Police Constables Promoted	Number and percentage of Police Constables who possess a tertiary education and relevant professional qualifications
2004-05	217	19 (9%)
2005-06	187	22 (12%)
2006-07	209	37 (18%)

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**SB114**

Question Serial No.

0201

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:

What are the specific work and the expenditure involved in 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08 in respect of the enhancement of training and qualities of police officers by the Force?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

The Force established the Police College in 2006 with a view to improving the quality of teaching to ensure the training standard of police officers through various measures such as the implementation of course quality assurance mechanism.

In 2006, the Force formed a collaborative partnership with a local university for the first time to deliver part of the Recruit Constable Police Foundation Training Course, including Psychology in Policing and Social Studies in Policing, to enhance the capability of thinking and qualities of Police Constables. At the same time, external experts and representatives from non-government organisations are invited to participate in the training courses to broaden the horizons of the trainees and upgrade their professional standard.

Improving the quality of teaching and ensuring the training standard of police officers falls within the Programme of "Maintenance of Law and Order in the Community". The Force does not have a separate item for the expenditure. The expenditure on the collaboration with the local university in the delivery of Recruit Police Constable

Foundation Training Course is as below:

	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
	Actual Expenditure	Revised Estimate	Estimated Expenditure
Cost ( \$ )	0*	6,225,000	6,800,000

\* No relevant expenditure was incurred in 2005-06 as the relevant course was commenced in mid-2006.

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**SB115**

Question Serial No.

0202

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:

Has the Force provided any courses and subsidies to help enhance the qualities and professional standards of Police Constables? If so, what are the specific details? How many Police Constables participated in the related courses or subsidy schemes in 2004, 2005 and 2006? What was the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

The Force has attached great importance to enhancing the qualities and professional standards of Police Constables. The Police College was established in 2006 with a view to improving the quality of teaching to ensure the professional standard of police officers. Apart from the courses provided by the Foundation Training Centre of the Police College, the Professional Development Training Centre, Learning Development Support Centre and Research Centre also provide various training courses, workshops and seminars to upgrade the quality and professional standard of police officers. The courses provided include OSH training, computer software application courses, programmes for PSB, English & Putonghua courses, etc., enhancing their skills in handling different interpersonal communication and writing skills in daily operations. In addition, the Force conducts regular overseas career and development courses, including sending officers to the law enforcement agencies and academic institutions in countries like Australia, UK, USA, Canada and Singapore for training to gain overseas experience.

The numbers of officers participated in the training for the past 3 years are:

	2004-05 Actual	2005-06 Actual	2006-07 Estimate
Foundation Training Courses	134 220	163 872	159 928
Professional Development Learning/ ) Learning Development Support/ ) Research Courses )	12 770	19 949	15 133
Overseas Training Courses	120	137	151

The Recruit Police Constable (RPC) Foundation Training Course conducted by the Force has been accredited by the Hong Kong Open University in 2006, which conducts a conversion course to police officers who have completed the RPC Foundation Training Course to help them obtain accredited qualifications.

The expenditure for enhancing the qualities and professional standards of Police Constables falls within the overall Programme of “Maintenance of Law and Order in the Community”. The Force does not have a separate item for the expenditure. The direct training expenses for the past 3 years are as below:

	2004-05 Actual	2005-06 Actual	2006-07 Estimate
Overseas Training Courses (\$)	3,391,000	3,305,000	3,766,000
Other Direct Training Expenses (\$)	11,460,000	11,357,000	15,331,000*

\* The Force formed a collaborative partnership with a local university for training course in 2006. The relevant expenses have been included in other direct training expenses above.

The Force also facilitates police officers to establish a diversified channel for further study to assist police officers to obtain various levels of qualifications and practise lifelong learning. In this regard, the Force has all along provided various types of subsidies for police officers taking courses relevant to their duties to encourage them to continue learning in their spare time for the enhancement of their professional standards.



The expenditure for subsidising police officers to further study and the numbers of recipients in the Force from 2004-05 to 2006-07 are as follows:

	2004-05 Actual Expenditure	2005-06 Actual Expenditure	2006-07 Revised Estimate
Number of recipients	1 404	1 254	1 490
Expenditure for subsidy (\$)	1,516,000	1,851,000	1,985,000

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**SB116**

Question Serial No.

0203

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 the 2007-08 Budget, the restrictions for the law enforcement agencies to recruit civil servants will be lifted. The Hong Kong Police Force expects that there will be a net creation of 141 permanent posts in 2007-08. How will the Police Force launch a new round of advertisements and publicity to attract the well-qualified citizens to join the Police Force? What are the ranks, salary levels and duties of the newly created posts?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

In 2007-08, the Hong Kong Police Force will adopt various positive recruitment strategies, including launching the "Police Mentorship Programme" and the "Auxiliary (Undergraduate) Scheme" for undergraduates of the eight universities in Hong Kong to encourage university students of good quality to join the Force after graduation. In the meantime, the Force will continue to actively participate in all major careers expos and arrange activities like various types of recruitment talks and visits to Force formations to promote the recruitment message. E-mail messages will also be sent to fresh graduates of various universities and associate degree courses to encourage them to join the Force.

Moreover, the Police Force will also launch recruitment advertisements and announcements of public interest in different media, including placing advertisements on newspapers, TV and public transport.

For the net creation of 141 permanent posts in 2007-08, the ranks range from Police Constable to Senior Superintendent. The pay levels of the new posts are based on the current Police Pay Scale, from a monthly salary of \$13,823 for a Police Constable to \$87,430 for a Senior Superintendent. The pay levels of the posts are listed in the annex. The new posts are created mainly for providing manpower for the new infrastructures, including the Boundary Crossing Facilities at Shenzhen Western Corridor and Deep Bay Link, and the beat patrol duties of Yuen Long District Special Duties Squad, Wan Chai Division and Tseung Kwan O Division.

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## Annex

Please refer to the following table for the ranks and pay levels of the new posts.

### Police Pay Scale

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Police Pay Scale</b>	<b>Monthly Salary (HK\$) (with effect from 1 January 2005 )</b>
<b>Senior Superintendent</b>	52-54	80,660-87,430
<b>Superintendent</b>	48-51	69,575-77,645
<b>Chief Inspector</b>	42-47	55,770-67,085
<b>Inspector/Senior Inspector</b>	17-41	22,850-53,675
<b>Station Sergeant</b>	21-29	25,480-33,830
<b>Sergeant</b>	14-22	20,995-26,135
<b>Police Constable</b>	1a-14	13,823-20,995

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Question Serial No.

0204

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 respect of the work to promote participation in community and voluntary services by Junior Police Call members, please state the expenses, details of the plan and numbers of young people participated in 2004, 2005 and 2006.

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

Junior Police Call (JPC) members participate in community and voluntary services on voluntary basis. They do not have any payment or remuneration. However, transportation or refreshment may be arranged depending on situation if they are not provided in an activity. JPC members' participation in community and voluntary services falls under the Programme of "Maintenance of Law and Order in the Community". The Force does not have the breakdown of the expenditure in this regard.

The community and voluntary services participated by JPC members in each police district cover various types of activities and services, including flag selling, charitable sale of food, sale of lottery tickets, elderly services, charitable walk and cleaning of seashore, etc.

In the past three years, there were on average over 12 200 JPC members each year participated in community and voluntary services.

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**SB118**

Question Serial No.

0205

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 state the numbers of Junior Police Call (JPC) members in 2004, 2005 and 2006, and the numbers of participants in the JPC activities held in these three years.

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

There were 141 391 registered JPC members as at 31 December 2006. In the past three years, the number of participants in JPC activities was over 440 000 person-times on average each year.

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**SB119**

Question Serial No.

0206

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:

How does the Force make use of the enhanced command and control system for the effective and efficient deployment of police resources? As the public is very concerned about the recent leakage of information from the internal computer system, does the Force have any long and short term plans for inspection, updating and technology upgrading for the overall security of the internal system? If so, what are the details? What is the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

The Third Generation Command and Control Communication System (CCIII) was fully launched in March 2006. The system is equipped with the latest information and communication technologies to enhance management qualities, operational efficiency and public safety. It provides not only digital radio communications platform, but also a series of advanced functions, including the automatic caller phone number and address display, digital maps, automatic vehicle location tracking, etc. taking the Force into a new digital era.



The CCIII system has been enhanced with the Graphical User Interface and Chinese input capabilities to provide a more effective “999” emergency telephone service. The Automatic Location Identification feature allows the operators to see the location of the fixed-line caller on digital maps. This function is particularly useful for identifying the location of a caller who cannot express himself clearly. The command centre and front-line officers will be provided quickly with the useful information which enables them to make better-informed decisions.

The Automatic Vehicle Location System and Geographic Information System consolidate the relevant information to enable the operators and officers in charge to identify instantly the location of incidents and police mobile units on digital maps, thus facilitating a more effective deployment of police mobile units in the vicinity of the location.

The Force attaches great importance to information security. A series of security systems have been installed at various levels, such as the internet firewall, attack detection system, anti-virus software on the servers, user authentication and detailed system records, desktop anti-virus software and registration system.

The systems are maintained up-to-date and regular system inspections are conducted. Task forces have been formed to carry out information security inspections in all units to ensure the information security in offices and computer rooms. In line with the information security arrangement, a Force Information Security Manual has been devised to explain to the staff the importance of information security on a regular basis and effect the appropriate strengthening and enhancement measures according to the information security needs and situational changes.

In 2006-07, the Force spent about \$2.7 m on purchase of relevant hardware and software to upgrade the security systems. In the coming year, we plan for another risk assessment to review the effectiveness of the security systems and confirm the needs and mode of the improvement proposals to be introduced to cope with the technological changes.

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**SB120**

Question Serial No.

0825

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 state the raids conducted by the Force in 2004, 2005 and 2006. What crimes were mainly involved? Please also explain the reasons for the gradual decrease in the number of raids from 13 131 in 2005 to 9 000 as estimated for 2007.

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

The raids conducted by the Force from 2004 to 2006 were primarily targeted at drugs, illegal gambling and vice activities. The main reason for the decrease in the number of raids was the active adoption of an intelligence-led strategy by the Force, including strengthening co-operation with the Mainland and overseas law enforcement authorities. As a result, the raid operations became more strategic and the resources were pooled together more effectively to crack down on target criminals and criminal syndicates. Thus, a likely fall in the number of raids is estimated.

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Reply Serial No.

**SB121**

Question Serial No.

0826

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 community is very concerned over the problem of cross-boundary juvenile drug abuse. Has the Force liaised, communicated and cooperated with the local organisations and institutions and the relevant law enforcement authorities in the Mainland concerning the prevention of youths from crossing the boundary to take drugs? If so, please state the specific work and the authorities and institutions liaised in 2004, 2005 and 2006. If not, what were the specific work of the Force to prevent cross-boundary drug abuse and the expenditure incurred?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

Combating the trafficking and abuse of dangerous drugs is one of the Force Operational Priorities for 2007. The Police will adopt a multi-agency approach in dealing with the problem of cross-boundary juvenile drug abuse.

The Narcotics Bureau of the Police liaises with the Narcotics Division of the Security Bureau and formulates relevant policies jointly with other Hong Kong government departments such as the Education and Manpower Bureau and the Social Welfare Department. As regards law enforcement, the Narcotics Bureau and the Customs and Excise Department work closely together to combat and prevent cross-boundary juvenile drug abuse.

The Narcotics Bureau conducts regular meetings with Guangdong Provincial Public Security Department and Shenzhen Municipal Public Security Bureau to formulate operational directions for combating drug trafficking and cross-boundary drug abuse. The cooperation has frequently succeeded in cutting off cross-boundary drug trafficking and arresting cross-boundary drug traffickers effectively.

