

**Replies to initial written questions raised by Finance Committee Members  
in examining the Estimates of Expenditure 2008-09**

**Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security  
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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

**SB001**

Question Serial No.

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

0036

Programme : (2) Internal Security

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Security

Director of Bureau : Security Bureau

Question :

Please give details on how the Security Bureau will support the Task Force on Youth Drug Abuse led by the Secretary for Justice and how to curb the problem of cross-boundary drug abuse among young people.

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply :

The Secretary for Justice, as Deputy Chairman of the Fight Crime Committee, leads the Task Force on Youth Drug Abuse. The membership of the Task Force comprises representatives from the Security Bureau, and other relevant bureaux and departments. Building on the existing fight crime and anti-drug networks, the Task Force focuses on spearheading cross-bureaux and inter-departmental efforts at the strategic level to consolidate strategies to combat youth drug abuse from a holistic perspective. The Security Bureau supports the Task Force in coordinating the anti-drug work of relevant bureaux and departments, including liaison with the Action Committee Against Narcotics and other non-government organisations.

The Administration has maintained close liaison with our Mainland counterparts on formulating strategies to tackle the cross-boundary drug abuse problem. Hong Kong and Mainland law enforcement agencies exchange information and intelligence and take joint action on cross-boundary drug trafficking and drug abuse. We have also developed a tripartite cooperation framework with our Guangdong and Macao counterparts to promote exchanges and cooperation in anti-drug efforts among the three places.

We have launched a drug education kit last year for teachers to disseminate anti-drug messages in schools and the consequences of cross-boundary drug abuse. We will continue to conduct education and publicity activities at the boundary control points and trains to distribute messages on the harmful effects of drug abuse to people going to the Mainland.

Tackling cross boundary drug abuse is one major publicity and public education theme under our large-scale publicity campaign to be launched in June 2008. The Task Force will continue its deliberations in the coming months with a view to drawing up a set of further proposals to tackle the problem in a long-term and sustainable manner.

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Name in block letters MS CHANG KING YIU

Post Title Permanent Secretary for Security

Date 19 March 2008

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Reply Serial No.

**SB002**

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

Question Serial No.

2645

Programme : (2) Internal Security

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Security

Director of Bureau : Security Bureau

Question :

It is mentioned in the 2008-09 Budget that the Administration would allocate \$53 million to tackle the problem of drug abuse.

- a) Please list out the work projects under this exercise and their provision, and state whether they are one-off provision or recurrent expenditure?
- b) Will the improvement of the existing Substance Abuse Clinic services be included in the exercise? If so, please specify the service quota, serving area, service scope and manning ratio of the clinics in future. Moreover, how do the clinics cope with the keen demand for medical treatment from the service users of the existing drug prevention and rehabilitation services (not limited to those with symptoms of psychosis)?
- c) What are the specific monitoring and review mechanism of the projects? How can the Administration ensure that the provision is targeted at the prevention of drug abuse?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply :

- (a) Over the past few months, the Task Force on Youth Drug Abuse led by the Secretary for Justice has conducted in-depth studies of the youth drug abuse problem and devised a series of initial measures that can be implemented in the short to medium term. Additional resources of around \$53 million have been earmarked in 2008-09 to support the measures as follows -

	<b>Measure</b>	<b>Additional Resources earmarked in 2008-09 (\$ million)</b>
1	Launching a territory wide campaign to combat youth drug abuse	13 (of which \$8 million is non-recurrent commitment)
2	Equipping school principals, teachers, guidance teachers, school social workers and parents with knowledge and skills to deliver drug education, identify high-risk students and handle drug abuse cases	6.9
3	Strengthening anti-drug preventive education for students	0.25
4	Strengthening the Police School Liaison Programme	0.62
5	Enhancing day and overnight outreaching service	9.9
6	Setting up two additional Counselling Centres for Psychotropic Substance Abusers	7.3
7	Providing more places in drug treatment and rehabilitation centres	7.6
8	Enhancing the provision of psychiatric medical social services in the Substance Abuse Clinics	0.86
9	Strengthening the Police Superintendent's Discretion Scheme by enhancing services of the Juvenile Protection Section of Police and Community Support Service Scheme of the Social Welfare Department	3.04
10	Enhancing intelligence-gathering capabilities of the Police	0.5
11	Enhancing the detector dog services at the boundary control points	3.4

- (b) The above provision does not include improvement of the services of the existing Substance Abuse Clinics (SACs). However, in response to the service demand from the anti-drug sector and upon recommendation by the Task Force on Youth Drug Abuse, the Hospital Authority (HA) will re-open the SAC at Queen Mary Hospital in 2008-09 to address the service needs of the Hong Kong West Cluster, and is planning to open a SAC at the Kowloon East Cluster.

According to the information provided by HA, at present, it operates five substance abuse clinics (SACs) which are located in Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital (Hong Kong East), Kowloon Hospital (Kowloon Central), Kwai Chung Hospital (Kowloon West), Castle Peak Hospital (New Territories West) and Prince of Wales Hospital (New Territories East). They provide specialist treatment to drug abusers with psychiatric complications or psychiatric co-morbidities. SACs mainly target drug abusers with mental problems, and hence it is not within the service scope of SACs to provide treatment to those who do not have mental problems.

- (c) The initial measures do not target at the prevention of drug abuse alone. They cover a range of areas including law enforcement, preventive education and publicity, early intervention measures for high-risk youth prone to drug abuse, and treatment and rehabilitation services for those who have drug abuse problems.

The Task Force plans to conclude its work in around October 2008. The Security Bureau will continue to coordinate the implementation of anti-drug measures with support from the relevant bureaux and departments. Progress will be monitored and reviewed through the existing anti-drug and fight crime networks.

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Name in block letters MS CHANG KING YIU

Post Title Permanent Secretary for Security

Date 19 March 2008

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Reply Serial No.

SB003

Question Serial No.

0295

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

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Security

Director of Bureau : Security Bureau

Question : Regarding the studies (including in-house studies or those entrusted to consultants) conducted by the Bureau for the purposes of formulating and assessing policies, please provide the relevant information in the following format:

- (1) For the projects that have reserved funds for conducting consultancy studies in 2007-08, please provide information in the following format:

Name of Consultant (if any)	Content	Revised Estimate (\$)	Progress of Studies (under planning/ in progress/ completed)	The follow-ups taken by the Administration on the study reports and their progress (if any)	If completed, have they been released to the public? If yes, through which channels? If no, what are the reasons?

- (2) Is there any project that will reserve funds for conducting consultancy study in 2008-09. If yes, please provide the following information:

Name of Consultant (if any)	Content	Expenditure (\$)	Progress of Studies (under planning/ in progress/ completed)	Will the studies be released to the public if they are expected to be completed in the 2008-09 financial year? If yes, through which channels? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. EU Yuet-mee, Audrey

Reply :

(1) For the projects that have reserved funds for conducting consultancy studies in 2007-08, please provide information in the following format:

<b>Name of Consultant (if any)</b>	<b>Content</b>	<b>Revised Estimate (\$)</b>	<b>Progress of Studies (under planning/ in progress/ completed)</b>	<b>The follow-ups taken by the Administration on the study reports and their progress (if any)</b>	<b>If completed, have they been released to the public? If yes, through which channels? If no, what are the reasons?</b>
Dr Lena Yue-ying Zhong and Dr Wong Sing-wing, Dennis (City University of Hong Kong)	Study of cocaine abuse in Hong Kong (Continuation of a study of the same name in 2006-07)	\$100,000	In progress	The researchers submit progress reports to the Research Advisory Group (RAG) of the Narcotics Division (ND) regularly. The Group will also provide advice to the researchers as and when required.	Not applicable
Consumer Search HK Ltd.	The 2008 survey of drug use among students	\$210,731	In progress	Not applicable	Not applicable
Dr Sandra Tsang (The University of Hong Kong) and Mr Yiu Tze-leung (Tung Wah Group of Hospitals)	Engagement of parents in anti-drug work (Continuation of a study of the same name in 2006-07)	\$96,791	In progress	The researchers submit progress reports to the RAG of ND regularly. The Group will also provide advice to the researchers as and when required.	Not applicable

<b>Name of Consultant (if any)</b>	<b>Content</b>	<b>Revised Estimate (\$)</b>	<b>Progress of Studies (under planning/ in progress/ completed)</b>	<b>The follow-ups taken by the Administration on the study reports and their progress (if any)</b>	<b>If completed, have they been released to the public? If yes, through which channels? If no, what are the reasons?</b>
Dr Alex Fung (Hong Kong Baptist University)	Survey on Public Opinion on Anti-Drug Publicity 2007	\$52,800	Completed	The survey report has been submitted to the Action Committee Against Narcotics and its Sub-Committee on Preventive Education and Publicity for discussion. The Government is reviewing the anti-drug publicity strategy in the light of the survey findings.	The survey report has been placed in the library of the DrugInfo Centre for public access. The executive summary will also be uploaded onto the website of ND.

(2) Is there any project that will reserve funds for conducting consultancy study in 2008-09. If yes, please provide the following information:

<b>Name of Consultant (if any)</b>	<b>Content</b>	<b>Expenditure (\$)</b>	<b>Progress of Studies (under planning/ in progress/ completed)</b>	<b>Will the studies be released to the public if they are expected to be completed in the 2008-09 financial year? If yes, through which channels? If no, what are the reasons?</b>
Dr Lena Yue-ying Zhong and Dr Wong Sing-wing, Dennis (City University of Hong Kong)	Study of cocaine abuse in Hong Kong (Continuation of a study of the same name in 2007-08)	\$60,731	In progress	The study report will be placed in the library of the DrugInfo Centre for public access. The executive summary will also be uploaded onto the website of ND.
Consumer Search HK Ltd.	The 2008 survey of drug use among students (Continuation of a study of the same name in 2007-08)	\$350,000	In progress	Not applicable

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Reply Serial No.

SB004

Question Serial No.

1907

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

Programme : (2) Internal Security

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Security

Director of Bureau : Security Bureau

Question :

Under this programme, the provision for 2008-09 is \$19.2 million (19.5%) higher than the revised estimate for 2007-08. This is mainly due to:

- a. the creation of 4 posts and increased operating expenses for
- b. anti-drug related activities
- c. anti-money laundering measures and
- d. the 2008 Olympic and Paralympic Equestrian Events.

Please give detail reasons for the increased expenditure for the above 4 items separately.

Asked by : Hon. HO Chun-yan, Albert

Reply :

- a. The reasons for the creation of 4 posts are-

The creation of an Executive Officer II post in the Secretariat of the Security and Guarding Services Industry Authority is to strengthen the administrative support in respect of processing of licence applications, provision of service to licensed security companies, provision of technical support for hearings of licence applications, and handling of complaints and enquiries, etc. As the number of licences has substantially increased from less than 300 ten years ago to over 890 at present, there is a need for additional manpower to handle the general administrative work.

Three of the posts are proposed to be created under the Narcotics Division of the Security Bureau. They include two time-limited posts, namely one Senior Executive Officer post for three years and one Assistant Information Officer for two years, to provide support for the work of the Task Force on Youth Drug Abuse in implementing the territory-wide campaign against youth drug abuse and enhanced anti-drug measures. It also includes one Assistant Clerical Officer post for assisting in the operation of the Hong Kong Jockey Club Drug InfoCentre (DIC).

- b. The increased operating expenses for anti-drug related activities is due to-

- (i) the planning and implementation of the territory-wide youth anti-drug campaign which will be launched in June 2008. The objectives are to mobilise the whole community to fight against drugs and to correct common misconceptions on drugs among the youth. The increased provision will be

used to enhance publicity and preventive education measures, including the production of a new series of Announcement in the Public Interest (API), posters, leaflets and booklets, etc. There will also be district-based anti-drug publicity and preventive education activities to be organised in collaboration with District Councils, District Fight Crime Committees and other local organisations;

- (ii) enhanced training for school heads, teachers, discipline masters, school social workers and school guidance personnel on drug education, identification of students at risk and the tackling of drug problems in schools;
- (iii) organising more district-based seminars and talks for parents to enrich their knowledge on drugs and to help them prevent their children from drug abuse; and
- (iv) enhancing preventive education for students including a more systematic approach in organising anti-drug talks and activities in schools.

c. The increased operating expenses for anti-money laundering measures is due to our plan to –

- (i) step up outreaching effort to the financial and designated non-financial sectors by continuing public education and publicity to raise awareness of anti-money laundering/ counter financing of terrorism;
- (ii) conduct training programmes, seminars and workshops for practitioners in the relevant sectors;
- (iii) consult the financial sector and the public on legislative proposals for the financial sector; and
- (iv) consult the remittance agents and money changers sector, and the public on enhanced regulation of the sector.

d. The increase in operating expenses for the 2008 Olympic and Paralympic Equestrian Events is to strengthen the government's monitoring and coordination capabilities in emergency response during the staging of the Events in Hong Kong.

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Reply Serial No.

**SB005**

Question Serial No.

1946

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

Programme : (2) Internal Security

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Security

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question:

In 2008-09, the Administration will continue to study the long-term options for addressing the demand for emergency ambulance services. What are the details? What is the implication on the estimated expenditure?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

To address the increasing public demand for emergency ambulance services, the Security Bureau will continue to consider various options in 2008-09 to ensure that emergency ambulance services can be better targeted at those with genuine needs. These options include making public appeals for better use of ambulance resources through departmental publicity programmes; providing appropriate additional resources to meet service demand, and giving further consideration to suitable measures, for example by making reference to the consultancy study report on the implementation of an ambulance priority dispatch system commissioned by the Fire Services Department.

