

For information

Legislative Council Panel on Security

Improvement works to old police stations

Purpose

At the LegCo Security Panel meeting held on 7 November 2006, some Members enquired about the progress of improvement works to old police stations. This paper provides the relevant information for Members' reference.

Station improvement project

2. To ensure the quality of police service to the community, a Force-wide Station Improvement Program was formulated in 1999 to upgrade the facilities provided in police stations. The improvement works were undertaken through Capital Works Project 235LP – “Improvements to Police stations and operational facilities”, and the funding for the project, amounting to \$649.2 million, was approved by the Finance Committee in July 1999.

3. The Project consisted of two main parts – the upgrading of existing facilities and the installation of automated security systems.

(a) Upgrading of existing facilities

- (i) Report room – Upgrading to promote a more open and user-friendly environment, as well as to provide a barrier-free environment for persons with a disability. The remodeled report room includes a reception area near the entrance, reporting counters with partitions to protect the privacy of those using the service, a public information area, a back-of-house area and separate interview rooms. Ancillary areas of a police station that are frequently used by the public (including the Property Office, the Miscellaneous Enquiries Office, the Police Community Relations Office and the Crime Enquiries Office) were also remodeled in a similar fashion; and

- (ii) Staff facilities – Provision of a staff resource centre in each station to facilitate officers’ access to information and self-improvement studies, and re-organization of changing rooms with better facilities installed (such as air-conditioning, showers and lockers).

(b) Installation of automated security system

Installation of an Automated Station Security System (ASSS) at building entrances and exits, and introduction of new Police Smart Warrant Cards and Civilian Staff Cards for staff to gain access to the buildings via card readers. In addition, inclusion of an automated vehicle access/exit control system, and close circuit television coverage of the compound and vehicular access points. These installations have not only strengthened the security of police premises but also generated staff savings with the consequential deletion of a total of 94 station guard posts.

4. The Station Improvement Project covering a total of 59 police facilities (51 police stations, four police posts and four marine bases) was carried out in phases – upgrading of the public interface areas for all divisional police stations was completed at the end of 2002; work to upgrade changing room facilities and resource centres was completed in mid 2003; and the last phase on the ASSS was completed in early 2004. The entire station improvement project was substantially completed in March 2004.

5. Some photographs of the improved police facilities in the police stations are at the **Annex**.

Future plan of improvement works

6. The Police will continue to ensure that their buildings are well maintained and meet the Force’s latest operational requirements, and undertake improvement works to police stations as and when necessary.

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Improved Outlook in Police Stations

Annex



Improved Station Entrance



Automated Security System

Staff Entrance

Vehicular Entrance



New Standard Report Room



**Improved Crime
Offices with
interview rooms**



Resource Center



**Changing Rooms with
new lockers**