Close liaison with Shenzhen Municipal Public Security Bureau is maintained in respect of Hong Kong residents arrested for narcotics offences. Since the end of 2002, the Force, when notified, will assist Hong Kong people who have been arrested for narcotics offences and detained for administrative purpose in Shenzhen to return to Hong Kong. Social workers will also follow up the cases of those who are willing to accept services.

In addition, education and publicity activities are conducted regularly by Border District of the Force at each boundary crossing. The community leaders of the District Councils and the Fight Crime Committees also assist by distributing leaflets on the harmful effects of drug abuse to young people going to the Mainland at the boundary crossings in person.

The above work falls under the Programme of “Maintenance of Law and Order of the Community” and no breakdown of the expenditure is available.

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SB122

Question Serial No.

0832

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:

Please list the number of domestic violence cases handled by various police districts in 2004, 2005 and 2006. Please give details of the work and service schemes jointly organised by various police districts and the related organisations, and the number of police officers involved in the schemes.

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

The statistics of domestic violence cases (by police district) handled by the Police from 2004 to 2006 are attached at the annex.

To be in line with the Government policy, the Force adopts a “multi-disciplinary” to work positively with the Social Welfare Department (SWD), other Government departments and non-government organisations at different levels. The contents are as follows:

- At the central level, the Police attends the meetings of the “Working Group on Combating Violence” chaired by the Director of Social Welfare, and is responsible for advising on the strategies and measures of handling the problems of spouse battering and sexual violence.





**Annex**

**Statistics of “Domestic Violence” Cases handled by the Police (by Police District)**  
**from 2004 to 2006**

<b>Police Districts</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>
<b>Central District</b>	10	21	73
<b>Wan Chai District</b>	65	72	107
<b>Western District</b>	61	90	199
<b>Eastern District</b>	121	127	379
<b>Wong Tai Sin District</b>	149	107	292
<b>Sau Mau Ping District</b>	88	116	243
<b>Kwun Tong District</b>	187	217	340
<b>Yau Tsim District</b>	35	65	78
<b>Mong Kok District</b>	63	55	120
<b>Sham Shui Po District</b>	61	148	403
<b>Kowloon City District</b>	120	75	232
<b>Border District</b>	8	3	10
<b>Yuen Long District</b>	392	514	515
<b>Tuen Mun District</b>	294	254	294
<b>Tai Po District</b>	172	198	320
<b>Tsuen Wan District</b>	189	247	228
<b>Sha Tin District</b>	129	101	309
<b>Kwai Tsing District</b>	103	177	479
<b>Lantau District</b>	41	39	77
<b>Airport District</b>	1	2	4
<b>Marine District</b>	0	0	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 289</b>	<b>2 628</b>	<b>4 704</b>

- Note:
- (1) A domestic violence case refers to “any incident involving an assault, or breach of the peace between parties who could generally be described as married or having a family relationship”. “Married or having a family relationship” refers to couples who are heterosexual co-habitants, lovers, separated or divorced.
  - (2) The above figures include criminal and miscellaneous cases.

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**SB123**

Question Serial No.

0833

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:

What are the expenditures for the Force to handle domestic violence cases, including child abuse and elderly abuse, in 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

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

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**SB124**

Question Serial No.

1853

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. &  
title):

Programme: 12204 - Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

In the anti-smuggling operations in 2006, the number of suspicious vessels sighted by the Force was 594, which increased significantly by about 400% comparing with the number of 128 recorded in 2005. The total value of the smuggled goods seized increased by about 70% from \$144.8 m in 2005 to \$247.4 m in 2006. As the rates of increase of these two indicators were not commensurate with each other, please inform this Committee whether it was because most of the suspicious vessels sighted had not engaged in smuggling activities, or the smuggled goods carried by the suspicious vessels were of low total value, or there were any other reasons.

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

There is no direct relationship between the number of suspicious fast-moving vessels sighted and the total value of the smuggled goods seized. To the Police Force, the majority of the smuggled goods were not seized from suspicious fast-moving vessels but were seized in goods vessels or on land. On the other hand, as the values of the smuggled goods seized on each vessel vary, the rise in the number of the suspicious fast-moving vessels sighted does not necessarily result in a direct increase in the total value of the smuggled goods seized.

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**SB125**

Question Serial No.

1854

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. &  
title):

Programme: 12204 - Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

In 2007-08, 26 new posts will be created for carrying out front-line operations. Please inform this Committee of the details of these posts, including the post titles (ranks), annual salary expenditure and their specific duties.

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

For the net creation of 26 permanent posts in 2007-08, the ranks range from Police Constable to Senior Superintendent. The pay levels of the new posts are based on the current Police Pay Scale, from a monthly salary of \$13,823 for a Police Constable to \$87,430 for a Senior Superintendent. The new posts are created mainly to provide manpower for the Boundary Crossing Facilities at Shenzhen Western Corridor and Deep Bay Link. The pay levels of the posts are listed in the annex.

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### **Annex**

Please refer to the following table for the ranks and pay levels of the new posts.

#### Police Pay Scale

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Police Pay Scale</b>	<b>Monthly Salary (HK\$) (with effect from 1 January 2005)</b>
<b>Senior Superintendent</b>	52-54	80,660-87,430
<b>Superintendent</b>	48-51	69,575-77,645
<b>Chief Inspector</b>	42-47	55,770-67,085
<b>Inspector/Senior Inspector</b>	17-41	22,850-53,675
<b>Station Sergeant</b>	21-29	25,480-33,830
<b>Sergeant</b>	14-22	20,995-26,135
<b>Police Constable</b>	1a-14	13,823-20,995

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**SB126**

Question Serial No.

1855

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:

Has the Force implemented any management and development plans, such as regular training courses for enhancing the capability of police officers to better manage their finance, and their personal integrity? If so, what are the details and the expenditure incurred? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

The Force provides all new recruits with personal financial management training course. The contents of the course include the importance of handling personal finance prudently, the development of personal integrity, the Force vision, common purpose and values, lifestyles management and development and Force anti-corruption strategy etc. The Force invites experts and representatives of relevant organisations such as the officers of the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) to present topics on these issues.

Regular courses for officers in service also include subjects like personal financial management and personal integrity development in order to strengthen the understanding of the officers on these topics. The officers of the ICAC are also invited to lecture. Moreover, a Living-the-Values Workshop will be held every 18 months. These training courses cover all staff in the Force with a view to enhancing

the personal integrity of officers and enabling them to recognise the Force values.  
The Force organised a training day with the theme of “Enhancing a Culture of Integrity and Honesty”(“頂天立地之誠與信”) in 2006 to further strengthen the training of the front-line officers in this regard.  
The training courses concerned fall within the Programme of “Maintenance of Law and Order in the Community” and there is no specific expenditure item provided for.

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**SB127**

Question Serial No.

1945

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:

The Authority produced two TV Announcements of Public Interest with the themes of "Anti-Deception" and "Anti-Theft" which were launched in June and August 2006 respectively. What is the expenditure involved? What is the percentage of the expenditure in the total expenditure of the Force for crime-prevention publicity activities?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

The Fight Crime Committee Publicity Sub-Committee (Sub-Committee) is responsible for promoting polices, objectives and strategies of the Fight Crime Committee, enhancing the public's awareness of crime prevention, and appealing to them to participate actively in the work of fighting crime. In January 2006, the Sub-Committee made an analysis based on the crime figures of 2005 with the view of formulating the fight crime publicity strategy for 2006-007. It was found that although the total crime figure in 2005 showed a drop of 4.8% against that of 2004, theft accounted for over 40% of the total crime figure and a rising trend in deception was noted. Therefore, the Sub-Committee considered that "Beware of Thefts and Beware of Deceptions" should be the themes of the publicity campaign for 2006-07. A strategy and a publicity programme were formulated for the fight against these

crimes. The publicity programme included the production of two fight crime TV Announcements with the themes of “Beware of Thefts” and “Beware of Deceptions”. The total production and broadcasting expenditure for the two TV Announcements of Public Interest “Anti-Deception” and “Anti-Theft” is \$1.1 m. In 2006-07, the Police revised estimated expenditure for crime-prevention publicity item is \$2.63 m. Therefore, the expenditure of the above two TV Announcements accounts for about 40% of the Police revised estimated expenditure for the crime-prevention publicity item in 2006-07.

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**SB128**

Question Serial No.

1946

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:

Please list out the juvenile offences and figures of arrest in 2004, 2005 and 2006 by district.

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

The juvenile offences and figures of arrest in 2004, 2005 and 2006 are listed by type and district in annexes (1), (2) and (3) respectively.

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Annex (1)

Number of Youth Offenders Arrested in 2004 (10 to 20 years of age)

Region/District	Miscellaneous Theft	Shop Theft	Wounding and Serious Assault	Others	Total
Hong Kong Island					
Wan Chai	88	111	28	145	372
Eastern District	83	185	103	224	595
Western District	45	40	62	172	319
Central District	29	25	2	67	123
Kowloon East					
Kwun Tong	149	211	145	335	840
Wong Tai Sin	83	144	114	289	630
Sau Mau Ping	63	49	118	167	397
Kowloon West					
Mong Kok	81	92	52	425	650
Yau Tsim	49	79	23	285	436
Sham Shui Po	72	73	69	241	455
Kowloon City	64	81	63	158	366
New Territories North					
Yuen Long	236	123	129	564	1 052
Tuen Mun	183	224	172	514	1 093
Tai Po	209	232	193	425	1 059
Border	7	-	7	44	58
New Territories South					
Sha Tin	222	203	98	367	890
Tsuen Wan	107	115	80	262	564
Kwai Tsing	83	83	88	342	596
Lantau	29	22	31	45	127
Airport	7	2	2	32	43
Marine	21	-	6	17	44
Total	1 910	2 094	1 585	5 120	10 709

Annex (2)

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

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

Annex (3)

Number of Young Offenders Arrested in 2006 (10 to 20 years of age)

Region/District	Miscellaneous Theft	Shop Theft	Wounding and Serious Assault	Others	Total
Hong Kong Island					
Wan Chai	55	51	38	123	267
Eastern District	89	124	82	169	464
Western District	76	71	77	254	478
Central District	18	11	12	123	164
Kowloon East					
Kwun Tong	114	231	136	301	782
Wong Tai Sin	88	107	92	223	510
Sau Mau Ping	73	50	82	240	445
Kowloon West					
Mong Kok	96	89	57	323	565
Yau Tsim	46	29	22	247	344
Sham Shui Po	108	72	95	251	526
Kowloon City	58	57	48	167	330
New Territories North					
Yuen Long	207	66	172	439	884
Tuen Mun	191	133	125	380	829
Tai Po	145	124	157	226	652
Border	16	1	4	40	61
New Territories South					
Sha Tin	153	124	118	220	615
Tsuen Wan	100	72	47	257	476
Kwai Tsing	165	133	137	375	810
Lantau	39	34	32	99	204
Airport	6	5	1	28	40
Marine	11	-	7	20	38
Total	1 854	1 584	1 541	4 505	9 484

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**SB129**

Question Serial No.

1947

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 Force adopted a multi-agency approach to address the problem of youth crime. Please state the number of police officers, social workers and youth at risk participated in the scheme in 2004, 2005 and 2006.

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

In 2004, 2005 and 2006, the Force organised about 50 youth programmes each year in various police regions and police districts in a "multi-agency" approach for preventing and combating youth crimes. The police officers who were mainly responsible for implementing the programmes were officers of the Crime Prevention Bureau of various police regions and the Police Public Relations Officers of the police districts. A lot of police volunteers also participated in the activities. However, the Force does not maintain a record of the number of police officers and social workers who have participated in the relevant activities. About 6 000 youngsters on average participated in the activities each year.