The above policy analysis work has been covered by the overall budget of the Bureau. It has no implication on the estimated expenditure.

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Reply Serial No.

SB006

Question Serial No.

0160

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 2008-09, the Security Bureau will continue to work in collaboration with relevant bureaux and departments towards the reduction of the coverage of the Frontier Closed Area. What are the specific work details and the expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply :

We need to install a secondary boundary fence and new sections of the boundary patrol road and primary fence along the boundary between Hong Kong and the Mainland, before formally reducing the coverage of the Frontier Closed Area (FCA). The construction works involved will be coordinated by the Architectural Services Department. As the project is a designated project under the Environmental Impact Assessment Ordinance (Cap. 499) and involves excavation works in the area of "Conservation Area" and "Green Belt" zones, we will conduct an environmental impact assessment for the project in accordance with Cap. 499 and the requirements stipulated by the Town Planning Board. The cost for conducting the above-mentioned assessment and the design fees for the fence and boundary patrol road for the 2008-09 financial year will be around \$2 million and will be settled under block allocation Subhead 3100GX "Project feasibility studies, minor investigations and consultants' fees for items in Category D of the Public Works Programme" of the Capital Works Reserve Fund Head 703.

On the other hand, a planning study is being conducted for the areas to be excised from the FCA. The Security Bureau will provide comments to the Development Bureau and Planning Department on security-related issues, to assist them to conduct a planning study for the areas to be released from the FCA.

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**SB008**

Question Serial No.

2507

Head : 151      Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (3) Immigration Control

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Security

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

In relation to the Quality Migrant Admission Scheme (QMAS), what is the concrete action plan to promote talent/professional admission schemes in 2008-09. How much resource will be allocated?

Asked by : Hon. YOUNG Howard

Reply :

The promotion of the QMAS and other arrangements for admitting talent and professionals will continue to be undertaken by all relevant bureaux and departments, such as the Government's Economic and Trade Offices overseas and in the Mainland. Examples of the promotion initiatives include distribution of information pamphlets; direct engagement of chambers of commerce and business groups; promotion by senior officials at suitable local and overseas speaking engagements, etc. Resources required will be absorbed by bureaux and departments concerned.

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**SB009**

Head: 23 – Auxiliary Medical Subhead (No. & title): 000 Operational  
Service Service expenses

Question Serial No.

0760

Programme: Auxiliary Medical Service

Controlling Officer: Chief Staff Officer, Auxiliary Medical Service

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

In the last two years, the number of new recruits in each year was roughly the same.

1. How many members withdrew from the service in 2006 and 2007 respectively?
2. What is the average training cost for each new recruit?

Asked by: Hon. SHEK Lai-him, Abraham

Reply:

1. 508 and 483 members withdrew from the service in 2006 and 2007 respectively.
2. The average training cost for each new recruit is about \$1,858.

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Name in block letters CHAN YIU WING

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Reply Serial No.

**SB011**

Question Serial No.

2042

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 is the expenditure for each prisoner in 2007-08?

Asked by : Hon. CHOY So-yuk

Reply :

In 2007-08, the average expenditure for each person under Correctional Services Department's custody is estimated to be about \$577 per day. This is a rough calculation only, and is derived by dividing the estimated total expenditure of the Department for 2007-08 by the average daily penal population and the number of days in 2007-08.

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Reply Serial No.

**SB012**

Question Serial No.

0296

Head : 30 Correctional Services Department

Subhead (No & title) :

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Correctional Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Regarding the studies (including in-house studies or those entrusted to consultancy) for policy making and assessment commissioned by your Department, please provide details in the following format:

- (1) Please provide the following details on the consultancy studies for which financial provision has been allocated respectively in 2007-08:

Names of consultants (if available)	Description	Revised estimate (\$)	Progress of studies (under planning / in progress / completed)	The Administration's follow-up action on the study reports and the progress made (if available)	Whether study reports completed are publicized; if yes, their channels and if not, the reasons.

- (2) Has financial provision been allocated for commissioning consultancy studies in 2008-09? If yes, please provide the following details:

Names of consultants (if available)	Description	Expenditure (\$)	Progress of studies (under planning / in progress / completed)	Whether study reports scheduled for completion in 2008-09 will be publicized; if yes, their channels and if not, the reasons.

Asked by : Hon. EU Yuet-mee, Audrey

Reply :

- (1) Consultancy studies for which financial provision was allocated in 2007-08 :



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Reply Serial No.

SB013

Question Serial No.

1178

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 estimate for 2008-09 is higher than that for 2007-08, and this is due to the effect of filling vacancies. As a matter of fact, the rehabilitation and reintegration into society of prisoners are very important and the resources in this respect have been inadequate. Does the Administration have any ideas in this area of work? How to further enhance the success rate of reintegration into society?

Asked by : Hon. LAM Wai-keung, Daniel

Reply :

The Correctional Services Department (CSD) strives to facilitate the return of prisoners to the community as law-abiding citizens through the provision of comprehensive rehabilitative services. Relevant services provided by CSD include pre-sentence assessment, prisoners' welfare and counselling services, psychological services, education, vocational training and supervision services. To further improve the rehabilitation of offenders, CSD is implementing a Risks and Needs Assessment and Management Protocol for Offenders, which aims to provide offenders with tailor-made rehabilitative programmes based on the results of a systematic assessment of their custodial and reoffending risks and rehabilitative needs. In addition, improvements are also being made to the education and vocational training for offenders. The estimated expenditure of CSD's re-integration programme in 2008-09 is \$473.1 million, which is about 7.5% higher than that in 2006-07.

The success rate of CSD's re-integration programme is contingent upon a number of factors. Apart from the effectiveness of the reintegration programme, other factors include the offender's family and social background, his/her response to rehabilitative and counselling services, the community's acceptance and support, and prevailing economic conditions. Therefore, in order to give rehabilitated offenders a better chance of successful reintegration into the society, CSD will continue to organise publicity and promotional programmes in collaboration with relevant non-governmental organisations in 2008-09, so as to foster greater acceptance and support by family members, employers and the public at large.

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Reply Serial No.

**SB014**

Question Serial No.

1947

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 2008-09, the Administration will continue to work on the problems of outdated facilities and overcrowding in some of the penal institutions. What are the details? Has the Administration estimated when the programme will be completed? What is the estimated expenditure?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

The Correctional Services Department (CSD) has been implementing a series of measures to address the problems of outdated facilities and overcrowding in some penal institutions. These measures include:

- (a) construction of an extension block at Lai Chi Kok Reception Centre to provide 144 additional penal places for prisoners on remand. The project is scheduled for completion in mid-2008 at an estimated cost of \$13.8 million;
- (b) more rational utilisation of penal places by converting Lai King Training Centre (LKTC) into a penal facility for young female offenders to relieve overcrowding at Tai Tam Gap Correctional Institution. The conversion works at LKTC are scheduled for completion in mid-2008 at an estimated cost of \$9.95 million;
- (c) redevelopment of Lo Wu Correctional Institution into three new correctional institutions to provide 1 400 penal places. Construction works commenced in April 2007 and the project is scheduled for completion by early 2010 at an estimated cost of \$1,376.3 million; and
- (d) improvement works at existing institutions, including installation of CCTV systems and integrated security systems, and improvement to electricity supply systems and workshop facilities, etc. The estimated expenditure in 2008-09 for such improvement works is about \$42 million.

CSD will continue to monitor the situation and consider other measures, including the option of redeveloping Chi Ma Wan prison area, to address the problem of overcrowding in some penal institutions.

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**SB015**

Question Serial No.

1948

Head : 30 Correctional Services Department

Subhead (No & title) :

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

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Correctional Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

What are the details of and expenditure for providing adequate medical, psychological and welfare services for prisoners in 2007? How many prisoners have received such services? What is the estimated expenditure in 2008-09?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

The Correctional Services Department (CSD) provides basic medical and health services for prisoners. All institutions are equipped with medical facilities manned by qualified Medical Officers and nursing staff. In 2007, the total attendance was around 1.11 million. Prisoners who require more specialised medical services are referred to the Hospital Authority.

Psychological services are offered through different programmes, covering violence prevention, mental health, sex offender evaluation and treatment, substance abuse awareness and recidivism prevention. In 2007, a total of 29 018 psychological counselling sessions were conducted for 5 328 prisoners.

Welfare and counselling services are provided for prisoners throughout their entire prison term. Regular counselling services are provided to all prisoners at least once a month to help them deal with any personal adaptation problems or family difficulties that may arise from their imprisonment. The counselling and welfare services provided include an induction course, individual and group counselling, hobby classes, etc. Prisoners are also encouraged to join suitable rehabilitative programmes to prepare for their lives after discharge. In 2007, a total of 124 868 counselling/welfare sessions were conducted for 16 751 prisoners.

The estimated expenditure incurred by CSD on medical services, psychological services, and welfare and counselling services for prisoners in 2007-08 and 2008-09 is as follows:

	<u>2007-08 Revised Estimate</u> (\$ million)	<u>2008-09 Estimate</u> (\$ million)
Medical Services	151.2	153.4
Psychological Services	27.3	30.8
Welfare and Counselling Services	44.7	47.5

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Reply Serial No.

SB016

Question Serial No.

1949

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 rate of the Drug Addiction Treatment Centre programme (non-conviction and free from drugs in one year after discharge) was 56.3% and 54.9% in 2006 and 2007 respectively. Has the Administration examined the reasons for such unsatisfactory results? Is it related to resources and manpower? Are there any measures to enhance the effectiveness of such services? What is the difference between the estimated expenditure in 2008-09 and the actual expenditure in 2007-08?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

The success rate of the Drug Addiction Treatment Centre (DATC) programme is contingent upon a number of factors, including the complexity of the inmates' addiction problem, their family and social background, their response to rehabilitation/counselling services, and community acceptance and support.

The Correctional Services Department (CSD) has been making every effort to rehabilitate offenders with drug problem by providing timely and suitable intervention and support, so as to help them remain drug-free after discharge. In this connection, the Department has put in place measures to enhance the DATC programme since 2007-08, having regard to the recommendations of the consultancy study on the preventive and treatment programme for offenders with problems of psychotropic substance abuse. These measures include incorporation of structured counselling and psychological programmes into the daily programme of the DATCs and arrangement of part-time vocational training courses for DATC inmates.

Separately, CSD has embarked on structured rehabilitative programme matching for target offenders in DATCs since January 2007 under the Risks and Needs Assessment and Management Protocol for Offenders. This initiative aims at strengthening DATC inmates' determination in drug abstinence and remaining drug-free after discharge.

The revised estimated expenditure for operating the DATC programme in 2007-08 is about \$115 million. We estimate that the expenditure for 2008-09 will be more or less the same.

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**SB017**

Question Serial No.

1950

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 is the progress of the Lo Wu Correctional Institution re-development project? Has the Administration reviewed whether the project is on schedule or not? What is the estimated expenditure in this respect in 2008-09?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

Construction works for the redevelopment of the Lo Wu Correctional Institution commenced in April 2007. The project is on schedule, and is expected to be completed by early 2010. Site formation works are being carried out.

The estimated capital expenditure for 2008-09 is about \$400 million.

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Reply Serial No.

**SB018**

Question Serial No.

1951

Head : 30 Correctional Services Department

Subhead (No & title) :

Programme : (1) Prison Management

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Correctional Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Regarding the upgrading of the perimeter fencing of penal institutions, has the project been implemented over the past few years? What is the effectiveness of the project? What is the expected completion date of the whole upgrading project? What is the estimated expenditure in 2008-09?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

The upgrading of perimeter fencing is a continuous works programme for strengthening the security control of penal institutions. Such upgrading projects will continue to be carried out, as and when necessary. Completed projects in the past three years include Tai Lam Correctional Institution, Ma Hang Prison and Hei Ling Chau Correctional Institution. There are four projects in progress, namely Lai Sun Correctional Institution, Ma Po Ping Prison & Tong Fuk Centre, Pa Sha Wan Correctional Institution, and Tung Tau Correctional Institution. The first two are scheduled for completion in 2008-09; and the other two in 2009-10. The estimated expenditure for 2008-09 is about \$18.6 million.

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SB019

Question Serial No.

0196

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, the occupancy rate of the prisons stood at 103%, which was five percentage points lower than the 108.2% in 2006. It is estimated that the occupancy rate in 2008 will rise to 104.7%. What are the reasons? What are the actual progress of and expenditure involved in the redevelopment and expansion of correctional institutions to relieve the overcrowding situation in prisons?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply :

The expected increase in prison occupancy rate from 102.8 % in 2007 to 104.7% in 2008 is due to the expected increase in the prison population, taking into account the up-to-date estimates on arrest and prosecution provided mainly by the Hong Kong Police Force and the Immigration Department.

The Correctional Services Department (CSD) has been implementing a series of measures to address the overcrowding problem. These measures include:

- (a) construction of an extension block at Lai Chi Kok Reception Centre to provide 144 additional penal places for prisoners on remand. The project is scheduled for completion in mid-2008 at an estimated cost of \$13.8 million;
- (b) more rational utilisation of penal places by converting Lai King Training Centre (LKTC) into a penal facility for young female offenders to relieve overcrowding at Tai Tam Gap Correctional Institution. The conversion works at LKTC are scheduled for completion in mid-2008 at an estimated cost of \$9.95 million; and
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Reply Serial No.

SB020

Question Serial No.

