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Mrs Sharon Tong
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Dear Mrs Tong,

I refer to item 10 of the list of follow-up actions required dated 28 February 2007. Some more detailed information is set out in the table attached.

As regards cases in respect of civil servants, statistics of criminal intimidation cases as kept by the Police are already provided in paragraph 4 of the Administration's paper. As explained in paragraph 5 of the paper, the Police do not keep statistics on cases involving violence against civil servants. Figures in that paragraph are those of occupational injuries involving workplace violence for civil servants kept by the Labour Department. Workplace violence includes assault, deliberate kicks, bites, punches, pushes, homicides, etc. during the course of employment.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Hubert Law', written over a light blue horizontal line.

(Hubert Law)
for Secretary for Security

**Reported cases of violence and criminal intimidation involving well known personalities
from 2002 to 2006 (up to September 2006)**

Person Affected	Timing/Location	Report/Allegation	Classification	Person arrested/Sentencing
2002				
Legislative Council (LegCo) Member	December 2002 at the LegCo Member's office in Shatin	A person made calls to the office and threatened to set fire to the office.	Criminal intimidation	-
2003				
LegCo Member	June 2003, at the LegCo Member's office in Tung Chung, Lantau	The glass panel of the main door of the office was found smashed.	Criminal damage	-
LegCo Member	May to June 2003, at the LegCo Member's office in Central	Phone calls were received from an unknown person, threatening violence if the LegCo Member did not handle her request.	Criminal intimidation	-
LegCo Member	July 2003, at the LegCo Member's office in Shatin	Rotten vegetable was scattered outside the office.	Nuisances committed in public places	A 66-year old male was convicted and fined \$1,000 for each charge.
	September 2003, at the LegCo Member's office in Shatin	Faeces were splashed outside the office.	Nuisances committed in public places	
LegCo Member	August 2003, in Tai Po	Two advertisement signboards and one plastic banner, which were hung on the railings on a road, were damaged.	Criminal damage	-

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LegCo Member	October 2003, at the LegCo Member's Office in Shatin	Nuisance telephone calls were made to the office.	Telephone Nuisance	A 54-year-old female was summonsed for 'Telephone Nuisance'. She was convicted and was fined HK\$750.
Social activist	October 2003	The person received a letter that mentioned his family background.	Request for Police investigation	-
District Councillor	December 2003, in Central	When the District Councillor was carrying out a signature campaign with other members of his Party, a person approached and argued with the group, and swept his counter.	(1) Disorder in public place (2) Criminal damage	The person was arrested. He was bound over for the following offences: (1) Behaving in a disorderly manner in a public place; and (2) Criminal damage.
2004				
LegCo Member	February 2004, at the LegCo Member's clinic in Yuen Long	Two teenagers splashed red paint at the clinic, and was arrested by an off-duty constable.	Criminal damage	The two persons pleaded guilty in court and were sentenced to training centre and detention centre respectively.

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Media commentator	March 2004, in Tsimshatsui	The person reported that he was assaulted by four males outside a hotel.	Assault*	Police enquiry led to the arrest of 5 persons. 4 of them were prosecuted on the offence of common assault. Among these 4 persons, 3 pleaded guilty and were fined \$2,000 each. The other person jumped court bail and warrant of arrest has been issued.
Media commentator	March 2004	A number of anonymous calls were made to the person's shop, demanding him to repay a debt. One of the callers threatened to cause trouble to the shop if the debt remained unpaid.	Criminal intimidation	—
Media commentator	March 2004	A "\$" sign was sprayed on the roller shutter of the person's shop.	Criminal damage	—
Media commentator	March 2004, office of a company in North Point	3 persons poured red paint on the carpet of the office of the company, of which the person was one of the directors.	Criminal damage	—
LegCo Member	March 2004 at the LegCo Member's office in Shatin	A plastic information box outside the office was smashed.	Criminal damage	—

* Denote cases involving assault against the victim

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LegCo Member	June 2004, at the LegCo Member's office in Tai Po	Posters outside the office were found to have been set on fire.	Arson	-
LegCo Member	(1) April 2004, inside Legislative Council Building in Central; (2) May 2004, in Shamshuipo area; (3) May 2004, at an office of a district councillor of the LegCo Member's party in Shamshuipo	Letters of intimidating nature were received. Some of the LegCo Member's promotion banners in Shamshuipo area were also damaged.	(1) Criminal intimidation (2) Criminal damage	-
LegCo Member	May 2004, outside the LegCo Member's office in Kwai Chung	Faeces were found outside the office.	Request for Police investigation	-
2005				
LegCo Member	January 2005, in Central	During a public meeting and procession, a placard with allegedly intimidating words against the LegCo Member was found.	(1) Criminal intimidation (2) Incitement to wound	-
LegCo Member	March 2005, at the LegCo Member's law firm in Central	Threatening phone call was received in connection with the business of the law firm.	(1) Blackmail (2) Criminal intimidation	4 persons were arrested. They were released unconditionally due to insufficient evidence to lay any charges.

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District Fight Crime Committee (DFCC) Chairman	April 2005, in Shatin	The person was attacked. The suspect was subsequently intercepted by a patrolling security guard.	Assault occasioning bodily harm*	The arrested person admitted the offence and was fined \$2,000. He also gave \$3,000 to the victim as compensation.
2006				
LegCo Member	February 2006, at the LegCo Member's office in Tuen Mun	Excretal mixture was found at the front entrance of the office. Activity advertisements outside the office were also splashed with dirty liquid.	(1) Criminal damage (2) Laying offensive matter on a public place	A male person was arrested. The arrested person pleaded guilty to 2 counts of criminal damage and 1 count of laying offensive matter on a public place, and was fined a total of \$3,000.
LegCo Member	June 2006, at the LegCo Member's office in Tuen Mun	A person turned up at the office and demanded to talk to the LegCo Member. He pushed the LegCo Member's shoulder once. Upon police arrival, the LegCo Member indicated that the person had no intention to harm him, and that he did not want to pursue the case.	Request for police investigation	-

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LegCo Member	August 2006, at a restaurant in Central	The LegCo Member was assaulted by 4 persons inside the restaurant, each armed with a wooden baton. The assailants fled after the attack.	Wounding*	7 persons were arrested. 4 persons pleaded guilty to "conspiracy to wound with intent", with one of them additionally pleading guilty to "assault occasioning actual bodily harm". All 4 persons were sentenced to 4 years and 8 months of imprisonment. The other 3 persons were released from Police bail due to insufficient evidence to lay charges. One wanted person has yet to be located for investigation.
LegCo Member	August 2006	Two threatening letters were received following an earlier attack on the LegCo Member. One was mailed to his solicitor's office and enclosing a piece of cutter. The other was inserted into a post box outside his office in Tuen Mun.	Criminal intimidation	-

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LegCo Member	August 2006, at the LegCo Member's office in Central	A defamatory letter, with a razor blade enclosed, was received.	Criminal intimidation	One person was arrested but was later released unconditionally due to insufficient evidence to lay charges.
LegCo Member	August 2006, at the LegCo Member's office in LegCo	A letter with a razor blade enclosed was received.	Request for Police investigation	—
LegCo Member	September 2006, at the LegCo Member's office in Kwai Fong Estate	A threatening letter was received.	Criminal intimidation	—