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**SB130**

Question Serial No.

1948

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:

How many major traffic and transport incidents did the Force take part in through the Emergency Transport Co-ordination Centre in 2004, 2005 and 2006? How many police officers were deployed in those incidents?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

From mid-2005 onwards, the Force began to deploy officers to the Emergency Transport Co-ordination Centre to assist in dealing with major traffic and transport incidents. The number of turnouts and officers involved are as follows:

<b>Year</b>	<u>Police Turnouts</u>	<u>Number of Officers Involved</u>
2005 (June to December)	15 times	24 persons
2006	17 times	30 persons

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**SB131**

Question Serial No.

1856

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

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Please state the expenditure on rewards and special services of a confidential nature under this subhead in 2006-07, and the number and details of the payments. Did the Authority find any irregular cases? If so, how many cases were involved?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply:

The number of payments for rewards was 1 835 in 2006-07 (as at 9 March 2007). Expenses paid under Rewards and Special Services involve police operations of a confidential nature, including the fight against terrorists activities, serious crimes and narcotics offences, and security matters. Disclosing the expenditure on rewards and special services of a confidential nature may reveal detailed operation arrangements of the Force and its law enforcement capabilities to criminals, who may be able to elude justice, and even may make informers worry about their personal safety, thus jeopardising the capabilities of collecting crime intelligence of the Force.

In 2006-07, the Force conducted 182 surprise inspections (as at 9 March 2007). No irregular cases have been detected during the inspections.

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**SB132**

Question Serial No.

0323

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 adopted a multi-agency approach to address the problems of juvenile delinquency and youth crime in 2006-07. What were the details of the project and the expenditure incurred? What are the details of the project and the estimated expenditure for 2007-08?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Yiu-chung

Reply:

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, 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 “Youth Service Information Leaflets”, 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 the appropriate organisations, including the SWD, EMB or JPS of the Police, 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 follow-up services from at least three organisations, starting from 1 October 2003, the Police will refer such cases to the SWD for the consideration of holding a “Family Conference” 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. To strengthen multi-disciplinary collaboration and to provide more appropriate youth support services, the Police have reviewed the operation of the “Family Conference” with the SWD and other government departments and released new guidelines for the conference on 1 January 2007.

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 50 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.

To prevent primary and secondary school students from committing juvenile offences, the Police created 33 “Secondary School Liaison Officer” and 25 “School Liaison Officer” posts to provide a communication platform for the Police, the school management and the school community so as to monitor and control juvenile delinquency in schools.

The above initiatives and measures will continue to be implemented in 2007-08.

The adoption of a multi-agency approach to address the problems of juvenile delinquency and youth crime falls under the overall Programme of “Maintenance of Law and Order in the Community”. The Force does not maintain the breakdown of expenditure in this regard.

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**SB133**

Question Serial No.

0324

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 proposes to conduct a Staff Opinion Survey in late 2007. What are the objectives and methodology of the survey? Will the public be notified of the findings? What is the estimated expenditure?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Yiu-chung

Reply:

Since 2004, the Force has been conducting "Staff Opinion Survey" every three years with the aim of gauging views of the staff on the Force and its performance, and identifying the current concerns of the staff and their opinions on the Force's values, in order to devise follow-up plans and measures for the enhancement of the quality of the police service provided to the public.

The opinion survey in 2004 was conducted by the Public Opinion Programme of the University of Hong Kong. A total of more than 3 950 members of the Force were interviewed and the expenditure incurred was about \$260,000. The Force has studied the findings of the survey thoroughly, actively followed up on the staff concerns and made improvements to meet the expectations of the staff. The findings have been released to the staff and the public through various channels and published in OffBeat.



Similar approach will be adopted for the survey scheduled to be conducted in late 2007, i.e. by selecting a survey agency through tender, followed by a joint design of the survey and the areas of concern. The findings will also be released to the staff and the public as the basis for service quality enhancement. The estimated expenditure is about \$300,000.

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**SB134**

Question Serial No.

0829

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:

The Authority completed the Junior Police Call Scheme Review in 2006. What were the findings of the review and the expenditure incurred?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Yiu-chung

Reply:

The Force completed the Junior Police Call Scheme Review in 2006. The result indicates that the Scheme still plays an important role in fostering youngsters' leadership and combating crimes. The review also reveals that measures like the restructuring of the organisation of Junior Police Call (JPC), the establishment of a three-tier JPC membership system, and the provision of further training and diversified activities can be adopted to develop the leadership abilities of JPC members, equip them to be future leaders, and motivate them to fight against juvenile crimes and combat crimes jointly with the community and other organisations. The Force will formulate clear visions, missions and values for JPC so that it will continue to be one of the best youth organisations in Hong Kong.

The Junior Police Call Scheme Review was conducted by the Police Public Relations Branch and the Police Public Relations Officers. No additional expenditure was involved.

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**SB135**

Question Serial No.

0830

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 2006, the Authority launched three new youth initiatives in various police regions and districts to reduce juvenile delinquency and provide proper guidance to youths-at-risk. Please provide details of the work and the expenditure incurred. Please also give details of the work to be carried out in 2007-08 and the expenditure incurred.

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Yiu-chung

Reply:

In 2006, the Force launched three new youth initiatives including the "Youth Motivation Scheme" of Mong Kok District, "Student Mentorship Scheme" and "Secondary School Support Officer Scheme" of Western District.

The "Youth Motivation Scheme" of Mong Kok District was jointly organised by the Police Community Relations Officer Office of Mong Kok District, Police Volunteers and a non-government organisation. The Scheme helps young people, through interesting activities, strengthen their self-confidence and establish personal goals, thus reducing their opportunities of committing unruly behaviours. The expenditure for the Scheme is covered by the sponsorship of the District Council, charity funds and enthusiasts for public interest in the district. No additional provision is involved.

The work of the Scheme will continue in 2007-08.

The two youth initiatives of the Western District are organised jointly with the secondary schools in the District. The “Student Mentorship Scheme” selects students at Form three or above to be the Student Mentors who will receive training on counselling, interpersonal relationship and communication skills. These Student Mentors can then assist teachers in schools and help maintain student order and school discipline. The expenditure on the Scheme is covered by the sponsorship of the District Fight Crime Committee and enthusiasts for public interest in the District. No additional provision is involved. The Scheme will remain unchanged in 2007-08 except that the participation of non-government organisations will be considered.

As regards the “Secondary School Support Officer Scheme” of Western District, each participating school (five in total) will have one police officer of the rank of Inspector or above as its Support Officer. These Support Officers participate on a voluntary basis and attend the activities in their spare time. The aims of the Scheme are to strengthen the communication between the Force and schools and teach students positive values and civic-mindedness. The Scheme does not involve any additional provision. The work of the Scheme will be continued in 2007-08.

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**SB136**

Question Serial No.

0831

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:

Please give details of the work for preventing and detecting domestic violence crimes and the expenditure incurred in 2006. Please provide details of the work to be carried out in 2007-08 and the expenditure incurred.

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Yiu-chung

Reply:

The Force is committed to promptly and professionally respond to all reports of domestic violence. In 2006, a series of measures was implemented to strengthen the Force capabilities in the initial handling and investigation of domestic violence cases.

In respect of the strengthening of the initial handling capabilities, a supervisory officer at the rank of Sergeant or above is required to attend the domestic violence scene in person for supervision in order to ensure that the case is handled properly and classified correctly. The Police have also adopted an "Emergency Referral Questionnaire" as an immediate crisis management tool to identify and assess risk factors currently existed in the subject family and to arrange for necessary emergency referral for the victims, including arranging residential care for them in refuge centres or contacting the Social Welfare Department (SWD) for immediate crisis intervention.

To further standardise ways of handling domestic violence cases by police officers at the scene, the Police have designed an “Action Checklist” as guidelines for all uniformed officers attending the scene to ensure that all necessary actions are taken. The Police have also designed the “Domestic Violence Booklets” containing documents such as the “Emergency Referral Questionnaires” and “Action Checklists” and distributed them to all front-line officers for use in handling domestic violence incidents.

To help improve the recording of all actions taken at the scene by front-line officers for future reference, the Communal Information System has been enhanced to record information in the “Emergency Referral Questionnaires” and “Action Checklists” in the form of electronic document. In addition, an alert mechanism has also been incorporated in the “Central Domestic Violence Database” to bring up all the high risk domestic violence cases to the District and Divisional management for better collaboration with other welfare units. SWD has set up a 24-hour direct hotline for the Police to facilitate the latter to liaise with SWD for access to its emergency services.

In respect of the strengthening of the investigation capabilities, the Police have set up designated investigation units at the District/Divisional levels for investigating serious domestic violence cases. A mechanism has also been set up for referring non-crime domestic violence cases which are identified as “High Risk” to crime investigation units for action. Moreover, the Police have also adopted a “One Family One Team” approach so that the same investigation team will take over all investigations involving the same family to facilitate a timely intervention and the provision of appropriate assistance.

Regarding training, the Police provided focal training in the “Handling of Domestic Violence” to all police officers at various divisional training days from July to October 2006. Apart from providing training in the application of the “Emergency Referral Questionnaire”, the importance of the awareness of family interactive relationship, sensitivity and cross-disciplinary exchange was also stressed. The purpose of the training is to enhance the knowledge and handling skills of the front-line officers in risk assessment and conflict management.

The Commissioner's Operational Priorities 2007 further affirm the Force commitment to professionally respond to and investigate all reports of domestic violence. The Police will continue to adopt a "multi- disciplinary" approach and cooperate with SWD, other government departments and non-government organisations to handle domestic violence cases, and refer the affected persons to other departments or organisations for appropriate social services or support. Regarding the prevention work, the Police will also actively participate in the relevant publicity and educational activities.

In order to enhance the professional knowledge and investigation skills of officers of the designated units for investigating domestic violence, the Police will launch a special training programme in mid-2007. The programme will focus on the family interactive relationship of domestic violence, behaviour patterns of the persons involved, the skills necessary for handling and interviewing the persons concerned, and the importance of coordination and cooperation with the relevant welfare units.

In order to more fully grasp the background information of domestic violence cases to help front-line officers to handle domestic violence incidents and to conduct risk assessment, the Police are actively preparing to upgrade the applications and functions of the "Central Domestic Violence Database", which include expanding the capacity of the database for storing fuller information, accelerating the search speed and improving the search functions.

The above work of handling domestic violence falls under the overall Programme of "Prevention and Detection of Crime" and no specific breakdown is available for the relevant estimated expenditure.

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**SB137**

Question Serial No.

2173

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 2006, the Force introduced new measures to strengthen the handling of domestic violence cases including enhanced training for front-line officers. Please give an account of the implementation of these measures, their effects and the expenditure incurred. What are the expenditure and work objectives of these measures in 2007-08?

Asked by: Hon. NG Margaret

Reply:

Regarding the enhancement of training, the Police attaches great importance to the provision of training to strengthen the police officers' capabilities in handling domestic violence cases. Each Police Constable will receive at least 15 training sessions on "domestic violence" during the first five years of their service in the Force, including:

- the "basic training" received while newly recruited;
- the "in-service training" received while serving in the police districts/divisions;  
and
- the "advanced and development training" received on the fifth year of service in the Force.

Moreover, the Police will incorporate training in the handling of domestic violence into the “Station Sergeant and Sergeant Promotion Courses” and on the “Divisional Training Days”.