0197

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 outdated facilities and overcrowding in some of the penal institutions, please list the specific project details and the expenditure involved, and whether additional resources are required to address the problems caused by the overcrowding situation?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply :

The Correctional Services Department (CSD) has been implementing a series of measures to address the problems of outdated facilities and overcrowding in some penal institutions. These measures include:

- (a) construction of an extension block at Lai Chi Kok Reception Centre to provide 144 additional penal places for prisoners on remand. The project is scheduled for completion in mid-2008 at an estimated cost of \$13.8 million;
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- (d) improvement works at existing institutions, including installation of CCTV systems and integrated security systems, and improvement to electricity supply systems and workshop facilities, etc. The estimated expenditure in 2007-08 for such improvement works is about \$39 million.

CSD will continue to monitor the situation and consider other measures, including the option of redeveloping Chi Ma Wan prison area, to address the problem of overcrowding in some penal institutions.

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Reply Serial No.

SB021

Question Serial No.

0198

Head : 30 Correctional Services Department

Subhead (No & title) :

Programme : (1) Prison Management

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Correctional Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Has the Administration earmarked any resources in the estimates of expenditure for 2008-09 to evaluate the effectiveness of industrial production and services provided by the Correctional Services Industries, and whether this arrangement can enhance the employment opportunities of discharged prisoners? If yes, what are the details?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply :

In order to keep pace with the social development in Hong Kong and to meet the needs of prisoners, Correctional Services Industries (CSI) has been conducting annual evaluation on its industrial production and services activities to enhance the employment of discharged prisoners.

As an enhancement measure, CSI has also involved the Employees Retraining Board (ERB) and the Society of Rehabilitation and Crime Prevention, Hong Kong (SRACP) as its key partners in optimising the use of CSI's industrial production and services as an effective platform to improve on the vocational and employment skill training programmes to prisoners. Such arrangements should help enhance the employment opportunities of discharged prisoners. Nevertheless, the prisoners' own determination to turn over a new leaf and other social factors such as the community's acceptance of their reintegration also affect their employment opportunities after discharge.

The foregoing annual evaluation has been conducted under CSI's existing resources.

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Reply Serial No.

SB022

Question Serial No.

0199

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 :

Under this programme, the numbers of psychological counselling and welfare services sessions provided and visits paid outside the institutions in 2006 and 2007 were 81 362 and 78 724 respectively, and in 2008 such number is estimated to be 79 500, which is 1 862 less than the actual number in 2006. What are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply :

The Correctional Services Department provides out-centre services to discharged offenders who are required to be placed under supervision by law. These services include psychological counselling sessions, welfare services sessions and outreach visits. They are part of the Department's rehabilitative services to facilitate the discharged offenders' reintegration back into the community.

The actual number of out-centre sessions and visits for discharged offenders is affected by the number of discharged offenders under statutory supervision; individual needs for such services; and their actual performance while under supervision. As the performance of discharged offenders and their individual needs may vary from year to year, the Department mainly relies on the estimated number of discharged offenders under statutory supervision to estimate the number of out-centre sessions and visits in the coming year. The Department has hence taken into account a possible slight increase in the number of discharged offenders in 2008 under statutory supervision to work out the estimated number of out-centre services in 2008.

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Reply Serial No.

**SB023**

Question Serial No.

0200

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 :

Regarding the psychological counselling and welfare services sessions provided and visits paid outside the institutions, have any discharged prisoners been deprived of these services due to a reduced number of services provided in the past? If yes, what are the details?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply :

Variation in the number of out-centre service sessions and outreach visits for discharged offenders under statutory supervision is mainly due to changes in the number of discharged offenders under supervision, individual differences in their need for such services, and their actual performance while under supervision. Discharged offenders under statutory supervision would be interviewed by officers of the Correctional Services Department at least once a month. Additional service sessions and / or outreach visits would be arranged depending on the individual needs of the discharged offenders. The number of service sessions and outreach visits provided in 2007 was about 3.2% lower than that provided in 2006. It was mainly due to a change in complexity and nature of the cases in that year which leads to a slight drop in service demand. All discharged offenders under statutory supervision in need of such services were provided with the services.

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Reply Serial No.

**SB024**

Question Serial No.

0207

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 :

In the estimates of expenditure for 2008-09, the Administration provides education and vocational training for young prisoners and inmates to enhance their opportunities of gainful employment on release. What are the specific details of and expenditure for these services? Has the Administration ever evaluated the effectiveness of such education and vocational training? If yes, what are the details?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply :

The Correctional Services Department provides compulsory education and vocational training programmes for young prisoners and inmates ("young offenders") to improve their academic standards and enhance their opportunities of gainful employment on release.

On education, apart from general subjects such as Chinese Language, English Language and Mathematics, classes on practical subjects such as Principles of Accounts, Computer and Information Technology, Word Processing and Business Communication, Travel and Tourism, etc, are offered to young offenders. On vocational training, courses covering building decoration, electrical and mechanical services, business services, food and beverage services, etc, are provided. The majority of these vocational training courses provide a viable means for young offenders to obtain vocational accreditations.

Young offenders are encouraged to take part in both local and overseas public examinations and to acquire accreditations from recognised training institutes such as the City and Guilds and the Construction Industry Training Authority. In 2007, young offenders attempted a total of 1 125 public examination papers and trade tests with an overall passing rate of 77.2%. In the same year, 95% of young offenders discharged under supervision had successfully secured gainful employment within one month of their discharge.

The estimated expenditure for providing education and vocational training for young offenders in 2008-09 is about \$41.8 million.

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Reply Serial No.

SB025

Question Serial No.

1545

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 :

Under this programme, the Correctional Services Department (CSD) started in 2007 to implement programme matching for inmates (i.e. persons admitted to Training Centres, Detention Centre, Rehabilitation Centres and Drug Addiction Treatment Centres) and young prisoners as part of the integrated risks and needs assessment and management protocol for offenders. Are all inmates required to join the programme matching? If not, what are the reasons? What are the specific details of the programme and the expenditure involved? Has the Administration evaluated the effectiveness of the programme matching? If yes, what are the details?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply :

Under the Risks and Needs Assessment and Management Protocol (the Protocol), the Correctional Services Department (CSD) will, on the basis of the offenders' risks and needs level, recommend suitable rehabilitative programmes to them. Since the effectiveness of rehabilitative programmes depends very much on the offenders' self-motivation and determination, their participation in programme matching is voluntary.

There are various programmes offered under programme matching, which cover education/employment/ vocational training, counselling, family/community support, substance abuse treatment, recidivism prevention, offender behaviour, violence prevention, sex offender treatment and mental health treatment.

The Protocol, including programme matching, is part of CSD's rehabilitative services under its "Re-integration" programme. The financial provision for this programme for 2008-09 is \$473.1 million.

Since the Protocol has only been implemented for about a year, it is premature to evaluate and determine its effectiveness on the rehabilitation of offenders at this time. CSD will closely monitor the performance of discharged offenders in the next three years and conduct a full review in 2011.

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Reply Serial No.

SB026

Question Serial No.

1546

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 :

Please detail the specific work of and expenditure involved in the integrated risks and needs assessment and management protocol for offenders. Has the Administration evaluated the effectiveness of the integrated protocol? If yes, what are the details? Whether any prisoners with two years' sentence or above are covered by the integrated protocol?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply :

Under the Risks and Needs Assessment and Management Protocol (the Protocol), the Correctional Services Department (CSD) conducts a systematic evaluation of offenders' custodial risks, re-offending risks and rehabilitative needs to facilitate their safe detention and the provision of matching rehabilitative programmes to them. Offenders will be first assessed on their risks and needs level, and tailor-made rehabilitative programmes will be arranged for them accordingly. The programmes cover education/employment/vocational training, counselling, family/community support, substance abuse treatment, recidivism prevention, offender behaviour, violence prevention, sex offender treatment and mental health treatment.

The Protocol is part of CSD's rehabilitative services under its "Re-integration" programme. The financial provision for this programme for 2008-09 is \$473.1 million.

The Risks and Needs Assessment and Management Protocol has only been implemented for about a year. It is premature to evaluate and determine the effectiveness of the Protocol on the rehabilitation of offenders at this time. CSD will closely monitor the performance of discharged offenders in the next three years and conduct a full review in 2011.

Since October 2006, CSD has started conducting custodial risks assessment for all local inmates (i.e. persons admitted to Training Centres, Detention Centre, Rehabilitation Centres and Drug Addiction Treatment Centres), prisoners and persons on remand. Assessment of re-offending risks and rehabilitative needs has also been conducted for all local inmates and local prisoners with sentences of two years or above. In addition, CSD has implemented rehabilitative programme matching for inmates and young offenders in January 2007 and April 2007 respectively.

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Reply Serial No.

**SB028**

Question Serial No.

1599

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 :

Regarding the improvement of correctional services and helping offenders to turn over a new leaf, has the Administration evaluated the effectiveness of the risks and needs assessment and management protocol for offenders? If yes, what are the details and the expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply :

The Risks and Needs Assessment and Management Protocol has only been implemented for about a year. It is premature to evaluate and determine the effectiveness of the Protocol on the rehabilitation of offenders at this time. The Correctional Services Department will closely monitor the performance of discharged offenders in the next three years and conduct a full review in 2011. The expenditure involved will be absorbed by the Department.

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Reply Serial No.

**SB029**

Question Serial No.

2054

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 Administration will continue to improve the ancillary facilities of penal institutions in 2008-09. Has the provision of education and vocational training for inmates been adversely affected by the outdated facilities in aging institutions? If yes, what are the details?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply :

The Correctional Services Department (CSD) has endeavoured to provide the basic and necessary education and vocational training programmes to offenders notwithstanding the old buildings and ancillary facilities in some penal institutions. To facilitate the further development of more and better vocational training and education programmes, CSD will continue to carry out refurbishment and improvement works to upgrade the relevant penal facilities for such programmes.

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**SB030**

Question Serial No.

2055

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 :

Under this programme, the Administration provides education and vocational training to young prisoners and inmates to enhance their opportunities of gainful employment on release. Are there any prisoners who have been unsuccessful in applying for computer courses? If yes, what are the reasons and the number of prisoners involved?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply :

The Correctional Services Department provides half-day compulsory education and half-day vocational training to young prisoners and inmates ("young offenders") who are under the age of 21. Young offenders are given computer training as part of the education curriculum or in the form of vocational training. None of them have been unsuccessful in applying for these courses.

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SB031

Question Serial No.

0462

Head : 30 Correctional Services Department

Subhead (No & title) : 000 Operational Expenses

Programme : (1) Prison Management

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Correctional Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

As the Correctional Services Department will create 18 posts in 2008-09 to improve the management of correctional institutions, would the Administration inform this Council of:

1. the distribution of these 18 posts by rank, duty and institution;
2. the numbers of staff to fill vacancies by rank, duty and institution as well as the total expenditure so involved in 2007-08; and
3. the establishment of the Correctional Services Department by rank in 2007-08?

Asked by : Hon. LI Fung-ying

Reply :

1. Details of the 18 new posts to be created in 2008-09 are as follows:

Institution	No. of Posts and Rank	Duties
Cape Collinson Correctional Institution	1 Officer and 1 Assistant Officer (AO) II	To strengthen security control in penal institutions
Hei Ling Chau Addiction Treatment Centre	1 AOI	
Lai Chi Kok Reception Centre	1 AOI and 2 AOII	
Ma Hang Prison	1 AOII	
Pik Uk Correctional Institution	1 AOII	
Pik Uk Prison	1 AOII	
Shek Pik Prison	1 AOII	
Tai Tam Gap Correctional Institution	1 Officer	
Tai Lam Correctional Institution	1 AOI	
Tai Lam Centre for Women	1 AOII	
Tung Tau Correctional Institution	1 AOII	



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SB032

Question Serial No.

0463

Head : 30 Correctional Services Department

Subhead (No & title) : 000 Operational Expenses

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Correctional Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

The Mandatory Provident Fund contribution by the Correctional Services Department has been significantly revised to \$3,081,000 from the original \$4,284,000 in 2007-08, would the Administration inform this Council of:

1. the reasons;
2. the staff wastage in 2007-08 in terms of rank and institution. If the staff wastage is high, what are the reasons; and
3. the establishment by rank in 2008-09 and the number of staff retiring in the coming three years?

Asked by : Hon. LI Fung-ying

Reply :

1. The downward adjustment in the revised estimate is mainly due to the smaller number of new recruits in 2007-08 than originally estimated when the 2007-08 Estimates were prepared in October 2006.
2. Staff wastage by rank of the Department in 2007-08 is as follows:

Rank	No. of Posts
Directorate	1
Disciplined Grade:	
Senior Superintendent of Correctional Services	2
Superintendent of Correctional Services / Superintendent of Correctional Services Industries	4
Chief Officer / Chief Industrial Officer	4
Principal Officer / Principal Industrial Officer	11
Officer / Industrial Officer	37
Assistant Officer I	94
Assistant Officer II	63
Technical Instructor	6
Instructor	5
General Grade & Common Grade	22
Total :	249

Staff wastage in 2007-08 was evenly distributed amongst the penal institutions managed by the



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**SB033**

Question Serial No.

2470

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 expenditure and specific plans for introducing new types of vocational training by the Correctional Services Department in 2008-09?

