

**For Information**  
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**LEGCO PANEL ON WELFARE SERVICES**  
**Subcommittee on Strategy and Measures to Tackle Family Violence**

**Brief Report on the Lok Fu Family Tragedy**

**Purpose**

This paper provides a factual report on the above incident based on available information. To avoid prejudicing the criminal investigation of the case which is being conducted by the Hong Kong Police Force (“the Police”) and the subsequent criminal proceedings, we would not comment on the incident.

**Brief Summary**

2. Madam LUK approached the former Family and Child Protective Services Unit (East Kowloon) of Social Welfare Department (“SWD”) for assistance on 15 July 2002 because of conflict with her husband Mr LAU. Service was provided to her and her family immediately. Madam LUK applied for divorce in August 2002 but withdrew the application in November of the same year.

3. Social workers of SWD provided marital counselling to the couple and had, prior to the incident, advised Madam LUK six times, to move away with her daughters from the abode in Lok Fu. Various alternative accommodation services, i.e. time-out centre, refuge centres for women, hostel, residential child care services, rented private accommodation and Housing Authority’s conditional tenancy scheme under compassionate rehousing were introduced to Madam LUK. Madam LUK declined all the suggestions made by social workers.

4. The abode-in-question was partitioned into two independent units in March 2005 with Madam LUK and her two daughters occupying one unit and Mr LAU occupying the other. In July 2005, Madam LUK applied for divorce again.

5. According to police records, between 14 March 2005 and 3 November 2006, the Wong Tai Sin Police Station received five reports involving the concerned family and occurring inside their Hong Keung Court residence. After police enquiries, four reports were classified as “Dispute” whilst one case as “Complaint Nuisance” and none of them was found to involve violence.

6. On 9 January 2006, the Family Court requested SWD to prepare a Social Investigation Report on the custody, care and control and access arrangement regarding the daughter of Mr LAU and Madam LUK. The case was adjourned to 11 April 2006 for hearing. On the day of hearing, the case was adjourned to 27 September 2006 and an updated Social Investigation Report was called for. From June to September 2006, the social workers of SWD assisted Mr LAU to access to his daughter for six times.

7. On 27 September 2006, the Family Court made orders on custody and access of the daughter of Mr LAU and Madam LUK. The custody of the daughter was granted to Madam LUK and Mr LAU was granted day access to their daughter on Sundays at the time to be agreed between the daughter and Mr LAU between the hours of 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Both Madam LUK and Mr LAU did not express dissatisfaction with the custody and access issues.

8. In the early morning of 11 November 2006, a “999” call seeking help was made to the Police. Upon police arrival, Madam LUK and her elder daughter were found dead inside their residence at Hong Keung Court. The younger daughter was found seriously injured and was immediately taken to the hospital but later certified dead. Mr LAU was also found inside the premises and was arrested.

9. In the early morning of 11 November 2006, the social worker of SWD was informed by the Police about the incident. The social worker assisted the investigation of the Police at once. She also contacted the relatives of the victims and assisted them to arrange for the funeral.

10. Mr LAU has been charged with three counts of “Murder” on 12 November 2006. He is currently remanded in jail custody and is scheduled to reappear before the Kwun Tong Magistracy on 16 January 2007. Police investigations are ongoing. As the case is now sub judice, details on the case will not be disclosed at this stage.

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