In order to enhance the capabilities of police officers to handle domestic violence cases, from June 2005 the Police incorporated the topics of “Psychology of Victims” and “Conflict Management” into the “Police Training Course” to provide training to enhance police officers’ skills in communication and the handling of conflicts through a systematic and efficient strategy.

In addition, the Police also provided focal training in the “Handling of Domestic Violence” to all police officers at various divisional training days from July to October 2006. Apart from providing training in the application of the “Emergency Referral Questionnaire”, the importance of the awareness of family interactive relationship, sensitivity and cross-disciplinary exchange will also be stressed. The purpose of the training is to enhance knowledge and handling skills of front-line officers in risk assessment and conflict management.

In order to enhance the professional knowledge and investigation skills of officers of the designated units for investigating domestic violence, the Police will launch a special training programme in mid-2007. The programme will focus on the family interactive relationship of domestic violence, behaviour patterns of the persons involved, the skills necessary for handling and interviewing the persons concerned, and the importance of coordination and cooperation with the relevant welfare units.

In 2007, the Force will continue to adopt the “multi-disciplinary” approach and cooperate with the SWD, other government departments and non-government organisations to handle domestic violence cases, and refer the affected persons to other departments or organisations for appropriate social services or support. The Force will also continue to strengthen the professional abilities of front-line officers in handling domestic violence incidents such as the mastery of the handling procedures and legislations, as well as attitudes and skills in handling domestic violence.

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 breakdown of the expenditure.

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**SB138**

Question Serial No.

1495

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:

The number of domestic violence cases has been increasing in recent years. Please state in detail the resources invested in the detection of crime and what other measures are available to reduce domestic violence crime?

Asked by: Hon. TAM Heung-man

Reply:

The Force is committed to promptly and professionally respond to all reports of domestic violence. In 2006, a series of measures was implemented to strengthen its capabilities in the initial handling and investigation of domestic violence cases.

In respect of the strengthening of the initial handling capabilities, a supervisory officer at the rank of Sergeant or above is required to attend the domestic violence scene in person for supervision in order to ensure that the case is handled properly and classified correctly. The Police have also adopted an "Emergency Referral Questionnaire" as an immediate crisis management tool to identify and assess risk factors currently existed in the subject family and to arrange for necessary emergency referral for the victims, including arranging residential care for them in refuge centres or contacting the Social Welfare Department (SWD) for immediate crisis intervention.

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In order to enhance the professional knowledge and investigation skills of officers of the designated units for investigating domestic violence, the Police will launch a special training programme in mid-2007. The programme will focus on the family interactive relationship of domestic violence, behaviour patterns of the persons involved, the skills necessary for handling and interviewing the persons concerned, and the importance of coordination and cooperation with the relevant welfare units.

In order to more fully grasp the background information of domestic violence incidents to help front-line officers to handle domestic violence incidents and to conduct risk assessment, the Police are actively preparing to upgrade the applications and functions of the "Central Domestic Violence Database", which include expanding the capacity of the database for storing fuller information, accelerating the search speed and improving the search functions.

The Police enhancement measures aim at strengthening their capabilities in the initial handling and investigation of domestic violence cases. However, domestic violence is a complex social problem caused by varied factors like the economic, cultural, social and demographic structural ones. The curb on the rise of domestic violence crimes depends on the Government's publicity and educational programmes as well as the rise of public awareness of domestic violence.

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1496

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 youth crimes and drug abuse cases has increased. Please list in detail the resources involved in fighting against these crimes. Please also state what measures are available to reduce these crimes.

Asked by: Hon. TAM Heung-man

Reply:

The Police adopt a "multi-agency" approach in formulating and implementing strategies to address juvenile delinquency. The strategies mainly focus on three directions: Prevention, combating and graduated sanction, which aim at acting as a deterrent to the first offenders and minimising the chance of the young offenders to re-commit any offence.

Apart from providing different support and assistance to the children and juveniles under arrest or committing offences, the Police will also refer the cases to the Social Welfare Department (SWD) and Education and Manpower Bureau for follow-up where necessary. In order to specially address the children and juveniles cautioned under the Police Superintendent's Discretion Scheme, starting from 1 October 2003, if the children or juveniles are considered to be in need of services of three or more organisations or have been given more than one cautions, the Police will refer the cases to the SWD for the consideration of convening a "family conference" with the parents' consent. The purpose of a "family conference" is to bring together the



professionals concerned to consider the needs of the juvenile involved, so that a follow-up plan will be drawn up to ensure that the juvenile can be timely referred to various appropriate service units.

In respect of prevention, various police districts/formations also adopt a multi-disciplinary approach in organising various youth activities/programmes for preventing juvenile delinquency. At present, over 50 youth activities/programmes launched by the Police are being held at different levels of the Force/regions/police districts.

On the other hand, to prevent primary and secondary school students from committing an offence, the Police created 33 “Secondary School Liaison Officer” and 25 “School Liaison Officer” posts, providing a communication platform for the Police, the school management and the school community so as to prevent juveniles from committing an offence in the school campus. The School Liaison Officer will interview the problematic students identified by the school in a small group or individually, so that early intervention can be achieved to assist the student concerned to build up positive values and observe disciplines.

In respect of the problem of drug abuse, the Government adopts a five-pronged approach, namely legislation and law enforcement, drug education and publicity, drug treatment and rehabilitation services, as well as research and external cooperation. The Authority aims to reduce the youths’ need for drugs through preventive education and publicity, while the Narcotics Division of the Security Bureau is responsible for drug education and publicity. The Police will also conduct talks in primary and secondary schools regularly to disseminate anti-drug messages to young people.

On the other hand, the Government will curb the supply of drugs through enforcement actions to prevent the drug abuse by youth. The Police implemented the initiatives through a three-tier structure, with the Narcotics Bureau taking the lead to deal with syndicated drug trafficking cases and the Special Duties Squads of Regions and Divisions to combat on-street drug trafficking crimes.

In tackling the problem of drug abuse by youth, the Police carry out regular law enforcement actions in places of public entertainment frequented by youth mainly to target the drug traffickers providing drugs in those places. If the management mode of the places is found to be conducive to drug trafficking, the Police will request the suspension of their licenses. For the first license applications and renewal

applications submitted by places of public entertainment (e.g. discos), the Police will seek to set the minimum age requirement from the authority concerned as appropriate to prevent children from entering such places to abuse drug.

The above work falls under the Programme of “Maintenance of Law and Order in the Community” and no breakdown of the expenditure is available.

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**SB140**

Question Serial No.

1497

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 salaries and duties of the 101 posts created under the programme and reasons for the creation.

Asked by: Hon. TAM Heung-man

Reply:

For the net creation of 101 permanent posts in 2007-08, the ranks range from Police Constable to Chief Inspector. The pay levels of the new posts are based on the current Police Pay Scale, from a monthly salary of \$13,823 for a Police Constable to \$67,085 for a Chief Inspector. The new posts are created mainly to provide manpower for the new infrastructures, including the Boundary Crossing Facilities at Shenzhen Western Corridor and Deep Bay Link, and beat patrol duties of Yuen Long District Special Duties Squad, Wan Chai Division and Tseung Kwan O Division.

The ranks and pay levels of the new posts are as follows:

Police Pay Scale

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Police Pay Scale</b>	<b>Month Salary (HK\$) (with effect from 1 January 2005)</b>
<b>Chief Inspector</b>	42-47	55,770-67,085
<b>Station Sergeant</b>	21-29	25,480-33,830
<b>Sergeant</b>	14-22	20,995-26,135
<b>Police Constable</b>	1a-14	13,823-20,995

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**SB141**

Question Serial No.

1857

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. &  
title):

Programme: 12204 - Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

In 2006, 2 185 illegal immigrants entered by sea were arrested, which is more than the 1 122 arrested in 2005. In 2007-08, there is a net creation of 26 posts under this programme. Is the additional manpower sufficient to cope with operations resulting from the increase in the number of illegal immigrants entering by sea?

Asked by: Hon. TAM Heung-man

Reply:

The net creation of 26 permanent posts in 2007-08 is not for handling anti-illegal immigration work or related matters. The new posts are created mainly for the policing work after the opening of the Boundary Crossing Facilities at Shenzhen Western Corridor and Deep Bay Link.

Regarding illegal immigration by sea, the Police Force will strengthen their anti-illegal immigration actions and boundary patrols in response to the trend. In addition, the Police Force will adopt strict and effective enforcement measures, and maintain close liaison and exchange intelligence with the Mainland and overseas law enforcement agencies in order to tackle illegal immigration activities.

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**SB142**

Question Serial No.

1858

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 respect of the work to raise the youth's awareness of crime in order to help reduce juvenile crimes, please state the revised estimate for the relevant programmes in 2006-07 and compare it with the estimate in 2007-08. Has the Authority made any assessments on the effectiveness of these programmes? If so, what are the effects?

Asked by: Hon. TAM Heung-man

Reply:

In order to reduce juvenile crimes, the Force has adopted the strategy of multi-agency approach to actively organise various types of youth activities through co-operation with different community organisations, with the aim of raising civic-mindedness among the youths and delivering the crime prevention message to them.

Since 2001, the Force has been maintaining close liaison with the school management, social workers, parents and non-government organisations through "Secondary School Liaison Officers" and "School Liaison Officers" of the Police Districts to join hands to prevent youths from going astray. The message of respecting the law and the consequences of committing crimes are also disseminated to students via visits, talks, seminars etc.

At present, there are 33 and 25 Sergeants serving as “Secondary School Liaison Officers” and “School Liaison Officers” respectively. The estimated expenditures for 2006-07 and 2007-08 are the same at \$16.35 m.

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**SB143**

Question Serial No.

0260

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 state the number of cases handled by the Complaints Against Police Office in 2006-07, the manpower involved and the actual expenditure incurred.

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

The Complaints Against Police Office handled a total of 2 542 cases in 2006-07. The information on the establishment and expenditure is given below:

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Number</u>
Senior Superintendent	1
Superintendent	4
Chief Inspector	12
Senior Inspector	23
Station Sergeant	7
Sergeant	50
Police Constable	1
Executive Officer I	1
Official Languages Officer II	1
Police Translator I	2
Statistical Officer I	1
Assistant Clerical Officer	5
Clerical Assistant	15
Personal Secretary II	3
Calligraphist	1
Typist	3
Supplies Supervisor II	1
Workman II	2
Total	<u>133</u>

The revised estimate for the Complaints Against Police Office in 2006-07 is \$45.17 m.

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**SB144**

Question Serial No.

0261

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:

What are the estimated establishment and expenditure of the Complaints Against Police Office for 2007-08?

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

The estimated establishment of the Complaints Against Police Office in 2007-08 is given below:

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**SB145**

Question Serial No.

0262

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police  
Force

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

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

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

What items are included in the expenditure for rewards and special services? Please give details of these items.

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

Expenses paid under Rewards and Special Services are used for purposes including the fight against terrorist activities, serious crimes and narcotics offences, and security matters. As expenses paid under Rewards and Special Services involve police operations of a confidential nature, disclosing the uses and components of the actual expenditure under this Subhead may reveal detailed operational arrangements of the Force and its law enforcement capabilities to criminals, who may be able to elude justice, thus jeopardising public interests. Therefore, the information required cannot be provided.

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**SB146**

Question Serial No.

0263

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police  
Force

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

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

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

What was the expenditure for the Technical Services Division in 2006-07? How many cases were involved?

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

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**SB147**

Question Serial No.

0264

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police  
Force

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

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

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

What is the impact of the implementation of the Interception of Communications and Surveillance Ordinance (Cap. 589) on the provision for the Technical Services Division? Please state the details.