Asked by : Hon. NG Margaret

Reply :

In 2008-09, the Correctional Services Department plans to introduce a number of new or enhanced market-oriented vocational training courses for adult offenders. These courses cover booth setting, cleaning skills & pest control, domestic help, gardening, removal services, furniture packing, laundry, environmental hygiene & sterilisation, etc. The estimated expenditure for the new courses in 2008-09 is \$1.1 million.

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**SB034**

Question Serial No.

2471

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 number of psychological counselling and welfare services sessions and visits in inmate centres in 2007 is 3 216 less than that in 2006. What are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. NG Margaret

Reply :

There was a reduction in the number of psychological counselling and welfare services sessions in inmate centres in 2007. It was mainly due to a change in the mode of service delivery. Since the implementation of programme matching for inmates in January 2007 under the Risks and Needs Assessment and Management Protocol for Offenders, the Correctional Services Department has been making greater use of group counselling activities, as some inmates are found to be more motivated to participate in a group setting. Although fewer sessions were conducted in 2007, the total number of attendance remained more or less the same as that in 2006.

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**SB035**

Question Serial No.

2475

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 provide the number of Mainland offenders in Hong Kong's prisons by length of sentence (5-10 years, 11-15 years, 16-20 years and over 20 years). What is the total expenditure for such prisoners?

Asked by : Hon. NG Margaret

Reply :

As at 7 March 2008, the number of Mainland offenders in Hong Kong's penal institutions broken down by length of sentence is as follows:

Length of Sentence	Number of Mainland Offenders
Less than 5 years	2 015
5 - 10 years	116
11 - 15 years	10
16 - 20 years	6
Over 20 years	7
Indeterminate Sentence	17
Total:	2 171

The Correctional Services Department does not collate expenditure figures on the basis of nationality or ethnicity. We cannot therefore provide the total expenditure incurred by the Department on Mainland offenders.

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**SB036**

Question Serial No.

0754

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 respective expenditures for providing education and vocational training to young prisoners and inmates in 2008-09? Has the Administration evaluated the effectiveness of the education and vocational training so provided? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. SHEK Lai-him, Abraham

Reply :

The estimated expenditure for providing education and vocational training to young prisoners and inmates ("young offenders") in 2008-09 is \$26.3 million and \$15.5 million respectively.

The objective of the education and vocational training programmes for young offenders is to improve their academic standards and enhance their opportunities of gainful employment on release. In 2007, young offenders attempted a total of 1 125 public examination papers and trade tests with an overall passing rate of 77.2%. In the same year, 95% of young offenders discharged under supervision had successfully secured gainful employment within one month of their discharge.

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Reply Serial No.

SB037

Question Serial No.

0685

Head : 30 Correctional Services Department

Subhead (No & title) :

Programme : (1) Prison Management

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Correctional Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Regarding "continue to explore the application of advanced technology for enhancement of daily operation at penal institutions", please inform this Council of:

1. the present scope of study and its progress, and whether there is an implementation timetable in this respect?
2. the resources invested in the preceding year and to be invested in 2008-09?
3. how to apply advanced technology to improve the operation modes at correctional institutions to relieve the burden among frontline staff?

Asked by: Hon. SIN Chung-kai

Reply :

1. The Correctional Services Department has been exploring the application of advanced technology to improve the efficiency of prison management and strengthen security control. A number of enhancement projects have been carried out. For example, a video-electric gate system was installed in Lai King Training Centre in 2007-08, and similar systems will be installed in Shek Pik Prison and Tai Tam Gap Correctional Institution in 2008-09; a CCTV system was installed in Tai Lam Correctional Institution in 2007-08 and the existing CCTV system in Lai Chi Kok Reception Centre and Pik Uk Correctional Institution will be upgraded in 2008-09. This is an on-going initiative and the Department will continue to explore the feasibility of such projects in penal institutions in the years to come.
2. The estimated expenditure for introducing advanced technological devices in various institutions is about \$9.5 million in 2007-08 and \$25.3 million in 2008-09.
3. The introduction of advanced technology would enhance the efficiency of prison operation. For example, the video-electric gate system will relieve staff from operating the gates manually.

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**SB038**

Head: 31 Customs and Excise  
Department

Subhead (No. & 000 Operational  
title): expenses

Question Serial No.

0297

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Customs and Excise

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Regarding the studies (including in-house studies or those entrusted to consultants) conducted by the Customs and Excise Department for the purposes of formulating and assessing policies, please provide the relevant information in the following format:

- (1) For the projects that have reserved funds for conducting consultancy studies in 2007-08, please provide information in the following format:

Name of Consultant (if any)	Content	Revised Estimates (\$)	Progress of Studies (under planning / in progress / completed)	The follow-ups taken by the Administration on the study reports and their progress (if any)	If completed, have they been released to the public? If yes, through which channels? If no, what are the reasons?

- (2) Is there any project that will reserve funds for conducting consultancy study in 2008-09? If yes, please provide the following information:

Name of Consultant (if any)	Content	Expenditure (\$)	Progress of Studies (under planning / in progress / completed)	Will the studies be released to the public if they are expected to be completed in the 2008-09 financial year? If yes, through which channels? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. EU Yuet-mee, Audrey

Reply:

The Department did not commission any consultancy study for the purposes of formulating and assessing policies in 2007-08 and has no plan to commission any such consultancy study in 2008-09.

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Date 19.3.2008

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**SB039**

Head: 31 Customs and Excise  
Department

Subhead (No. &  
title):

Question Serial No.

1952

Programme: (2) Anti-narcotics Investigation

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Customs and Excise

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Did the authorities review the effectiveness of the actions against drug trafficking in 2007? What was the actual expenditure in 2007? How will the authorities combat drug trafficking activities at all levels more effectively in 2008-09 and what is the estimated expenditure?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

The Customs and Excise Department conducts regular review of its enforcement action against drug trafficking. In 2007, the Department made significant amounts of seizures of cocaine, cannabis and methamphetamine. It demonstrates that the enforcement actions of the Department have been effective. The Department will continue to review its enforcement strategies, taking into account new trends and developments in drug trafficking activities. The actual expenditure incurred for anti-narcotics investigation in 2007-08 (up to 29 February 2008) is about \$117 million.

To tackle the problem of youth drug abuse, in 2008-09, the Department will step up vigilance at the control points, mount regular operations against suspicious passengers and cross-boundary vehicles, and further strengthen intelligence exchange and cooperation with other law enforcement agencies and with Mainland and overseas Customs counterparts. More Customs detector dogs will be trained and deployed at control points to deter and detect cross-boundary drug trafficking and drug possession, especially among the youth. The estimated provision for anti-narcotics investigation for 2008-09 is \$136 million.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
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**SB041**

Head: 31 Customs and Excise  
Department

Subhead (No. & title): 661 Minor plant,  
vehicles and  
equipment (block  
vote)

Question Serial No.

0214

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Customs and Excise

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Provision of \$18,461,000 under Subhead 661 represents an increase of \$5,648,000 (44.1%) over the revised estimate for 2007-08. This is mainly due to increased requirement for new and replacement equipment. Will the authority provide a detailed list of the new equipment to be procured and the details of the equipment to be replaced?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwan-yuen, Andrew

Reply:

Provision of \$18,461,000 under Subhead 661 in 2008-09 is for the following purpose :

- (1) procurement of training equipment (including X-ray screener, contraband detector, metal detector, video interviewing system and video simulated shooting systems) to be used at the Customs and Excise Training School;
- (2) procurement of night operation equipment and remote access equipment for the Customs Radar Monitoring System of the Ports and Maritime Command;
- (3) procurement and replacement of X-ray checkers and contraband detectors to be used at various control points; and
- (4) replacement of global positioning systems and intercom systems for the High Speed Pursuit Craft of the Ports and Maritime Command.

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**SB042**

Head: 31 Customs and Excise  
Department

Subhead (No. & 000 Operational  
title): expenses

Question Serial No.

0464

Programme: (1) Control and Enforcement

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Customs and Excise

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

The Customs and Excise Department will create 48 posts in 2008-09 to meet operational needs. Regarding this, would the Government inform this Committee of:

1. the distribution of the 48 posts to be created by rank, function and section;
2. the number of persons who filled the vacant posts in 2007-08 by rank, function and section, and the total expenses incurred;
3. the establishment of each rank in the Customs and Excise Department in 2007-08.

Asked by: Hon. LI Fung-ying

Reply:

1. A breakdown of the 48 new posts to be created in 2008-09 is as follows -

Rank	No.
Senior Inspector of Customs and Excise	1
Inspector of Customs and Excise	3
Chief Customs Officer	1
Senior Customs Officer	3
Customs Officer	11
Special Driver	12
Motor Driver	1
Official Languages Officer I	1
Official Languages Officer II	7
Clerical Officer	1
Assistant Clerical Officer	1
Clerical Assistant	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>48</b>

These new posts are needed to step up enforcement work at control points and provide essential backend support.

- (2) The Department recruited 384 Customs Officers in 2007-08. They have been mainly deployed to provide clearance services at the land boundary and airport control points. The salary cost incurred in 2007-08 was about \$49.7 million.

(3) As at 1 March 2008, the Customs and Excise Department had an establishment of 5 606 posts.

A breakdown is as follows:

<i>Rank</i>	<i>No.</i>
Commissioner of Customs and Excise	1
Deputy Commissioner of Customs and Excise	1
Assistant Commissioner of Customs and Excise	3
Senior Principal Trade Controls Officer of Customs and Excise	1
Administrative Officer Staff Grade C	1
Chief Superintendent of Customs and Excise	2
Senior Superintendent of Customs and Excise	17
Superintendent of Customs and Excise	32
Assistant Superintendent of Customs and Excise	72
Senior Inspector of Customs and Excise	300
Inspector of Customs and Excise	419
Chief Customs Officer	310
Senior Customs Officer	989
Customs Officer	2 392
Principal Trade Controls Officer	5
Chief Trade Controls Officer	23
Senior Trade Controls Officer	80
Trade Controls Officer	212
Assistant Trade Controls Officer	136
Chief Executive Officer	1
Senior Executive Officer	3
Executive Officer I	17
Executive Officer II	5
Senior Treasury Accountant	1
Treasury Accountant	4
Senior Accounting Officer	1
Accounting Officer I	5
Accounting Officer II	1
Senior Training Officer	1
Senior Official Languages Officer	1
Official Languages Officer I	2
Official Languages Officer II	6
Calligraphist	1

Senior Personal Secretary	1
Personal Secretary I	6
Personal Secretary II	24
Senior Typist	4
<i>Rank</i>	<i>No.</i>
Typist	13
Statistician	1
Statistical Officer I	2
Statistical Officer II	2
Armourer I	1
Armourer III	1
Senior Systems Manager	2
Systems Manager	4
Analyst / Programmer I	14
Analyst / Programmer II	4
Transport Services Officer I	1
Assistant Computer Operation Manager	1
Senior Computer Operator	1
Computer Operator I	10
Computer Operator II	10
Assistant Data Preparation Supervisor	4
Senior Confidential Assistant	1
Confidential Assistant	7
Senior Clerical Officer	5
Clerical Officer	26
Assistant Clerical Officer	112
Clerical Assistant	94
Office Assistant	25
Chief Supplies Officer	1
Supplies Officer	4
Assistant Supplies Officer	2
Senior Supplies Supervisor	1
Supplies Supervisor I	9
Supplies Supervisor II	21
Supplies Assistant	11
Telephone Operator	1
Special Driver	3
Motor Driver	58
Workman II	56
Cook	2
Leisure Services Manager	1
Assistant Leisure Services Manager II	1
Management Services Officer I	1
Senior Launch Master	4
Launch Assistant	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>5 606</b>

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Name in block letters RICHARD M F YUEN

Post Title Commissioner of Customs and Excise

Date 19.3.2008

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

**SB043**

Head: 31 Customs and Excise  
Department

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

Question Serial No.

0512

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Customs and Excise

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

In 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08, was there any surprise check on the subhead "Rewards and Special Services" 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 no, what was the reason and whether surprise checks will 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 the expenditure under this Subhead.

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

Year 2005-06 : 20  
Year 2006-07 : 21  
Year 2007-08 : 21

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

**SB044**

Head: 31 Customs and Excise  
Department

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

Question Serial No.

0698

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Customs and Excise

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

In 2007-08, what were the respective number of cases and persons granted with rewards and special services payments, the number of rewards and special services payments made and the actual expenditures involved?

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

There were 14 reward payments in 2007-08 (up to 6 March 2008). The total expenditure on rewards and special services during that period, including payment of reward money as well as expenses for covert operations, was \$7.09 million. It is not appropriate to reveal the expenditure details under this subhead because the disclosure of such information would compromise enforcement effectiveness.

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Date 20.3.2008

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Reply Serial No.

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

**SB045**

Head: 31 Customs and Excise  
Department

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

Question Serial No.

0699

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Customs and Excise

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Please list out the cases offering bounties 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 bounties in 2007-08.

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

The Department did not offer any bounties for the arrest of offenders in 2007-08.

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Name in block letters RICHARD M F YUEN

Post Title Commissioner of Customs and Excise

Date 20.3.2008

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Reply Serial No.

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

**SB046**

Head: 31 Customs and Excise  
Department

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

Question Serial No.

0700

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Customs and Excise

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

What were the expenditures on the procurement and maintenance of equipment in 2007-08?

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

The total expenditure on rewards and special services in 2007-08 (up to 6 March 2008) was \$7.09 million. It is not appropriate to reveal the expenditure details under this subhead because the disclosure of such information would compromise enforcement effectiveness.

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Name in block letters RICHARD M F YUEN

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Date 20.3.2008

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**SB047**

Head: 31 Customs and Excise  
Department

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

Question Serial No.