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

The Technical Services Division does not obtain any specific provision under Subhead 103. Provision will be allocated to cover the expenditure as actual needs arise. The implementation of the Interception of Communications and Surveillance Ordinance (Cap. 589) does not cause any change to the provision arrangement for Subhead 103 "Rewards and Special Services".

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**SB148**

Question Serial No.

0265

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:

What is the impact of the streamlining of police districts on the estimated expenditure of the Force?

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

The Force has implemented the station amalgamation project since April 2000. It aims to redeploy the existing resources to strengthen the manpower of patrol sub-units and their supervision, thus enhancing front-line policing and providing flexibility in staff deployment to make the front-line policing more effective and efficient.

In 2005-06, the Force completed the implementation of the Tsuen Wan District station amalgamation project to realign and amalgamate Tsuen Wan and Lei Muk Shue Divisions. After the amalgamation, 3 front-line police officer posts were created while 8 disciplined posts and 17 civilian posts of supervisory and back office duties were deleted. As a result, the Force has saved an annual emolument cost of about \$5.9 m.

In 2006-07, the Force completed the implementation of the Wong Tai Sin District station amalgamation project to realign and amalgamate Wong Tai Sin and Tsz Wan Shan Divisions. After the amalgamation, 30 disciplined posts and 9 civilian posts of supervisory and back office duties were deleted. As a result, the Force has saved an annual emolument cost of about \$13.5 m.



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Reply Serial No.

**SB149**

Question Serial No.

0266

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:

What measures does the Force have in ensuring that law and order of each district is not affected by the streamlining of police districts?

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

In parallel with the streamlining of the structure of police districts, the Force will strengthen the manpower of patrol sub-units and their supervision in order to enhance front-line policing and provide greater flexibility in staff deployment. In addition, the Force focuses on the re-organisation and reform of the back-up and supporting staff, and so the maintenance of law and order of police districts is not affected by the streamlining of police districts. The Force continues to maintain a highly visible police presence to target various major crimes more effectively.

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Reply Serial No.

**SB150**

Question Serial No.

0267

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:

What measures has been adopted by the Hong Kong Police Force to reinforce the Force's values and professional standards? How much resources did the Force put in for implementing these measures in the past? In the Estimates 2007-08, what is the expenditure allocated for implementing these measures?

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

The Force is always concerned about the needs of the public and the staff, and is committed in making the Force to become one of the caring organisations (Building a Caring Workforce). In 2006, the Force conducted the "Living-the-Values" Wave V Workshop to promote the message of "Building a Caring Workforce", aiming at reminding the staff to pay attention to the well-being of themselves, their colleagues and the public apart from working, so that they could build up an interactive partnership with each other and achieve the objective of caring for the public and serving the community. All members of the Force attended the workshops and actively participated in case discussions. They acknowledged the need to work and serve with care, and also recognised the efforts made by the Force. The organisation and implementation of the workshops have successfully reached the standard of the Hong Kong Quality Assurance Agency ISO 9001. The related expenditure was around \$300,000.

In 2007-08, the Force will organise the “Living-the-Values” Wave VI Workshop which features the theme of “Fairness in All Our Dealings”. Workshop will commence in August 2007 with the view of strengthening police officers’ awareness of “fairness and impartiality” and ways to put them into practice, so as to improve the work and service qualities and to build up a harmonious community. The estimated expenditure is around \$480,000.

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Reply Serial No.

**SB151**

Question Serial No.

0268

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:

What requirements or guidelines does the Force adopt to regulate the personal conduct of police officers? Is there any mechanism for monitoring the conduct of police officers? What measures does the Force adopt to enhance the conduct of police officers?

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

The Force has stringent requirements on the personal conduct of police officers. Apart from abiding by the law, a police officer must also comply with the requirements for the personal conduct of police officers stipulated in the Police General Orders; otherwise, he may be subject to criminal prosecution or disciplinary actions.

The Force is committed to promoting and living the Force's values. Integrity and honesty are the utmost principals of the Force's values. Since 1995, the Force has conducted five workshops for all members of the Force to discuss and live the Force's values. The results of the Staff Opinion Survey are encouraging which indicates that these workshops benefit officers greatly. The 'Living-the-Values' Wave VI Workshops are scheduled for the end of this year.

In respect of the monitoring mechanism, the daily administration is mainly handled by the Service Quality Wing and the Personnel Wing. The Discipline Division of the Personnel Wing is responsible for monitoring all disciplinary cases while the Service Quality Wing is responsible for the following work:

- to maintain a highly transparent complaint against police system;
- to promote living the Force's values;
- to co-operate closely with the Independent Commission Against Corruption in fighting against corruption; and
- to promote anti-corruption strategies of the Force.

In 1995, the Force formed the Force Anti-Corruption Strategy Steering Committee with the Director of Management Services responsible for co-ordinating the anti-corruption strategies in the Force and the relevant publicity and education work.

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**SB152**

Question Serial No.

0269

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 the Hong Kong Police Force Estimates 2007-08, what is the expenditure allocated for implementing the measures to enhance the conduct of police officers?

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

Enhancement of the conduct of police officers is part of the daily work of the Force, there is no specific expenditure item provided for.

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Reply Serial No.

**SB153**

Question Serial No.

0270

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:

What are the figures and overall trend of the crimes committed by alleged police officers in the recent three years? Please list the crimes by type.

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

The number of police officers who have been alleged of committing crimes and arrested in the recent three years and the various crime types are listed in the table below.

Crimes	2004	2005	2006
Wounding and serious assault	6	7	5
Shop theft	6	6	3
Miscellaneous theft	4	4	2
Deception	6	2	2
Forgery of documents	2	-	3
Indecent assault	1	2	2
Criminal damage	1	2	1
Behave in a disorderly manner/fight in a public place	3	-	1
Loansharking	-	-	2



Serious gambling	-	-	2
Conspiracy to commit a crime	-	-	2
Others	10	3	8
Total	39	26	33

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Reply Serial No.

**SB154**

Question Serial No.

0271

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:

What measures did the Authority take to prevent and detect cyber crimes or computer-related crimes in 2006-07? What were the departments and expenditure involved? Please give a breakdown by category.

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

In 2006-07, the Police provided training courses through the Police College to ensure that the front-line officers possess the adequate capability to deal with the fast-changing technology crimes. Apart from this, the Police have also strengthened their intelligence gathering work via the Internet and enhanced their cooperation with the trade and overseas law enforcement agencies.

In respect of the prevention of technology crimes, the Police organised the "Hong Kong Clean PC Day" with the Hong Kong Computer Emergency Response Team Coordination Centre and the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer in November 2006 to raise public awareness of information security. In addition, the Police has also worked in cooperation with various organisations to strengthen students' cyber ethics and their knowledge on information security.

The expenditure for the prevention and detection of cyber crimes or computer-related crimes is part of the total expenditure of the Commercial Crime Bureau. No breakdown is available.

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Reply Serial No.

**SB155**

Question Serial No.

0272

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:

What measures will the Authority take to prevent and detect cyber crimes or computer-related crimes in 2007-08? What are the departments and expenditure involved? Please give a breakdown by category.

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

In 2007-08, the Force will continue to provide training on computer crime detection for front-line officers through the Police College to ensure that the Force's capability to combat technology crimes keeps pace with technological development. Moreover, to strengthen the Force's capability in this area to cope with the increasing workload, the Crime Wing and the Police College will launch a new computer-aided forensics course to further enhance the professional ability of the Force in handling electronic evidence.

In respect of the detection of technology crimes, the Force will continue to strengthen its intelligence gathering work via the Internet and liaison with the trade and overseas law enforcement agencies.

In respect of the prevention of technology crimes, the Force will strengthen its cooperation with the Hong Kong Computer Emergency Response Team Coordination Centre and the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer, and raise public

awareness of information security through various media activities such as the “Hong Kong Clean PC Day”.

The expenditure for the prevention and detection of cyber crimes or computer-related crimes is part of the total expenditure of the Commercial Crime Bureau. No breakdown is available.

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**SB156**

Question Serial No.

0273

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:

Please list the figures and categories of the cyber crimes or computer-related crimes in the past three years.

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

The figures and categories of the cyber crimes or computer-related crimes in the past three years are listed below:

<b>Crimes</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>
Unauthorised access to computer by telecommunications	11	7	6
Access to computer with criminal or dishonest intent	329	442	471
Criminal damage	11	6	5
Obtaining property by deception	105	147	193
Obtaining services by deception	15	9	12
Theft	40	21	24
Others	49	21	30
Total (No.)	560	653	741

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**SB157**

Question Serial No.

1498

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:

- (1) The Authority will strengthen its crime investigation capability through the use and development of various modern technologies. Please list the equipment referred to as modern technologies, their functions and use, and the expenditures involved.
- (2) What types of technologies will the Authority adopt in the interception of communications and surveillance? Please list the equipment, their functions and use, and the expenditures involved.

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

- (1) The modern technologies used to enhance the Force's investigation capability include the Computer Assisted Palmprints and Fingerprints Identification System. In order to enhance the current fingerprints identification capability, the Force was allocated \$59.576 m to upgrade the existing system in 2005. The revised estimate for 2006-07 was \$426,000 and the estimated expenditure for 2007-08 is \$3.105 m. The new system can identify palm prints in addition to fingerprints, and provide more accurate information to investigation officers.
- (2) In accordance with the Interception of Communications and Surveillance Ordinance, the relevant departments can use the following surveillance devices in lawfully authorised covert surveillance:



- optical surveillance device;
- listening device;
- tracking device; and
- data surveillance device.

The Police will use these surveillance devices in conducting lawfully authorised covert surveillance in accordance with the law. For operational and security reasons, the expenditure in this regard will not be disclosed.

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**SB158**

Question Serial No.

1499

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:

What was the actual expenditure for improving the criminal intelligence systems by the Authority in 2006-07? What is the estimated expenditure for 2007-08?

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

The Force was allocated approximately \$66 m to replace the criminal intelligence systems in 2000. The replacement work has been commenced by phase. The revised estimate for the work in 2006-07 was \$38.3 m and the estimated expenditure for 2007-08 is \$20.6 m.

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**SB159**

Question Serial No.

1500

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:

Has the Authority made any assessment on the effectiveness of the improved criminal intelligence systems? If so, what is the conclusion? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

The system development work is still in progress. 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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**SB160**

Question Serial No.

1502

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

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Please give details of the uses and components of the actual expenditure under the Subhead of "Rewards and Special Services" in 2004-05 and 2005-06.

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

Expenses paid under Rewards and Special Services are used for purposes including the fight against terrorist activities, serious crimes and narcotics offences, and security matters. As expenses paid under Rewards and Special Services involve police operations of a confidential nature, disclosing the uses and components of the actual expenditure under this Subhead may reveal detailed operational arrangements of the Force and its law enforcement capabilities to criminals, who may be able to elude justice, thus jeopardising public interests. Therefore, the information required cannot be provided.

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**SB161**

Question Serial No.

1503

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

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Please give details of the uses and components under the Subhead of "Rewards and special services" in 2006-07 and the rationale for the revised estimate.

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

Expenses paid under Rewards and Special Services are used for purposes including the fight against terrorist activities, serious crimes and narcotics offences, and security matters. As expenses paid under Rewards and Special Services involve police operations of a confidential nature, disclosing the uses and components of the actual expenditure under this Subhead may reveal detailed operational arrangements of the Force and its law enforcement capabilities to criminals, who may be able to elude justice, thus jeopardising public interests. Therefore, the information required cannot be provided.

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**SB162**

Question Serial No.

1504

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

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

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Please give details of the expenditure distribution of the estimate of \$80 m under the Subhead "Rewards and Special Services" in 2007-08.

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

The estimated expenditure for Rewards and Special Services in 2007-08 will be used for the fight against terrorist activities, serious crimes and narcotics offences, and security matters. No specific provision is allocated under this subhead for each purpose. Provision will be allocated to cover the expenditure as actual needs arise.

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**SB163**

Question Serial No.

1505

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:

Did the Authority conduct surprise inspections on the provisions under the Subhead of "Rewards and Special Services" in 2004, 2005 and 2006 to ensure that the provisions were used reasonably and according to proper procedures? If so, what were the ranks of officers conducting the surprise inspections and the numbers of such inspections? If not, what are the reasons and will there be any plan for conducting surprise inspections in the future?

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 the recent three years are as follows:

<u>Inspecting Officer</u>	No. of Inspections <u>2004-05</u>	No. of Inspections <u>2005-06</u>	No. of Inspections <u>2006-07</u> (as at now)
Commissioner of Police	8	8	8
Deputy Commissioner of Police (Operations)	10	10	10
Deputy Commissioner of Police (Management)	3	3	3
Director of Crime and Security	22	22	22
Assistant Commissioner of Police (Crime)	21	21	21
Assistant Commissioner of Police (Security)	3	3	3
Regional Commander (Hong Kong Island)	15	15	15
Regional Commander (Kowloon East)	15	15	15

Regional Commander (Kowloon West)	18	18	18
Regional Commander (New Territories North)	15	15	15
Regional Commander (New Territories South)	18	18	18
Regional Commander (Marine)	6	6	3
Senior Executive Officer (Internal Audit )	30	30	

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**SB164**

Question Serial No.

1506

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

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

What were the number of cases and people involved in the payment of rewards and special services in 2006-07? 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 1 835 in 2006-07 (as at 9 March 2007). Expenses paid under Rewards and Special Services involve police operations of a confidential nature, including the fight against terrorist activities, serious crimes and narcotics offences, and security matters. Disclosing the number of people involved in the payment of rewards and special services may reveal detailed operation arrangements of the Force and its law enforcement capabilities to criminals, who may be able to elude justice, and even may make informers worry about their personal safety, thus jeopardizing the Force's capabilities of collecting crime intelligence. Therefore, the information required cannot be provided.

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**SB165**

Question Serial No.

1507

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police  
Force

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

Programme:

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 2006-07, 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 2006-07 (as at 9 March 2007), the number of cases of rewards offered was 30 and the amount involved was \$8.49 m. Expenses paid under Rewards and Special Services involve police operations of a confidential nature, including the fight against terrorist activities, serious crimes and narcotics offences, and security matters.

Disclosing the actual expenditure incurred and number of payments, and the number of people receiving reward offers may reveal detailed operation arrangements of the Force and its law enforcement capabilities to criminals, who may be able to elude justice, and even may make informers worry about their personal safety, thus jeopardising the Force's capabilities of collecting crime intelligence. Therefore, the information required cannot be provided.

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**SB166**

Question Serial No.

1508

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police  
Force

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

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

What was the expenditure for the purchase and maintenance of equipment in 2006-07?

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

Expenses paid under Rewards and Special Services are used for purposes including the fight against terrorist activities, serious crimes and narcotics offences, and security matters. As expenses paid under Rewards and Special Services involve police operations of a confidential nature, disclosing the uses and components of the actual expenditure under this Subhead may reveal detailed operational arrangements of the Force and its law enforcement capabilities to criminals, who may be able to elude justice, thus jeopardising public interests. Therefore, the information required cannot be provided.

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**SB167**

Question Serial No.

1509

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police  
Force

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

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

In 2007-08, the estimated expenditure 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:

The estimated expenditure for Rewards and Special Services in 2007-08 will be used for the fight against terrorist activities, serious crimes and narcotics offences, and security matters. Police rewards and purchase and maintenance of equipment are part of the above expenditure. No specific provision is allocated under this Subhead for the above purposes. Provision will be allocated to cover the expenditure as actual needs arise.

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**SB168**

Question Serial No.

1510

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police  
Force

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

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

In 2007-08, the estimated expenditure is \$80 m. How much of it is expected to be allocated for combating serious crimes and narcotics offences and for security matters? Please list by type.

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

The estimated expenditure for Rewards and Special Services in 2007-08 will be used for the fight against serious crimes and narcotics offences, and security matters. No specific provision is allocated under this Subhead for the above purposes. Provision will be allocated to cover the expenditure as actual needs arise.

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**SB169**

Question Serial No.

1511

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

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

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Please state the expenditures relating to the payment for information useful to investigation provided overseas for 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07, and the overseas areas involved.

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

Expenses paid under Rewards and Special Services involve police operations of a confidential nature, including the fight against terrorist activities, serious crimes and narcotics offences, and security matters. Disclosing such information may reveal detailed operation arrangements of the Force and its law enforcement capabilities to criminals, who may be able to elude justice, and even may make informers worry about their personal safety, thus jeopardising the capabilities of collecting crime intelligence of the Force. Therefore, the information required cannot be provided.

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**SB170**

Question Serial No.

1512

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

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

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Please state the expenditures relating to the payment for information useful to investigation provided locally for 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07.

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

Expenses paid under Rewards and Special Services involve police operations of a confidential nature, including the fight against terrorist activities, serious crimes and narcotics offences, and security matters. Disclosing such information may reveal detailed operation arrangements of the Force and its law enforcement capabilities to criminals, who may be able to elude justice, and even may make informers worry about their personal safety, thus jeopardising the capabilities of collecting crime intelligence of the Force. Therefore, the information required cannot be provided.

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**SB171**

Question Serial No.

1513

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

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

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

In the proposed provision for 2007-08, what is the percentage of the estimated expenditures for the payment for information useful to investigation provided overseas in the total provision?

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

The estimated expenditure for Rewards and Special Services in 2007-08 will be used for the fight against terrorist activities, serious crimes and narcotics offences, and security matters. No specific provision is allocated under this subhead for the payment for information useful to investigation provided overseas. Provision will be allocated to cover the expenditure as actual needs arise.

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**SB172**

Question Serial No.

2183

Head : 166 – Government Flying Service

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : Government Flying Service

Controlling Officer : Controller, Government Flying Service

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Please explain in detail why the estimated expenditure in 2007-08 is 12.9% higher than the revised estimate for 2006-07.

Asked by : Hon. NG Margaret

Reply :

The increase in financial provision for 2007-08 draft Estimates (12.9% or \$26.8 million) is mainly due to the increased cash flow requirement for the replacement of two sets of Forward Looking Infra Red system for the J41 fixed-wing aircraft and procurement of a single-engine, aerobatically-capable fixed-wing aircraft, increase in fuel cost and salaries for filling of vacancies.

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Post Title Controller, Government Flying Service

Date 14.3.2007

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Reply Serial No.

**SB173**

Question Serial No.

0217

Head : 169 Secretariat, Commissioner on Interception of Communications and Surveillance

Subhead (No. & title) : 000 Operational expenses

Programme : Compliance with Interception and Surveillance Legislation

Controlling Officer : Secretary, Secretariat, Commissioner on Interception of Communications and Surveillance

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Regarding the establishment of the Secretariat, Commissioner on Interception of Communications and Surveillance, please set out respectively the number of staff, their ranks/functions and salaries and allowances.

Asked by : Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply :

The Secretariat, Commissioner on Interception of Communications and Surveillance has an establishment of 17 permanent posts. The functions of these posts are to provide support to the Commissioner on Interception of Communications and Surveillance in carrying out his functions under the Interception of Communications and Surveillance Ordinance. The estimated annual salaries and allowances for the 17 posts for 2007-08 is \$6.87 million. The number and rank of the 17 posts are:

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Establishment</u>
Principal Executive Officer	1
Senior Executive Officer	2
Executive Officer I	4
Senior Personal Secretary	1
Personal Secretary II	1
Clerical Officer	2
Assistant Clerical Officer	4
Office Assistant	1
Chauffeur	1
Total	17

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Name in block letters MISS CHENG WAI FUNG

Post Title Secretary, Secretariat,  
Commissioner on Interception of  
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Date 14.3.2007

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Reply Serial No.

**SB174**

Question Serial No.

0218

Head : 169 Secretariat, Commissioner on Interception of  
Communications and Surveillance

Subhead (No. & title) : 000 Operational expenses

Programme : Compliance with Interception and Surveillance Legislation

Controlling Officer : Secretary, Secretariat, Commissioner on Interception of  
Communications and Surveillance

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

The Commissioner on Interception of Communications and Surveillance is required to review and assess the compliance of law enforcement agencies (LEAs) with the relevant requirements under the Interception of Communications and Surveillance Ordinance (Cap.589).

- (1) How many cases of illegal interception of communications and covert surveillance by LEAs were there in 2006-07? What LEAs and officers were involved? What were the illegal acts?
- (2) How did the above figures affect financial resources of the Secretariat, Commissioner on Interception of Communications and Surveillance?

Asked by : Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply :

- (1) The Commissioner on Interception of Communicaitons and Surveillance (the Commissioner) will set out in his annual report to the Chief Executive, as required to be shown under the Interception of Communications and Surveillance

Ordinance, the number and broad nature of any cases of irregularities or errors identified in the reviews during the report period. It is not appropriate to release the relevant information prior to the publication of the annual report.

- (2) Review of the compliance of law enforcement agencies and their officers with the relevant requirements of the Ordinance is one of the duties of the Commissioner and his Secretariat. No additional expenditure is involved.

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Reply Serial No.

**SB175**

Question Serial No.

0219

Head : 169, Secretariat, Commissioner on Interception of  
Communications and Surveillance

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : Compliance with Interception and Surveillance Legislation

Controlling Officer : Secretary, Secretariat, Commissioner on Interception of  
Communications and Surveillance

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

In 2006, the actual number of weekly reports from LEAs handled by the Secretariat, Commissioner on Interception of Communications and Surveillance was 76. Please advise what was the expenditure involved in handling the reports, as well as the content and format of the reports?

Asked by : Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply :

Handling and checking the weekly reports submitted by law enforcement agencies (LEAs) are part of the procedure for overseeing compliance, falling within the existing scope of work of the Commissioner on Interception of Communications and Surveillance and his Secretariat. No additional expenditure is involved and the Secretariat has not kept a separate record for expenditure in this respect. The weekly report contains ten odd different types of weekly report forms for LEAs to fill out information on each and every application for interception of communications and covert surveillance approved or refused during the week and the number of such cases.

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Reply Serial No.

**SB176**

Question Serial No.

0220

Head : 169 Secretariat, Commissioner on Interception of  
Communications and Surveillance

Subhead (No. & title) : 000 Operational expenses

Programme : Compliance with Interception and Surveillance Legislation

Controlling Officer : Secretary, Secretariat, Commissioner on Interception of  
Communications and Surveillance

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Regarding the annual report submitted by the Commissioner on Interception of Communications and Surveillance to the Chief Executive, what is the expenditure involved? What are the contents and format?

Asked by : Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply :

In accordance with section 49 of the Interception of Communications and Surveillance Ordinance, the Commissioner on Interception of Communications and Surveillance (the Commissioner) is required to set out in his annual report to the Chief Executive, separately in relation to interception of communications and covert surveillance, the statistical information and an assessment on the overall compliance by law enforcement agencies with the relevant requirements during the report period. The preparation of the annual report is one of the Commissioner's prescribed functions and no additional expenditure will be incurred. The Secretariat has not kept a separate record for expenditure in this respect.

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**SB177**

Question Serial No.