0701

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Customs and Excise

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

The estimated expenditure for 2008-09 is \$8 million. Please list out the amount of the estimated expenditure will be used for (i) bounties for the arrest of offenders; (ii) procurement and maintenance of equipment; and (iii) the suppression of serious crimes and the protection of intellectual property rights?

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 expenditure under this subhead is used to combat customs-related offences. There is no specific allocation to different types of offences. It is not appropriate to reveal the estimated expenditure details for 2008-09 under this subhead because the disclosure of such information would compromise enforcement effectiveness.

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Name in block letters RICHARD M F YUEN

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**SB048**

Head: 31 Customs and Excise  
Department

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

Question Serial No.

0702

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Customs and Excise

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

- a) Please provide the amount of expenditure involved in 2007-08 paid for the provision of useful information from overseas for investigation purpose and the overseas places involved.
- b) Please provide the amount of expenditure in 2007-08 paid for the provision of useful information from locals for investigation purpose.
- c) Regarding the estimated provision for 2008-09, what is the estimated percentage for the provision of useful information from overseas for investigation purpose?

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 2007-08 (up to 6 March 2008) was \$7.09 million, whereas the estimated expenditure under this subhead in 2008-09 is \$8.0 million. It is not appropriate to reveal the estimated expenditure details for 2008-09 under this subhead because the disclosure of such information would compromise enforcement effectiveness.

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

**SB049**

Head: 31 Customs and Excise  
Department

Subhead (No. &  
title):

Question Serial No.

0504

Programme: (1) Control and Enforcement

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Customs and Excise

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security / Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development /  
Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question:

There is a significant increase in the total number and value of seizure case in 2007. What are the reasons? Is it necessary for the Customs and Excise Department to strengthen anti-smuggling operations in 2008-09? Is it necessary to increase manpower or other resources?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Ting-kwong

Reply:

The increase in the number of seizure case was mainly attributed to the increase in the number of cases involving cigarettes in excess of duty-free concession abandoned by incoming passengers at the boundary control points and liquid with alcoholic content being abandoned by departing passengers at the Hong Kong International Airport following the enhanced air security measures introduced by the Hong Kong Airport Authority in 2007.

The total value of seizures increased substantially because more high-valued goods such as computer parts, mobile phones and high-graded electrical and electronic products were seized in these smuggling activities.

In 2008-09, the Department will continue to strengthen cooperation with the Mainland Customs and step up surveillance, intelligence gathering and enforcement action against smuggling. If necessary, manpower resources in this respect will be enhanced through internal redeployment of staff.

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Name in block letters RICHARD M F YUEN

Post Title Commissioner of Customs and Excise

Date 20.3.2008

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

**SB050**

Head: 31 Customs and Excise  
Department

Subhead (No. &  
title):

Question Serial No.

0505

Programme: (1) Control and Enforcement

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Customs and Excise

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security / Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development /  
Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question:

It is estimated that additional provision is needed for a net increase of 48 posts in 2008-09. What are the areas of work of the new posts?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Ting-kwong

Reply:

The new posts are needed to step up enforcement work at control points and provide essential backend support, including general administration, translation of court documents and clerical service, etc.

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Name in block letters RICHARD M F YUEN

Post Title Commissioner of Customs and Excise

Date 19.3.2008

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

**SB051**

Head: 31 Customs and Excise  
Department

Subhead (No. &  
title):

Question Serial No.

1307

Programme: (1) Control and Enforcement

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Customs and Excise

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security / Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development /  
Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question:

Recently, there has been an upward trend in the number of smuggling cases involving private vehicles with licence plates of Hong Kong and Guangdong. What were the main categories of goods smuggled which were seized by the authorities in 2007-08? How will the authorities strengthen their efforts to conduct anti-smuggling operations in this respect in 2008-09?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Ting-kwong

Reply:

The major items of goods smuggled by cross-boundary private vehicles in 2007-08 were high-valued commodities such as mobile phones and accessories, electronic goods, computer products and dried seafood. In 2008-09, the Department will continue to establish close cooperation with the Mainland Customs and step up action against cross-boundary smuggling by more intensive enforcement operations and intelligence gathering.

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Date 20.3.2008

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

**SB052**

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

Question Serial No.

2510

Programme: (1) Control and Enforcement

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Customs and Excise

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security / Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development /  
Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question:

During 2008-09, the Department will continue to improve clearance services to facilitate efficient passenger and cargo flows across the boundary. How much expenditure and manpower will be required?

Asked by: Hon. YOUNG Howard

Reply:

The Customs and Excise Department will continue to review and improve clearance service to facilitate efficient passenger and cargo flows across the boundary. Any new initiatives to serve this purpose in 2008-09 will be absorbed from within the Department's existing resources.

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Name in block letters RICHARD M F YUEN

Post Title Commissioner of Customs and Excise

Date 20.3.2008

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

**SB053**

Head: 45 Fire Services Department

Subhead (No. & 000 – Operational expenses title):

Question Serial No.

0298

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Fire Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question: Regarding the studies (including in-house studies or those entrusted to consultants) conducted by the Fire Services Department for the purposes of formulating and assessing policies, please provide the relevant information in the following format :

- (1) For the projects that have reserved funds for conducting consultancy studies in 2007-08, please provide information in the following format :

Name of consultant (if any)	Content	Revised Estimate (\$)	Progress of Studies (under planning / in progress / completed)	The follow-ups taken by the Administration on the study reports and their progress (if any)	If completed, have they been released to the public? If yes, through which channels? If no, what are the reasons?

- (2) Is there any project that will reserve funds for conducting consultancy study in 2008-09? If yes, please provide the following information :

Name of consultant (if any)	Content	Expenditure (\$)	Progress of Studies (under planning / in progress / completed)	Will the studies be released to the public if they are expected to be completed in the 2008-09 financial year? If yes, through which channels? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. EU Yuet-mee, Audrey

Reply: (1) The consultancy studies conducted with the financial provision earmarked in 2007-08 are as follows:

Name of consultant (if any)	Content	Revised Estimate (\$)	Progress of Studies (under planning / in progress / completed)	The follow-ups taken by the Administration on the study reports and their progress (if any)	If completed, have they been released to the public? If yes, through which channels? If no, what are the reasons?
1. Advance Management Consultants Ltd.	Fire Services Department (FSD) Emergency Ambulance Service Customer Satisfaction Survey	810,000 (The total consultancy fee is \$0.99 million, of which \$0.18 million was paid in 2006-07.)	Completed	FSD is following up with the recommendations of the survey report.	FSD publicised the results of the survey at the Year-end Review on 29 January 2008.
2. Fitch & Associates, LLC	Analysis of various response time scenarios for the Medical Priority Dispatch System (MPDS)	403,000	Completed	The Administration will make reference to the Analysis to further consider the feasibility of MPDS.	The Administration will make reference to the Analysis and consider relevant factors to formulate proposals for public consultation.
3. Assessment and Training Centre, The Chinese University of Hong Kong	Formulation of "Competency Standards" for different streams of work in FSD to facilitate the Department in implementing the "Qualifications Framework"	390,000 (The total consultancy fee is \$1.3 million, of which \$0.39 million was paid in 2007-08.)	In Progress	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

4. Institute of Human Performance, The University of Hong Kong	Review of the Annual Physical Fitness Test of serving firemen and ambulancemen	381,348 (The total consultancy fee is \$1,271,260, of which \$381,348 was paid in 2007-08.)	In Progress	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
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(2) The consultancy studies conducted with the financial provision earmarked in 2008-09 are as follows:

Name of consultant (if any)	Content	Expenditure (\$)	Progress of Studies (under planning / in progress / completed)	Will the studies be released to the public if they are expected to be completed in the 2008-09 financial year? If yes, through which channels? If no, what are the reasons?
1. Assessment and Training Centre, The Chinese University of Hong Kong	Formulation of "Competency Standards" for different streams of work in FSD to facilitate the Department in implementing the "Qualifications Framework"	910,000 (The total consultancy fee is \$1.3 million, of which \$0.91 million will be paid in 2008-09.)	In Progress	Not Applicable
2. Institute of Human Performance, The University of Hong Kong	Review of the Annual Physical Fitness Test of serving firemen and ambulancemen	889,912 (The total consultancy fee is \$1,271,260, of which \$889,912 will be paid in 2008-09.)	In Progress	Not Applicable

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Name in block letters LO CHUN HUNG

Post Title Director of Fire Services

Date 27.3.2008

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Reply Serial No.

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

**SB054**

Question Serial No.

Head: 45 Fire Services Department Subhead (No. & title):

1917

Programme: (1) Fire Service

Controlling Officer: Director of Fire Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question: As the Department has planned for the replacement of the existing breathing apparatus in 2008-09, what are the details and estimated expenditure? What is the difference between the new international safety standards and the existing ones?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply: The Fire Services Department plans to replace over 1 000 sets of breathing apparatus in 2008-09. The estimated expenditure involved is \$43.48 million.

The specifications of the new breathing apparatus will meet the latest requirements prescribed by the European Committee for Standardization. They will be superior to the existing ones in terms of their overall design, constituting materials, protectiveness against chemical, biological and radio-nuclear agents, fire and explosion resistance, technical performance, and testing methods, etc. The new breathing apparatus will, therefore, help enhance the operational efficiency of the frontline fire personnel and provide better protection for their safety.

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Date 27.3.2008

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

**SB055**

Question Serial No.

Head: 45 Fire Services Department    Subhead (No. & title):

1918

Programme:            (1) Fire Service

Controlling Officer: Director of Fire Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:    As the Department has planned to strengthen the promotion of occupational safety and health to all staff, what were the details and expenditure for 2007-08 and what is the estimate for 2008-09? Has an annual review on the effectiveness been conducted?

Asked by:    Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply:        The Fire Services Department (FSD) has all along been promoting occupational safety and health (OSH) in the Department through the formulation of a safety management system and the setting up of OSH Committees at different levels. The main responsibilities of the OSH Committees are to implement OSH policies, look into each injury on duty cases and make recommendations for improvement measures, assist in devising work safety guidelines, as well as to organise publicity and promotional activities on OSH. In 2007-08, the expenditure involved in the above work was about \$3.3 million. FSD plans to further strengthen the promotion of OSH in 2008-09 by establishing an OSH Unit in the Department's Headquarters Command to coordinate various OSH promotion programmes within the Department and strengthen the Department's overall management on OSH work. In this connection, the Department expects that the expenditure involved in 2008-09 will increase to about \$4.85 million.

The Department reviews the effectiveness of its OSH work from time to time. According to the statistics collated by FSD, there is a downward trend in the number of fire and ambulance personnel being injured while on duty in recent years.

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Post Title    Director of Fire Services

Date    27.3.2008

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

**SB056**

Question Serial No.

Head: 45 Fire Services Department    Subhead (No. & title):

1919

Programme:            (1) Fire Service

Controlling Officer: Director of Fire Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:    Why was there an increase exceeding 50% in the "emergency ambulance calls attended by first responders" in 2007 as compared with 2006? What is the estimated expenditure for such service in 2008-09?

Asked by:    Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply:        The objective of the "First Responder Programme" is to provide basic life support to injured persons and patients in critical condition (such as those suffering from cardiac arrest, airway obstruction, severe bleeding, absence of breathing and loss of consciousness) before the arrival of an ambulance. As "First Responders" have proven to be effective in enhancing the survival rate of the said injured persons and patients, the Fire Services Department (FSD) has been gradually increasing the number of fire appliances capable of offering first responder service recently from 94 in early 2006 to 127 at the end of 2007. Coupled with the rising demand for emergency ambulance service, the number of emergency ambulance calls attended by First Responders increased from 25 223 in 2006 to 38 917 in 2007.

FSD will continue to assess if there is a need to further increase the number of fire appliances that can offer first responder service in 2008-09. Since the duties of first responders are undertaken by frontline fire personnel, no additional manpower is involved in expanding the programme. However, FSD has to procure additional medical equipment costing around \$ 47,000 for each appliance offering first responder service.

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Name in block letters    LO CHUN HUNG

Post Title    Director of Fire Services

Date    27.3.2008

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

**SB057**

Question Serial No.

Head: 45 Fire Services Department    Subhead (No. & title):

1920

Programme:            (1) Fire Service

Controlling Officer: Director of Fire Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:    Why was there an increase exceeding 50% in the "emergency move-ups of fire appliances to provide operational coverage" in 2007 as compared with 2006? What is the current number of fire appliances in all fire stations and the number of turnouts? Has there been any review conducted on the sufficiency of fire appliances in each region?

Asked by:    Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply:        When all the fire appliances in a fire station have been turned out, the Fire Services Communication Centre will immediately deploy fire appliances from other fire stations to that station, so as to ensure that fire appliances are available for handling emergency calls in all districts at all times. The above arrangement was mainly implemented during daytime in the past. However, to further strengthen the provision of fire services, the Fire Services Department (FSD) has started to apply the above arrangement during night-time as well since January 2007. This has increased the number of move-ups. Moreover, as the number of turnouts of first responders increased significantly in 2007 when compared with 2006, the number of move-ups of fire appliances required to maintain operational coverage also rose accordingly. FSD deploys suitable types and number of fire appliances to different districts having regard to their fire risks. At present, there are 307 fire appliances at different fire stations, and their total number of turnouts in 2007 was 189 236. The current number of fire appliances in different districts should be sufficient to cope with the service demand. Notwithstanding this, FSD will conduct reviews on this from time to time.