0221

Head : 169 Secretariat, Commissioner on Interception of  
Communications and Surveillance

Subhead (No. & title) : 000 Operational expenses

Programme : Compliance with Interception and Surveillance Legislation

Controlling Officer : Secretary, Secretariat, Commissioner on Interception of  
Communications and Surveillance

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

In the financial estimate for the Secretariat, Commissioner on Interception of Communications and Surveillance, the provision for 2007-08 is 94.7% higher than that for 2006-07. Please advise on the reasons for the increase.

Asked by : Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply :

There is an increase of 94.7% in the financial estimate for 2007-08 of the Secretariat, Commissioner on Interception of Communications and Surveillance (the Secretariat) over the revised estimate for 2006-07. This is due to the fact that the 2006-07 revised estimate represents only part of the annual provision of the salaries and operating expenses required as the Secretariat was established in August 2006. The 2007-08 estimate is the full-year provision required by the Secretariat, including salaries, office rental and other miscellaneous expenses.

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Reply Serial No.

**SB178**

Question Serial No.

0222

Head : 169 Secretariat, Commissioner on Interception of  
Communications and Surveillance

Subhead (No. & title) : 000 Operational expenses

Programme : Compliance with Interception and Surveillance Legislation

Controlling Officer : Secretary, Secretariat, Commissioner on Interception of  
Communications and Surveillance

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

The financial estimate for the Secretariat, Commissioner on Interception of Communications and Surveillance significantly increases. Is this because there will be a sharp rise in the frequency of interception of communications and surveillance by law enforcement agencies? If yes, what is the justification for the substantial growth in the work? If no, please provide the reasons.

Asked by : Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply :

The increase of provision in 2007-08 estimate of the Secretariat, Commissioner on Interception of Communications and Surveillance (the Secretariat) over the revised estimate for 2006-07 is due to the fact that the 2006-07 revised estimate represents only part of the annual provision of the salaries and operating expenses required as the Secretariat was established in August 2006. The 2007-08 estimate is the full-year provision required by the Secretariat, including salaries, office rental and other miscellaneous expenses.

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**SB179**

Question Serial No.

0223

Head : 169 Secretariat, Commissioner on Interception of  
Communications and Surveillance

Subhead (No. & title) :000 Operational expenses

Programme : Compliance with Interception and Surveillance Legislation

Controlling Officer : Secretary, Secretariat, Commissioner on Interception of  
Communications and Surveillance

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

The work of the Secretariat, Commissioner on Interception of Communications and Surveillance includes coordinating with the Panel Judges and law enforcement agencies (LEAs) and conducting reviews to ensure the smooth functioning of the review and complaint handling systems. Please provide information on the expenditure incurred as well as the details of coordination work and review in 2006-07 and 2007-08.

Asked by : Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply :

The Secretariat, Commissioner on Interception of Communications and Surveillance (the Secretariat) assists the Commissioner in designing the procedures and liaising with the Panel Judges' Office and law enforcement agencies in establishing the mechanism for review and complaint handling and in their operation so as to facilitate the Commissioner to conduct case reviews and handle applications for examination. The above is part of the secretariat support to the Commissioner and does not incur additional expenditure. The Secretariat has not kept a separate record for expenditure in this respect.

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**SB180**

Question Serial No.

0224

Head : 169 Secretariat, Commissioner on Interception of  
Communications and Surveillance

Subhead (No. & title) : 000 Operational expenses

Programme : Compliance with Interception and Surveillance Legislation

Controlling Officer : Secretary, Secretariat, Commissioner on Interception of  
Communications and Surveillance

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

What is the procedure that the Secretariat, Commissioner on Interception of Communications and Surveillance follows in respect of its examinations upon applications from persons who suspect that they are subjects of interception or covert surveillance carried out by law enforcement agencies? And what are the ranks of the officers responsible for such examinations?

Asked by : Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply :

Upon receipt of an application for examination, staff of the Secretariat, Commissioner on Interception of Communications and Surveillance (the Secretariat) will first check whether the application contains the necessary particulars such as the applicant's name, identity card number, address and telephone number and whether the application was signed. The application will then be brought to the attention of the Commissioner. The Commissioner will decide in accordance with the Interception of Communications and Surveillance Ordinance (the Ordinance) whether to carry out an examination and if so, he will cause enquiries to be made with the relevant parties. When the enquiries are completed, the Commissioner will make a determination. He

will notify the applicant of his determination in writing in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Ordinance. Secretariat staff involved in assisting the Commissioner in handling applications for examination are mainly officers of the Executive Officer Grade at various ranks.

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Reply Serial No.

**SB181**

Question Serial No.

0942

Head : 169 Secretariat, Commissioner on Interception of  
Communications and Surveillance

Subhead (No. & title) : 000 Operational expenses

Programme : Compliance with Interception and Surveillance Legislation

Controlling Officer : Secretary, Secretariat, Commissioner on Interception of  
Communications and Surveillance

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

The number of enquiries received by the Secretariat, Commissioner on Interception of Communications and Surveillance in 2006 is 54. What is the content of the enquiries? Please give a breakdown by category.

Asked by : Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply :

Enquiries received by the Secretariat, Commissioner on Interception of Communications and Surveillance in 2006 were mainly on the following:

- the appointment and task of the Commissioner on Interception of Communications and Surveillance;
- the structure, functions and operation of the Secretariat, Commissioner on Interception of Communications and Surveillance;
- whether there was any violation of the law or abuse by the law enforcement agencies;
- procedures for making applications for examination, progress on

examination cases; and

- number of applications for examination.

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**SB182**

Question Serial No.

0943

Head : 169 Secretariat, Commissioner on Interception of  
Communications and Surveillance

Subhead (No. & title) : 000 Operational expenses

Programme : Compliance with Interception and Surveillance Legislation

Controlling Officer : Secretary, Secretariat, Commissioner on Interception of  
Communications and Surveillance

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Regarding the 19 applications for examination received by the Secretariat,  
Commissioner on Interception of Communications and Surveillance in 2006, what  
were the examination areas? Please give a breakdown by category.

Asked by : Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply :

The Commissioner on Interception of Communications and Surveillance will, in his  
annual report to the Chief Executive, report on the applications for examination he  
has received with information required under the Interception of Communications  
and Surveillance Ordinance. It is not appropriate to release the relevant information  
prior to the publication of the annual report.

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**SB183**

Question Serial No.

0944

Head : 169 Secretariat, Commissioner on Interception of  
Communications and Surveillance

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : Compliance with Interception and Surveillance Legislation

Controlling Officer : Secretary, Secretariat, Commissioner on Interception of  
Communications and Surveillance

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Regarding the 18 applications for examination processed by the Secretariat,  
Commissioner on Interception of Communications and Surveillance in 2006, what  
were the results? Please give a breakdown by category.

Asked by : Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply :

As required under the Interception of Communications and Surveillance Ordinance,  
the Commissioner on Interception of Communications and Surveillance (the  
Commissioner) will, in his annual report to the Chief Executive, report on the  
respective numbers of notices given by the Commissioner during the report period  
further to examinations, which include cases where he determines that the interception  
or covert surveillance alleged has been carried out by an officer of a department  
without the authority of a prescribed authorization, and cases where he has not found  
the case in the applicant's favour. It is not appropriate to release the relevant  
information prior to the publication of the annual report.

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**SB184**

Question Serial No.

0945

Head : 169 Secretariat, Commissioner on Interception of  
Communications and Surveillance

Subhead (No. & title) : 000 Operational expenses

Programme : Compliance with Interception and Surveillance Legislation

Controlling Officer : Secretary, Secretariat, Commissioner on Interception of  
Communications and Surveillance

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

What is the mechanism for the Commissioner on Interception of Communications and Surveillance to visit law enforcement agencies (LEAs) for checking purpose? Please specify the methods and frequency of checking and the LEAs and officers involved.

Asked by : Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply :

The Commissioner on Interception of Communications and Surveillance (the Commissioner) will visit law enforcement agencies for checking purpose as and when there is a need. In the course of checking, the Commissioner will request law enforcement agencies to explain their operational procedures, to provide the applications and other relevant documents in relation to interception of communications and surveillance for his checking, and to answer his questions. If he finds any areas requiring improvement, the Commissioner will make recommendations as he thinks fit in accordance with the provisions of the Interception of Communications and Surveillance Ordinance. Up to now, the

Commissioner has visited the Hong Kong Police Force, Independent Commission Against Corruption, Customs and Excise Department and Immigration Department. Officers he has interviewed include officers responsible for matters relating to interception of communications and surveillance, applicants for prescribed authorizations and other relevant law enforcement officers.

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Post Title	Commissioner on Interception of Communications and Surveillance
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**SB185**

Question Serial No.

0946

Head : 169 Secretariat, Commissioner on Interception of  
Communications and Surveillance

Subhead (No. & title) : 000 Operational expenses

Programme : Compliance with Interception and Surveillance Legislation

Controlling Officer : Secretary, Secretariat, Commissioner on Interception of  
Communications and Surveillance

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

What are the criteria for mapping out the mechanism for visits by the Commissioner on Interception of Communications and Surveillance to LEAs for checking purpose?

Asked by : Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply :

The Commissioner on Interception of Communications and Surveillance (the Commissioner) will visit law enforcement agencies (LEAs) for checking purpose whenever there is a need. In addition, he will select from the weekly reports all doubtful cases as well as some other cases for further checking at the LEAs. The Commissioner's multiple checking helps to ensure that LEAs comply with the requirements of the Interception of Communications and Surveillance Ordinance.

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**SB186**

Question Serial No.

0947

Head : 169 Secretariat, Commissioner on Interception of Communications and Surveillance

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : Compliance with Interception and Surveillance Legislation

Controlling Officer : Secretary, Secretariat, Commissioner on Interception of Communications and Surveillance

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Regarding the budget of the Secretariat, Commissioner on Interception of Communications and Surveillance in 2007-08,

- (a) what will be the expenses for providing support to the Commissioner on Interception of Communications and Surveillance to conduct reviews on compliance by law enforcement agencies (LEAs) and their officers with the Interception of Communications and Surveillance Ordinance (Cap. 589), and their percentage in total departmental expenses?
- (b) what will be the expenses for providing support to the Commissioner on Interception of Communications and Surveillance to carry out examinations upon applications from persons who suspect that they are subjects of interception or covert surveillance carried out by LEAs, and their percentage in the total departmental expenses?

Asked by : Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply :

- (a) To conduct reviews on compliance with the Interception of Communications and Surveillance Ordinance by law enforcement agencies (LEAs) and their officers is within the existing scope of work of the Commissioner and the Secretariat. No additional expenditure will be incurred and the Secretariat has not kept a separate record for expenditure in this respect.
- (b) To carry out examinations upon applications from persons who suspect that they are subjects of interception or covert surveillance carried out by LEAs is within the existing scope of work of the Commissioner and the Secretariat. No additional expenditure will be incurred and the Secretariat has not kept a separate record for expenditure in this respect.

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**SB187**

Question Serial No.

0948

Head : 169 Secretariat, Commissioner on Interception of  
Communications and Surveillance

Subhead (No. & title) : 000 Operational expenses

Programme : Compliance with Interception and Surveillance Legislation

Controlling Officer : Secretary, Secretariat, Commissioner on Interception of  
Communications and Surveillance

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Has the Commissioner on Interception of Communications and Surveillance made or planned to make recommendations to the Secretary for Security on the code of practice and to heads of law enforcement agencies (LEAs) on changes to any arrangements made by the respective LEAs? If yes, what are the recommendations and the justification?