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Name in block letters    LO CHUN HUNG

Post Title    Director of Fire Services

Date    27.3.2008

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

**SB058**

Question Serial No.

1921

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: What was the result of the Department's monitoring of the performance of Registered Fire Service Installation Contractors in the past? Were there any irregularities found?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply: In 2007, the Fire Services Department (FSD) inspected on a random basis a total of 9 835 certificates issued by Registered Fire Service Installation Contractors, among which 21 cases were found to be in breach of the relevant regulations. FSD considers that the Registered Fire Service Installation Contractors performed satisfactorily in general.

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Post Title Director of Fire Services

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

**SB059**

Question Serial No.

1922

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: As the Department has planned to step up the inspection of pre-1973 composite / domestic buildings in 2008-09, what were the results of these inspections conducted in the past? Also, what is the estimated number of pre-1973 composite / domestic buildings in Hong Kong as a whole? How much time will the Department need to complete the inspection?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply: The Fire Safety (Buildings) Ordinance (Cap. 572) (the Ordinance), which commenced operation on 1 July 2007, aims at enhancing the fire safety standards of pre-1987 composite / domestic buildings. Up to 29 February 2008, the Fire Services Department (FSD) has inspected a total of 714 pre-1973 composite / domestic buildings pursuant to the Ordinance in collaboration with the Buildings Department, and has issued a total of 8 589 "Fire Safety Directions" requiring owners and occupiers to improve the fire service installations and equipment of their buildings.

Enforcement of the Ordinance will be carried out in three phases. Details are as follows:

First phase (2007 to 2013): To deal with about 5 000 pre-1973 composite buildings;

Second phase (2013 to 2017): To deal with about 4 000 composite buildings constructed between 1973 and 1987;

Third phase (After 2017): To deal with about 3 000 pre-1987 domestic buildings.

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Post Title Director of Fire Services

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

**SB060**

Question Serial No.

Head: 45 Fire Services Department    Subhead (No. & title):

1923

Programme:                    (2) Fire Protection and Prevention

Controlling Officer: Director of Fire Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:    What are the establishment and estimated expenditure for the holding of talks and the provision of advisory service for 2008? Has the Department reviewed on the effectiveness of such service?

Asked by:    Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply:        The main responsibilities of the Community Relations Section (CRS) under the Fire Safety Command of the Fire Services Department (FSD) is to organise and co-ordinate the fire safety talks given by various units of FSD, and to provide advisory service to the general public. Through years of extensive publicity work, the public awareness of fire safety has improved in general, and the number of fires has been declining in recent years.

In the financial year of 2008-09, the establishment of CRS is as follows:

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Establishment</u>
Assistant Divisional Officer	3
Liaison Officer II	2
Assistant Clerical Officer	1
Clerical Assistant	1
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The estimated expenditure of CRS in 2008-09 is about \$3.28 million.

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Post Title    Director of Fire Services

Date    27.3.2008

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

**SB061**

Head: 45 Fire Services Department Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1924

Programme: (2) Fire Protection and Prevention

Controlling Officer: Director of Fire Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question: Did the Department serve any warning or advice against irregularities as a result of inspections of fire safety in schools, child care centres, food premises, places of public entertainment etc. in 2007? If yes, how many?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply: When the personnel of the Fire Services Department identifies any fire hazard during inspection of schools, child care centres, food premises and places of public entertainment, they will consider instituting prosecution against the responsible persons concerned in light of the actual situation.

In 2007, eight food premises were found to have contravened the Fire Services Ordinance, e.g. obstruction of means of escape or locked exits. The responsible persons of these food premises were subsequently prosecuted.

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Post Title Director of Fire Services

Date 27.3.2008

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

**SB062**

Head: 45 Fire Services Department    Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1925

Programme:                    (2) Fire Protection and Prevention

Controlling Officer: Director of Fire Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:    The "inspection of Fire Services Installations and equipment" in 2007 outnumbered that in 2006 by 4 006, and it is expected that the number will reach 91 000 in 2008. What is the reason for such increase? Is there a need for increase in manpower on this in 2008?

Asked by:    Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply:            The increase in the number of inspections of Fire Services Installations and equipment in 2007 as compared with 2006 was mainly due to the stepping up of inspections on those installations and equipment in all markets and industrial buildings in the territory, in light of the two No. 3 alarm fire incidents occurred respectively in Hau Tak Market, Tseung Kwan O in March 2007, and QPL Industrial Building, Texaco Road, Tsuen Wan, in May 2007. These were achieved through internal staff redeployment.

FSD plans to create 31 posts in the Fire Service Installation Task Force in 2008-09 to speed up the relevant inspection work. It expects that the number of such inspections will reach 91 000 in 2008.

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Name in block letters    LO CHUN HUNG

Post Title    Director of Fire Services

Date    27.3.2008

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

**SB063**

Question Serial No.

1926

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 increase in provision for 2008-09 is mainly due to the creation of 77 posts and the increase in operating expenses. Please give a list of the ranks and scope of work of the 77 posts in question.

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply: In 2008-09, the Fire Services Department will create 77 posts under the programme of Fire Protection and Prevention. Their ranks and scope of work are as follows:

- (1) Creation of 3 Senior Station Officer/Station Officer, 1 Principal Fireman, 1 Building Services Engineer, 1 Principal Technical Officer, 3 Senior Technical Officer, 11 Building Services Inspector and 13 Assistant Building Services Inspector posts to implement the Fire Safety (Buildings) Ordinance which commenced operation on 1 July 2007 and step up the inspection of pre-1973 composite and domestic buildings, thereby improving fire safety in buildings;
- (2) Creation of 1 Senior Divisional Officer, 1 Assistant Divisional Officer, 16 Senior Station Officer/Station Officer, 1 Principal Fireman, 11 Senior Fireman, 1 Senior Building Services Inspector, 7 Building Services Inspector, 1 Assistant Building Services Inspector, 1 Clerical Officer and 2 Assistant Clerical Officer posts to step up the inspection of fire service installations and ventilation systems in different types of buildings, and carry out investigations and prosecutions in respect of defaulting cases, so as to minimize fire hazards in the community; and
- (3) Creation of 2 Liaison Officer II posts to strengthen the promotion of fire safety in the community.

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Name in block letters LO CHUN HUNG

Post Title Director of Fire Services

Date 27.3.2008

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

**SB064**

Question Serial No.

Head: 45 Fire Services Department    Subhead (No. & title):

1934

Programme:                    (3) Ambulance Service

Controlling Officer: Director of Fire Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:    Why did the number of “emergency move-ups of ambulances to provide operational coverage” in 2007 increase up to almost 50% as compared with 2006? How was the figure different from that in last year’s estimate? Is it necessary for the Department to increase resources to cope with it?

Asked by:    Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply:        To improve the response time for emergency ambulance service and strengthen the service coverage, the Fire Services Department (FSD) flexibly deploys the ambulance resources of different districts and moves up ambulances to other fire stations or ambulance depots as stand-bys.

The significant increase in the number of “emergency move-ups of ambulances to provide operational coverage” in 2007 as compared with 2006 was mainly due to a change in the method for collating the relevant figures when the Department switched from manual to computerized data collection starting from 2007. For example, in the past, when an ambulance received a dispatch instruction to stand-by at another depot, but received a further instruction on its way to attend to other places, the entire journey would be counted as one move-up only. However, under the present arrangement, if an ambulance receives a further dispatch instruction while on its way as in the above case, two move-ups would be recorded.

FSD expects that the number of emergency move-ups of ambulances to provide operational coverage will increase with the rising volume of emergency ambulance calls, from 66 619 in 2007 to 69 000 in 2008, representing an increase of about 3.5%. In 2008-09, there will be a net creation of 31 posts under the programme of Ambulance Service in FSD to cope with the demand for emergency ambulance service in all aspects.

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Name in block letters    LO CHUN HUNG

Post Title                Director of Fire Services

Date                        27.3.2008

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

**SB065**

Question Serial No.

Head: 45 Fire Services Department    Subhead (No. & title):

1935

Programme:            (3) Ambulance Service

Controlling Officer: Director of Fire Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:    What is the progress of the feasibility study regarding the Medical Priority Dispatch System? When is the preliminary study on this expected to complete? Will the Administration consult the ambulancemen?

Asked by:    Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply:        The Fire Services Department (FSD) commissioned consultancies in the past two years to study the feasibility of implementing a Medical Priority Dispatch System (MPDS) in Hong Kong and to analyse the different response time scenarios under MPDS. The Administration will make reference to the consultancies and consider other relevant factors, including the interface between MPDS and the Third Generation Mobilizing System, and the associated arrangements for categorizing calls, with a view to formulating recommendations within this year. When formal recommendations are available, the Administration will seek the views of the public and the staff of FSD (including ambulancemen).

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Name in block letters    LO CHUN HUNG

Post Title    Director of Fire Services

Date    27.3.2008

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

**SB066**

Head: 45 Fire Services Department Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

2027

Programme: (3) Ambulance Service

Controlling Officer: Director of Fire Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question: In 2008-09, there will be a net creation of 31 posts in the Fire Services Department. In this connection, please provide the following details:

- a) A breakdown of the 31 new posts by rank, function and region;
- b) the number of persons filling the vacancies in 2007-08 by rank, office and region, and the total amount of expenditures involved;
- c) the establishment of all ranks of the ambulance stream in the Department.
- d) In meeting the increasing demand for ambulance service, does the Department have any measures to alleviate the workload of frontline staff? If yes, please provide details; if no, why?

Asked by: Hon. LI Fung-ying

Reply: a) In 2008-09, there will be a net creation of 31 posts under the programme of Ambulance Service in the Fire Services Department (FSD). The details are as follows:

Rank	No. of posts created / deleted	Function	Division / District to which the created posts belong
Senior Ambulanceman	10	To create 5 additional "ambulance shifts" to cope with the demand for emergency ambulance service.	The created posts do not belong to any specific division / district. Upon completion of their induction training, the new recruits will be flexibly deployed to operational units with greater service need.
Ambulanceman	<u>20</u> <b>30</b>		

Superintendent (Ambulance)	1	To strengthen the promotion of occupational safety and health to ambulance personnel.	Occupational Safety and Health Unit, FSD Headquarters Command
Senior Ambulance Officer	$\frac{1}{2}$		
Assistant Chief Ambulance Officer	- 1	To delete the time-limited post for the planning of the 2008 Olympic and Paralympic Equestrian Events (This post will lapse on 1 October 2008.)	Headquarters, FSD Ambulance Command
<b>Total:</b>	<b>31</b>		

- b) In 2007-08, FSD recruited 93 staff members to fill the vacancies under the programme of Ambulance Service. The details are as follows:

Rank	No. of staff	Expenditure in 2007-08(Note)
Ambulance Officer	13	About \$3.5 million
Ambulanceman	80	About \$6.3 million
<b>Total:</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>About \$9.8 million</b>

Note: Calculated from the date of appointment of the new recruits to the end of the 2007-08 financial year.

In light of the demand for ambulance service, FSD will flexibly deploy the new recruits to units with greater service need. As these staff will not belong to any specific division or district, the above data cannot be broken down by region.

- c) In 2007-08, the establishment of the Ambulance Officer grade and the Ambulanceman grade in FSD is as follows:

Rank (as at 31 March 2008)	Establishment
Chief Ambulance Officer	1
Deputy Chief Ambulance Officer	1
Senior Assistant Chief Ambulance Officer	3
Assistant Chief Ambulance Officer	6
Superintendent (Ambulance)	9
Senior Ambulance Officer	42
Ambulance Officer	69
Principal Ambulanceman	249
Senior Ambulanceman	567
Ambulanceman	1 452
<b>Total:</b>	<b>2 399</b>

- d) FSD pays close attention to the pressure faced by frontline ambulance personnel in their day-to-day work. To this end, the Department provides regular counseling, and arranges topic-specific courses on stress management, customer service and emotional quotient, etc., for those frontline staff in need, where appropriate. FSD also offers overtime allowance to off-duty ambulance personnel who volunteer to work extra hours during the period of higher service demand, so as to make available more manpower and alleviate the work pressure of frontline ambulance personnel. In the long run, the Administration will continue to review the resources for emergency ambulance service in the light of the service demand.

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Name in block letters LO CHUN HUNG

Post Title Director of Fire Services

Date 27.3.2008

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

**SB067**

Question Serial No.

0686

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: As regards the computer aided Quality Assurance System the Department planned to procure for enhancing the quality of paramedic ambulance service, please provide the following details:

- a) The specific details of the system and when it will be operative; the expenditure involved (please provide a breakdown by hardware / software / maintenance)?
- b) According to the estimation of the Department, how much resources can be saved as a result of the system? In what ways can the system enhance the quality of paramedic ambulance service?
- c) How can the Department ensure that frontline ambulance staff are well-versed with the operation of the system? For instance, will the Department provide any training courses? If yes, what will be the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. SIN Chung-kai

- Reply:
- a) At present, very few staff of the Fire Services Department (FSD) is responsible for carrying out random checks on paramedic ambulance service to assure its quality. With a view to enhancing the overall quality of paramedic ambulance service, FSD plans to procure a computer system to strengthen the above work. The Department has already put the procurement of such system to tender. It is estimated that the system can commence operation in the second half of the 2009. As the system is now under tender, specific details of the expenditure involved are not yet available. The estimated expenditure is about a few million dollars.
  - b) The objective of implementing the above-mentioned computer system is to make more efficient use of resources. With the help of information technology, the time required for random check can be shortened, and the number of cases that will be put to such random checks can thus be increased significantly. This will result in more effective assurance of the quality of paramedic ambulance service.
  - c) Before the system commences operation, FSD will provide the concerned staff with suitable training to ensure that they are able to master operation of the system. The estimated cost for such training has been accounted for by the overall estimated expenditure of the entire system.

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Name in block letters      LO CHUN HUNG

Post Title      Director of Fire Services

Date      27.3.2008

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

**SB068**

Question Serial No.

2090

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 number of emergency calls for ambulance service is expected to reach 595 000 by 2008. According to some frontline ambulance personnel, owing to the shortage of ambulances and ambulance manpower, the problem of having to attend ambulance calls in other districts was very serious. It was particularly so during night-shifts when the number of ambulances was reduced to half. Some frontline ambulance personnel pointed out an occasion where they were handling patients in other districts from 8:30 p.m. to 5 a.m., sparing them no time to handle patients in their own district. In this connection, how many additional ambulances has the Department planned to procure in 2008-09? How will those additional ambulances be allocated to the various districts? What are the criteria for the allocation? What is the model of the new ambulances? Will the Department take into account issues such as the frequent need for charging of electricity, insufficient work space, as well as the position of the Mini MDT located at the front part of the ambulance?

Asked by: Hon. TAM Heung-man

Reply: Upon receipt of an emergency ambulance call, the dispatch system of the Fire Services Department (FSD) will assign the ambulance that can reach the scene within the shortest time to attend to the call. As ambulances may have to travel to various districts in Hong Kong due to operational needs, the dispatch system will only take into account the real-time location of ambulances in identifying the suitable ambulance for deployment, with a view to providing the timeliest emergency ambulance service to the injured persons or patients. The location of the ambulance's home depot is not a factor considered by the system.

In 2008-09, FSD will replace 35 ambulances with Mercedes Benz model 518CDI. The replacement vehicles are expected to commence operation in batches before the end of 2008. In addition, FSD has earmarked funding for the replacement of 88 serving ambulances. The allocation of the new ambulances will depend on the actual service needs at the time of commissioning of these ambulances.

When drawing up the specifications of new ambulances, FSD will consider the concerns of the frontline ambulance personnel, such as the charging of electricity, the work space inside the compartment, and the positions of various equipment, so as to facilitate their work in daily operation. The model of the new ambulances will be subject to the result of the tender.

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Name in block letters LO CHUN HUNG

Post Title Director of Fire Services

Date 27.3.2008

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**Reply Serial No.**

**SB069**

Question Serial No.

2273

Head : 70      Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme: (3) Control after Entry

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

The number of torture claim cases received has surged from 514 cases in 2006 to the estimated number of 2 000 cases in 2008. As a result, the Administration needs to create 13 posts for handling appeals and judicial review applications lodged by torture claimants. Please provide the number of torture claim cases and judicial review applications handled in 2005, 2006 and 2007 and the reasons for the upsurge of cases, the expenditure for handling those applications, and the post titles and job duties of the 13 posts to be created.

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Wai-yip, Albert

Reply :

Breakdown of the numbers of torture claim cases, appeals and judicial reviews filed by torture claimants for the years of 2005, 2006 and 2007 is as follows:

Nature		No. of Cases / Claimants		
		2005	2006	2007
1.	Torture claim cases (no. of cases)	186	514	1 583
2.	Appeals from rejected torture claimants (no. of claimants)	0	11	22
3.	Judicial reviews filed by torture claimants (no. of claimants)	0	1	55

Under the assessment mechanism, an unsuccessful claimant can appeal by way of petition against the Immigration Department's determination to the Chief Executive (CE). The petition to the CE will be considered by the Secretary for Security (S for S) under authority delegated from the CE. The petition and further representations, if any, will be forwarded to the Immigration Department for comments before determination

by the S for S. The claimant can also file application with the court for judicial review of the Immigration Department's determination not in his favour. The increase in the number of appeals and judicial reviews is mainly due to the increase in the number of rejected torture claim cases and the increase of torture claimants seeking to challenge the processing procedures of the torture claim assessment and appeal mechanism.

Seven posts were created in 2006-07 for handling torture claim cases. To cope with the increased workload, an additional 76 posts were created in 2007-08. The total annual salary costs of the 83 posts, in terms of the notional annual mid-point salary (NAMS) value, are \$37.5 million.

In 2008-09, 13 posts will be created for handling appeals and judicial reviews lodged by torture claimants and meeting other operational needs. The total annual salary costs of the 13 posts, in terms of the NAMS value, are \$5.7 million. Among them, five posts (viz. two Senior Immigration Officers and three Immigration Officers) involving annual salary costs of \$2.5 million are for handling appeals and judicial review applications lodged by torture claimants whereas the other eight posts are for meeting other operational needs.

The duties of these five posts for handling appeals and judicial review applications lodged by torture claimants include reviewing appeals of rejected torture claim cases or judicial reviews by torture claimants through screening the grounds of appeal/judicial review and reasons for decision with reference to the assessment mechanism, liaising with the other government departments or relevant authorities where appropriate during the process, and preparing the filing of evidence by affirmation/affidavit to court in judicial review cases. They are also required to assist Counsel before and during court hearings. Besides, the two Senior Immigration Officers will also be responsible for managing and supervising the process of appeal and judicial review cases respectively.

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Name in block letters Y L PEH

Post Title Ag. Director of Immigration

Date 27 March 2008

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**Reply Serial No.**

**SB070**

Question Serial No.

0366

Head : 70      Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (3) Control after Entry

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

The number of applications for extension of stay has been rising gradually. The actual numbers of such applications were 248 037 and 274 262 for 2006 and 2007 respectively, while the number estimated for 2008 is 295 700. Please list the main reasons for the application for extension of stay in the past two years.

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply :

The majority of persons applying for extension of stay in Hong Kong are temporary residents including persons admitted for employment, education or residence in Hong Kong and their dependants. With the increase in the number of temporary residents in Hong Kong as well as the increasing number of persons visiting Hong Kong, the number of applications for extension of stay has been rising gradually. The reasons for extension are to continue employment, studies, residence, visit, etc.

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Name in block letters    T K LAI

Post Title    Director of Immigration

Date    19 March 2008

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**Reply Serial No.**

**SB071**

**Question Serial No.**

1491

Head : 70      Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (1) Pre-entry Control

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

After the Government has relaxed the criteria for the admission of quality migrants, how many young university students aged between 18 and 24 are expected to apply for coming to Hong Kong?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Man-kwong

Reply :

We do not have an estimate on how many young graduates aged between 18 and 24 would apply under the Scheme at the moment.

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Name in block letters T K LAI

Post Title Director of Immigration

Date 20 March 2008

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**Reply Serial No.**

**SB072**

**Question Serial No.**

1492

Head : 70      Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (1) Pre-entry Control

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Regarding Programme (1), provision for 2008-09 is \$2.5 million higher than the revised estimate for 2007-08, which is mainly due to the creation of seven posts for implementing immigration schemes to attract talents and implementing various initiatives to develop Hong Kong as a regional education hub. What are the details of the schemes and the expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Man-kwong

Reply :

Of the seven newly created posts under Programme (1) in 2008-09, two Senior Immigration Officer posts and three Immigration Officer posts, involving total annual salary costs of about \$2 million, are created to cope with the significant increase in workload under the Capital Investment Entrant Scheme and the APEC Business Travel Card Scheme.

For the remaining one Immigration Officer post and one Clerical Assistant post, they are created to cope with the additional workload arising from the initiatives to develop Hong Kong as a regional education hub by, among other things, facilitating non-local graduates having obtained a degree or higher qualification in a full-time and locally accredited programme in Hong Kong to apply to stay in or return to Hong Kong to work. The total annual salary costs for these two posts are about \$0.4 million.

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Name in block letters      T K LAI

Post Title      Director of Immigration

Date      25 March 2008

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**Reply Serial No.**

**SB073**

Question Serial No.

1493

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (4) Personal Documentation

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

What accounts for the substantial increase in the number of HKSAR passport applications estimated for 2008?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Man-kwong

Reply :

The HKSAR passport was introduced in July 1997 and the total number of applications received in 1997 and 1998 was 869 891. A HKSAR passport is normally valid for 10 years and hence most of the passports issued between 1997 and 1998 require renewals in 2008. Together with first-time applications, it is therefore estimated that the number of HKSAR passport applications for 2008 will increase to 700 000.

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Name in block letters T K LAI

Post Title Director of Immigration

Date 20 March 2008

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**Reply Serial No.**

**SB074**

**Question Serial No.**

0300

Head :                    70                    Subhead (No. & title) : 000 Operational expenses

Programme :

Controlling Officer :                    Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau :                    Secretary for Security

Question :

Regarding the studies (including in-house studies or those entrusted to consultants) conducted by the Immigration Department for the purposes of formulating and assessing policies, please provide the relevant information in the following format:

(1) For the projects that have reserved funds for conducting consultancy studies in 2007-08, please provide information in the following format:

Name of Consultant (if any)	Content	Revised Estimate (\$)	Progress of Studies (under planning / in progress / completed)	The follow-ups taken by the Administration on the study reports and their progress (if any)	If completed, have they been released to the public? If yes, through which channels? If no, what are the reasons?

(2) Is there any project that will reserve funds for conducting consultancy study in 2008-09? If yes, please provide the following information:

Name of Consultant (if any)	Content	Expenditure (\$)	Progress of Studies (under planning / in progress / completed)	Will the studies be released to the public if they are expected to be completed in the 2008-09 financial year? If yes, through which channels? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. EU Yuet-mee, Audrey

Reply :

The Immigration Department did not reserve funds for conducting consultancy studies in 2007-08, nor has the Department reserved any funds for that purpose in 2008-09.

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Name in block letters T K LAI  
Post Title Director of Immigration  
Date 20 March 2008

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**Reply Serial No.**

**SB075**

**Question Serial No.**

0909

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 provide the respective numbers of cases processed by the Administration in giving assistance to Hong Kong residents outside Hong Kong in 2006 and 2007. Please give a breakdown according to the types of difficulties Hong Kong residents encountered.

Asked by : Hon. HO Chung-tai, Raymond

Reply :

The number and nature of assistance cases relating to Hong Kong residents in distress outside Hong Kong in 2006 and 2007 are provided below:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Loss of travel document</b>	<b>Traffic accident</b>	<b>Hospitalization, sickness and death</b>	<b>Others (e.g. missing persons, detention, etc.)</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>2006</b>	639	173	130	876	1 818
<b>2007</b>	490	61	151	772	1 474

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Name in block letters T K LAI

Post Title Director of Immigration

Date 19 March 2008

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**Reply Serial No.**

**SB076**

**Question Serial No.**

0910

Head : 70      Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (3) Control after Entry

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

The actual number of persons repatriated decreased from 19 186 in 2006 to 14 660 in 2007. Please provide the reasons for the decrease in the number of persons repatriated.

Asked by : Hon. HO Chung-tai, Raymond

Reply :

We believe the decrease in the number of persons repatriated from 19 186 in 2006 to 14 660 in 2007 mainly reflects our effective immigration control and enforcement actions against immigration offenders, which have successfully prevented doubtful visitors from entering Hong Kong in the first place.

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Name in block letters T K LAI

Post Title Director of Immigration

Date 20 March 2008

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**Reply Serial No.**

SB077

Question Serial No.

1927

Head : 70      Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (1) Pre-entry Control

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Regarding the pilot system for the advance passenger processing as promoted by the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC), what expenses have been incurred so far? When will the pilot scheme expire? Is there any plan for changing the system to a regular item and what will be the expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

At present, the total non-recurrent expenditure of the pilot system for the advance passenger processing incurred is about \$7.9 million. Three airlines have participated in the pilot system. The Immigration Department is inviting more airlines to participate before a way forward on the system is decided in due course.

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Name in block letters T K LAI

Post Title Director of Immigration

Date 25 March 2008

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**Reply Serial No.**

**SB078**

**Question Serial No.**

1928

Head : 70                      Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (1) Pre-entry Control

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Regarding the Immigration Department's plan of relaxing the application requirements for the Quality Migrant Admission Scheme, have additional manpower and resources been allocated by the Department for this purpose? Does it involve the creation of new posts? Please list the number of the posts, their post titles (ranks), annual salary costs and the specific duties involved.

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

The implementation of the refined Quality Migrant Admission Scheme does not incur any new posts in 2008-09. The Immigration Department will absorb the additional workload internally from existing resources.

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Name in block letters T K LAI

Post Title Director of Immigration

Date 25 March 2008

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

**Reply Serial No.**

**SB079**

**Question Serial No.**

1929

Head : 70      Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (1) Pre-entry Control

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Hong Kong will soon host the Olympic Equestrian Events. What is the estimated increase in the number of visa applications for visiting Hong Kong because of this? Will additional manpower be required? Has publicity been launched to encourage visitors to make visa applications as early as possible?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

The Immigration Department estimates that an additional 2 000 visit visa applications will be received arising from the Olympic and Paralympic Equestrian Events in 2008. The manpower resources so incurred will be absorbed internally by the Department.

The Immigration Department will coordinate with other stakeholders to launch publicity campaigns so that those who need a visa to visit Hong Kong would submit their visa applications in good time.