Asked by : Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply :

Sections 51 and 52 of the Interception of Communications and Surveillance Ordinance (the Ordinance) provides that if, in the course of performing his functions under the Ordinance, the Commissioner on Interception of Communications and Surveillance (the Commissioner) may make recommendations to the Secretary for Security or heads of law enforcement agencies as he thinks fit, in order to better carry out the objects of the Ordinance or the provisions of the code of practice. The Commissioner will, in accordance with the requirements of the Ordinance, set out in his annual report to the Chief Executive the broad nature of recommendations made by him under sections 51 and 52 during the report period. It is not appropriate to release the relevant information prior to the publication of the annual report.

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**SB188**

Question Serial No.

2043

Head: 28 Civil Aviation Department Subhead:

Programme: (2) Airport Standards

Controlling Officer: Director-General of Civil Aviation

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

The target is to conduct 14 audit inspections of airport operators and airport tenants to ensure compliance with the requirements in the Hong Kong Aviation Security Programme. The planned target for 2007 is 17 as there is a need to conduct more inspections on local airlines. Is it anticipated that more inspections are needed in future? Will funding and manpower be required to cope with the additional workload? If yes, what are the details?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Ting-kwong

Reply:

The Civil Aviation Department anticipates that there will be a steady increase in the number of airport tenants and aircraft operators at the Hong Kong International Airport in the coming years. The Department will correspondingly increase the number of audit inspections to ensure compliance with the requirements of the Hong Kong Aviation Security Programme and to maintain a consistent standard. The increased workload will be absorbed by existing 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 14.3.2007

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Reply Serial No.

**SB189**

Question Serial No.

1079

Head: 28 Civil Aviation Department Subhead:

Programme: (2) Airport Standards

Controlling Officer: Director-General of Civil Aviation

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

During 2007-08, it is stated that for 2007-08 the department will develop and implement the Hong Kong Civil Aviation Security Training Programme. Please provide the implementation schedule, targets to be achieved and the estimated resources involved?

Asked by: Hon. YOUNG Howard

Reply:

Having regard to the new requirements stipulated by the International Civil Aviation Organisation, the Civil Aviation Department will develop the Hong Kong Civil Aviation Security Training Programme (HKCASTP) for personnel of all organizations responsible for or involved in the implementation of the Hong Kong Aviation Security Programme (HKASP). The HKCASTP aims to establish a set of aviation security training standards to ensure effective implementation of the HKASP, which has been drawn up to provide standards and guidelines for protecting and safeguarding aircraft, passengers, crew and the general public against acts of unlawful interference.

The development and implementation of the HKCASTP will be undertaken by existing staff and no additional resources will be required. The target implementation date of the programme is the first quarter of 2008.

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Name in block letters NORMAN LO

Post Title Director-General of Civil Aviation

Date 14.3.2007

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**SB190**

Question Serial No.

0764

Head : 35 Government Secretariat: Beijing Office

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (2) HKSAR Immigration-related Matters

Controlling Officer : Director, Beijing Office

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

During 2006-07, the Beijing Office handled 61 requests for assistance relating to Hong Kong residents detained in the Mainland. Please provide details of the assistance offered and the expenditure incurred.

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Yiu-chung

Reply :

In handling requests for assistance relating to Hong Kong residents under detention in the Mainland, the Beijing Office would gather details of the case from the assistance seekers and briefly 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 appoint 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). The Security Bureau and the Beijing Office have also published booklets providing general information and guidelines on applicable Mainland laws and regulations for reference.

The resources deployed for rendering practical assistance to Hong Kong residents under detention accounted for about 35% of the current resources allocated to the Immigration Division of the Beijing Office.

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Date	<u>14.3.2007</u>

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Reply Serial No.

**SB191**

Question Serial No.

1101

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:

Both the average attendance rate of patients registered with methadone clinics and the completion rate of the Society for the Aid and Rehabilitation of Drug Abusers (SARDA)'s inpatient treatment courses for detoxification in 2006 show a rising trend as compared with the figures in 2005. Could the Administration provide information on –

1. Whether there is a rising trend in the number of drug abusers in Hong Kong?
2. What are the distributions by sex and age of the patients registered with methadone clinics and admitted for SARDA's inpatient treatment courses in 2006?
3. With regard to the above-mentioned distributions, what measures would the Administration take to tackle the problem of rising number of drug abusers?

Asked by: Hon. LEE Kok-long, Joseph

Reply:

According to the Central Registry of Drug Abuse, the number of reported drug abusers decreased from 14 852 in 2004 to 14 087 in 2005. There are 10 779 abusers in the first three quarters of 2006, representing a 9.5% decrease as compared with that in the same period of 2005. Slight fluctuations in the attendance rate of patients registered with methadone clinics and the completion rate of SARDA's inpatient treatment course for detoxification do not reflect an increase in the number of drug abusers. The distribution of patients in 2006 is listed below:

Age	Registration with Methadone clinics			Admission into SARDA drug treatment centres		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
under 21	6	3	9	19	12	31
21 or above	7 225	1 073	8 298	1 384	149	1 533
Total	7 231	1 076	8 307	1 403	161	1 564

The Department of Health (DH) will continue to provide methadone maintenance and detoxification treatment and subvent residential treatment and rehabilitation programmes operated by voluntary agencies. DH will also continue to promote healthy lifestyle and educate the public about the adverse effect of drug abuse.

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Name in block letters Dr PY Lam

Post Title Director of Health

Date 14.3.2007

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Reply Serial No.

**SB192**

Question Serial No.

2445

Head : 170 - Social Welfare Department

Programme : (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question : Please provide the financial provision for subvented sectors on counselling centres for psychotropic substance abusers and the subventions breakdown for the centres during 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08.

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply : The financial provision allocated to the counselling centres for psychotropic substance abusers (CCPSAs) is \$16.2 million, \$16.3 million and \$16.3 million for 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08 respectively.

In 2007-08, an additional \$3.7 million will be provided to the existing five CCPSAs to strengthen their outreaching services and early intervention work, and their collaboration with schools, law enforcers, medical practitioners and other non-governmental organisations (NGOs).

Under the existing Lump Sum Grant subvention system, funding is allocated to NGOs on an agency basis, covering all the services provided by that agency. As NGOs of these CCPSAs provide a number of services, there is no breakdown on allocations to individual service units.



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

**SB193**

2100

Head : 170 - Social Welfare Department

Programme : (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question : It is stated in the "Brief Description" under this Programme that preventive and rehabilitative services will be provided for drug abusers through non-medical voluntary drug treatment and rehabilitation centres (DTRCs), counselling centres for psychotropic substance abusers, social clubs and halfway houses for discharges from DTRCs.

- (1) Would the Administration provide information on the annual subventions received by each service unit of the above-mentioned centres or houses, the percentage of subventions in the total expenditure of the centre or the house, the number of clients served and the service indicator in 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07?
- (2) Has the Department provided additional resources to the above organisations in 2007-08 for improving and upgrading the services. If yes, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. KWOK Ka-ki

Reply : (1) At present, the non-governmental organisations (NGOs) operating non-medical voluntary drug treatment and rehabilitation centres (DTRCs), counselling centres for psychotropic substance abusers (CCPSAs) and social clubs are subvented under the lump sum grant (LSG) mode while the half-way houses (HwH) are operated

under the Model Cost mode. A breakdown of the annual subventions received by the NGOs for the provision of preventive and rehabilitative services is given as follows –

Services provided by	2004-05 (\$ million)	2005-06 (\$ million)	2006-07 (\$ million)
DTRCs	10.8	10.5	12.6
CCPSAs	16.6	16.2	16.3
Social Club	3.9	3.8	3.9
HwHs	2.5	2.4	2.5

While the NGOs operating under LSG mode are given full flexibility of using the resources to meet their operational needs, they may also secure resources of their own through applications for various funds and raising donations. We do not have percentage breakdown between government subventions and agencies' own resources.

The subvented NGOs are required to achieve service-specific output and outcome requirements as stipulated in respective Funding and Service Agreements, which include rate of placement occupancy, average caseload, and successful completion of case plan/drug-free programme etc. The respective numbers of persons served by the aforesaid services are given as follows -

Services provided by	Numbers of Persons Served		
	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07 (April - December 2006)
DTRCs	546	554	507
CCPSAs	1 260	1 083	956
Social Clubs	898	839	757
HwH*	108%	111%	103%

\* HwH is subvented under Model Cost. The figures

given represent the average utilisation rates.

- (2) In 2007-08, an additional \$3.7 million will be provided to the existing five CCPSAs to strengthen their outreaching services and early intervention work, and their collaboration with schools, law enforcers, medical practitioners and other NGOs.

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**SB194**

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2007-08

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

Question Serial No.

2267

Head : 703 Buildings

Subhead : 3009GB Construction of boundary-crossing facilities at Shenzhen Western Corridor under the “co-location” arrangement – land development

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Architectural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question : Regarding the land development for the construction of boundary-crossing facilities at Shenzhen Western Corridor, why is the total cost still being finalised? For the time being, what is the estimated cost of the land development?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Chin-shek

Reply : The whole site in the Shenzhen Bay Port where the boundary crossing facilities of the two sides will be co-located is developed by the Shenzhen side. The reclaimed site for the Hong Kong side of 41.565 hectares was handed over progressively from the reclamation office of the Shenzhen side to the project office of the Shenzhen side from end 2004 to early 2006 for the construction works for the boundary crossing facilities of the Hong Kong side.

At the meetings of the Panels on Security and Transport on 6 May 2003, the Public Works Subcommittee on 11 June 2003, the Finance Committee on 30 April 2004 and the Bills Committee on Shenzhen Bay Port Hong Kong Port Area Bill on 7 March 2007, Members noted that Hong Kong and Shenzhen sides had already agreed on the principle that each side would bear the development cost for the land used by that side, and we would in due course submit an application to the Finance Committee for funding to meet the land development cost after we have ascertained the cost with the Shenzhen side.

The Shenzhen side has undertaken to provide us with audited data relating to the land development cost to be borne by the Hong Kong side. We will submit a funding application to the Finance Committee as soon as possible after we have received audited data from the Shenzhen side and satisfied ourselves as to the appropriate amount of the cost.

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Reply Serial No.

**SB195**

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2007-08

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

Question Serial No.

1047

Head : 703 Buildings

Subhead : 3009GB Construction of boundary-crossing facilities at Shenzhen Western Corridor under the “co-location” arrangement – land development &  
3011GB Construction of boundary-crossing facilities at Shenzhen Western Corridor under the “co-location” arrangement – design and construction works

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Architectural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question : Under subhead 3011GB Construction of boundary-crossing facilities at Shenzhen Western Corridor under the “co-location” arrangement-design and construction works, the approved estimate for the design and construction works is about \$2.17 billion. After deducting the revised estimate of \$880 million for 2006-07, \$810 million has not been spent. However, it is estimated that for 2007-08 only \$240 million will be spent. What are the reasons for the sharp decrease over 2006-07? What are the reasons for the failure to expedite the progress of the works?

Please also give the details of the estimate of \$1.9 billion under subhead 3009GB for land development at Shenzhen Western Corridor under the “co-location” arrangement. When will the project commence? Could the works be expedited to tie in with the commissioning of the Corridor?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Sau-shing, Patrick

Reply : 3011GB

The approved project estimate is \$2,173.5 million. The cumulative expenditure up to 31 March 2006 is \$479.3 million. The revised estimate for 2006-07 is \$882.0 million.

Whilst this project is scheduled for completion in mid-2007, a provision of \$249.8 million is reserved in 2007-08 mainly to settle contract payments. Future expenditure under this project will be incurred after 2007-08 for procurement of furniture and equipment and other payments for finalising the project account.

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