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Name in block letters    T K LAI

Post Title    Director of Immigration

Date    20 March 2008

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

**Reply Serial No.**

SB080

**Question Serial No.**

1930

Head :                    70                    Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme :                    (1) Pre-entry Control

Controlling Officer :                    Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau :                    Secretary for Security

Question :

Will the visa system be enhanced to refuse the entry of undesirable persons in order to ensure the smooth proceeding of the Olympic Equestrian Events? With respect to this, what are the estimated number of visa applications rejected and the number of petitions and appeals arising from this?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

The Immigration Department will continue to scrutinise all visit visa applications with vigilance to prevent entry of undesirable persons. We do not have an estimate on the number of visit visa applications that will be refused nor the related petition and appeal cases.

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Post Title                    Director of Immigration

Date                            20 March 2008

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**Reply Serial No.**

**SB081**

**Question Serial No.**

1931

Head : 70      Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (1) Pre-entry Control

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Regarding the applications for visit visa received and processed in 2006, 2007 and 2008 (estimate), please list the top ten areas with the most applicants and the total number of applicants from these areas. Were any visa-free arrangements negotiated with these areas in light of their large number of visitors travelling to Hong Kong for tourism purposes?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

The statistics on visit visa applications received and processed are tabulated below:

	Year	Asia and Pacific	Africa	Middle East	Others	Total
2006	Received	40 802	7 555	3 457	1 459	53 273
	Processed *	40 978	7 564	3 502	1 624	53 668
2007	Received	51 477	10 135	3 859	1 632	67 103
	Processed *	50 823	10 055	3 646	1 739	66 263

\* The number of applications processed includes applications brought forward from the previous year.

The Department does not have an estimate of the above figures in 2008.

The consideration in granting visa-free access to nationals of countries/territories mainly hinges on whether they would pose security and/or immigration threat to Hong Kong as well as the country/territory's individual circumstances. The Immigration Department will review the visa requirements from time to time and introduce changes when circumstances so warrant.

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**Reply Serial No.**

SB082

**Question Serial No.**

1932

Head : 70      Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (1) Pre-entry Control

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

The Immigration Department has revised upward the target of the average processing time of "change of status within six weeks". What are the reasons? What are the estimated manpower and resources to be adjusted for this purpose?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

The actual performance of the Immigration Department on processing change of status applications in the past three years well surpassed the performance target and having considered the projected workload, resources available and seasonal fluctuations in the application intake, the Department considered that there existed room for raising the performance target in 2008. There is no need to adjust the resources provisions in 2008-09.

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**Reply Serial No.**

**SB083**

**Question Serial No.**

1933

Head : 70      Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (1) Pre-entry Control

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Regarding the target of processing other entry visas and permits, the actual average processing time in 2006 and 2007 as well as the planned processing time in the coming year all exceed the target. Will the Immigration Department consider shortening the average processing time concerned to four weeks? What are the manpower and resources involved?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

In setting the performance target of a type of application, the Immigration Department has to consider a number of factors which include the actual intake of applications, projected increase in workload, resources that can be deployed, seasonal bunching of applications, etc. Having taken into account the above factors, we consider it is not the time to raise the target for "other entry visas and permits".

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Name in block letters      T K LAI

Post Title      Director of Immigration

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**Reply Serial No.**

**SB084**

**Question Serial No.**

1936

Head : 70      Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (4) Personal Documentation

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

The Administration will implement a new computer system for handling the births, deaths and marriages records management. Will it effect savings in expenditure for the Immigration Department?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

Upon implementation of the new computer system for providing better registration services and enhancing births, deaths and marriage records management, there will be a manpower saving of 19 posts. The total annual salary costs of the posts, in terms of the notional annual mid-point salary value, are about \$4.3 million.

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**Reply Serial No.**

**SB085**

**Question Serial No.**

1937

Head : 70                      Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme :                      (4) Personal Documentation

Controlling Officer :                      Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau :                      Secretary for Security

Question :

With the Immigration Department continuing to promote the Civil Celebrants of Marriages Scheme, has any estimate been made on the manpower and resources that can be saved by the Department? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

Since the introduction of the Civil Celebrants of Marriages Scheme (the Scheme) on 13 March 2006, the Department has been promoting the Scheme and reviewing the marriage services provided to the public.

The Scheme has brought down the demand for the Department's solemnisation service. The Department has closed one of the two marriage halls at the City Hall Marriage Registry with effect from 2 January 2008. The manpower resources saved (one Executive Officer II and one Clerical Assistant) are deployed to other needy areas. The total annual salary costs of these posts, in terms of the notional annual mid-point salary value, are about \$0.5 million.

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**SB086**

**Question Serial No.**

1938

Head : 70      Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (3) Control after Entry

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Please provide the concrete measures taken by the Immigration Department against the use or production of forged travel documents, including the actions taken, the number of persons arrested and the amount involved. In its past actions, did the Department investigate or detect the use of forged biometric travel documents? Regarding its work in future, will the Department step up its investigation in this area?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

The number of operations against forgery activities and the number of persons investigated in the past three years are as follows:

<b>Nature</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>
Number of operations	16 124	20 171	21 538
Number of persons investigated	860	680	615

The Immigration Department has no available information regarding the amount of money involved in these forgery activities. So far, the Immigration Department has not encountered any cases involving forged biometric passports of any type. In the coming year, the Immigration Department will continue to adopt the following measures to combat the use of forged documents:

- (i) strengthening exchange of intelligence with the Mainland and overseas law enforcement agencies on forgery trends and modus operandi of forgery syndicates;

- (ii) participating actively in international conferences and workshops to tap the skills and experience of other immigration authorities, thereby augmenting the capacity of immigration officers in combating the use of forged documents;
- (iii) mounting frequent and regular operations against illegal migration and forgery activities at the Hong Kong International Airport and other control points, including operations conducted on target flights and ferries to and from selected destinations;
- (iv) disseminating intelligence bulletins periodically to frontline officers to keep them abreast of the latest forgery trends and techniques;
- (v) deploying advanced technologies such as the Face Recognition System to better equip frontline officers to verify the identity of doubtful visitors and immigration offenders who try to circumvent immigration control by using falsified documents; and
- (vi) providing customized training for immigration control officers so as to enhance their ability to identify undesirable persons and persons wanted for criminal offences at an early stage. Intelligence relating to such persons is disseminated to frontline officers in a timely manner and, where the circumstances so warrant, detailed examinations of individual passengers at our control points are conducted.

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Post Title     Director of Immigration    

Date     20 March 2008

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**SB087**

Question Serial No.

1939

Head : 70      Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (3) Control after Entry

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

What were the nationalities of the torture claimants who made their claims under the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment between 2005 and 2007? Have any special measures been implemented with regard to the increase in the number of claimants so as to speed up the handling of the cases?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

The nationality breakdown of the torture claimants encountered from 2005 to 2007, at a total of 2 323, is tabulated at the Annex.

To expedite the processing of torture claims, we have increased the strength of the assessment team and enhanced the working procedures.

Furthermore, the Immigration Department has already tightened the visa requirements for certain originating countries, such as Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Republic of Congo, Togo, Bangladesh and Ghana, with the administrative visa-free arrangements cancelled or formal bilateral visa-free access agreements terminated. At the same time, entry control measures against abusers have been stepped up. In 2007, more than 2 211 doubtful passengers from the top six sending states were refused permission to land. We have also strengthened our liaison with the Mainland and local law enforcement agencies in respect of cross-boundary control and interception of non-ethnic-Chinese illegal immigrants.

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Date 27 March 2008

**Annex**

	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>
<b>Nationality</b>	<b>No. of persons</b>	<b>No. of persons</b>	<b>No. of persons</b>
Bangladeshi	9	79	353
Congolese (Republic of Congo)	7	10	7
Ghanaian	10	24	18
Indian	13	86	343
Nepalese	14	14	99
Nigerian	6	7	19
Pakistani	38	120	544
Sri Lankan	86	133	146
Togolese	1	9	11
Others <sup>Note 1</sup>	27	46	44
<b>Total</b> <sup>Note 2</sup>	<b>211</b>	<b>528</b>	<b>1 584</b>

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Note 1      Others include Afghanistani, Algerian, Angolan, Bhutanese, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Cameroonian, Colombian, Congolese (Democratic Republic of Congo), Egyptian, Ethiopian, Filipino, Indonesian, Ivoirian, Liberian, Somali, etc.

Note 2      Number of cases being 186 in 2005, 514 in 2006 and 1 583 in 2007.

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Question Serial No.

1940

Head : 70                      Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme :                      (3) Control after Entry

Controlling Officer :                      Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau :                      Secretary for Security

Question :

What are the specific ranks and salaries of the 13 posts specially created for handling appeals and judicial review applications lodged by torture claimants? The estimated number of torture claim cases in 2008 is larger than the figure in 2007. What are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

In 2008-09, 13 posts will be created for handling appeals and judicial reviews lodged by torture claimants and meeting other operational needs. The total annual salary costs of the 13 posts, in terms of the notional annual mid-point salary value, are \$5.7 million. Among them, five posts (viz. two Senior Immigration Officers and three Immigration Officers) involving annual salary costs of \$2.5 million are for handling appeals and judicial review applications lodged by torture claimants whereas the other eight posts are for meeting other operational needs.

The number of torture claim cases received in 2007 was 1 583, representing a sharp increase of 208% when compared with that of 2006, i.e. 514. Taking into account the rising trend, the number of new torture claim cases to be received in 2008 is estimated at a figure of 2 000. The estimate was based on the monthly average caseload of the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of 2007. For the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of 2007, a total of 1 015 torture claim cases were received, representing a monthly average caseload of 169. The number of torture claim cases to be received in 2008 was hence estimated to be 2 000 (i.e. 169 x 12 = 2 028, say 2 000).

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**Reply Serial No.**

**SB089**

**Question Serial No.**

1941

Head : 70                      Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (3) Control after Entry

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Please list the numbers of enforcement actions taken by the Immigration Department alone or in conjunction with other law enforcement departments against visitors engaged in unlawful employment and overstaying in Hong Kong between 2005 and 2007, the number of people deployed in each operation and the number of persons arrested after each operation. What are the enforcement actions planned for 2008?

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
2005	6 497	26 323
2006	9 183	21 957
2007	9 606	14 966

Note: Persons arrested include those taking up unapproved employment and/or overstaying

The Immigration Department deploys manpower according to operational needs. We mobilise on average 35 to 70 officers for large-scale operations and five to ten officers for regular operations. This scale of mobilisation also applies to joint operations conducted with other departments. We regularly review and adjust the Department's manpower deployment to ensure effective actions against illegal employment on a continued basis.

We are adopting the following measures in the coming year to combat illegal employment with an emphasis on prevention and tackling the problem at source:

- (i) to strengthen immigration control at the points of entry so as to keep away doubtful visitors;

- (ii) to verify, with the aid of Face Recognition System, the identity of doubtful visitors and immigration offenders who try to circumvent immigration control by using different identities;
- (iii) to step up anti-illegal employment operations, including joint operations with other law enforcement agencies;
- (iv) to conduct patrol duties at black spots of illegal employment and to take speedy actions on reports of suspected 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 close scrutiny upon their future applications for exit endorsement for Hong Kong; and
- (ix) to continue, in consultation with the Department of Justice, to prosecute illegal workers and their employers. At present, illegal workers and their employers will normally be sentenced to imprisonment upon conviction.

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**SB090**

**Question Serial No.**

1942

Head : 70      Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (3) Control after Entry

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Regarding the number of applications for extension of stay, both the actual number in 2007 and the estimated number in 2008 show a significant increase. Please list the grounds for applications for extension of stay in 2007 and the reasons for the upsurge of the estimated number of applications in 2008.

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

The majority of persons applying for extension of stay in Hong Kong are temporary residents including persons admitted for employment, education or residence in Hong Kong and their dependants. With the increase in the number of temporary residents in Hong Kong as well as the increasing number of persons visiting Hong Kong, the number of applications for extension of stay has been rising gradually. The reasons for extension are to continue employment, studies, residence, visit, etc.

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**Reply Serial No.**

**SB091**

Question Serial No.

1943

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 Immigration Department's estimated figures for the daily passenger traffic at Lok Ma Chau Spur Line Control Point and the daily passenger as well as vehicular traffic at Shenzhen Bay Control Point for 2008? Will the Department adjust the manpower deployed to Lok Ma Chau Spur Line and Shenzhen Bay control points for 2008 by re-deploying staff to other control points as the passenger traffic volume at the two control points turn out to be below the Department's expectation?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

The planning parameters on daily throughput and actual daily average passenger and vehicular traffic in respect of Lok Ma Chau Spur Line Control Point (LSC) and Shenzhen Bay Control Point (SBC) are as follows:

Traffic		Planning parameter on daily throughput (First year - 2007)	Actual daily average throughput		
			Inauguration month in 2007	Jan 2008	Feb 2008 (including CNY)
LSC	Passenger	79 684	30 042 (Aug)	40 045	40 812
SBC	Passenger	30 800	20 617 (July)	26 097	30 193
	Vehicular	29 800	1 292 (July)	4 934	4 288

## Traffic Situation in LSC and SBC

LSC came into operation on 15 August 2007. Up to end February 2008, some 7.3 million passengers passed through the control point. The passenger traffic has grown steadily since its commissioning. The average daily throughput in February 2008 which captured the Chinese New Year holidays reached 40 812, representing an increase of 36% comparing with that of 30 042 in August 2007.

Since its commissioning on 1 July 2007 and up to end February 2008, SBC has processed some 6 million passengers and 800 000 vehicles. The average daily passenger throughput in February 2008 which captured the Chinese New Year holidays reached 30 193, representing an increase of 46% comparing with that of 20 617 in July 2007. The average daily vehicular traffic in February 2008 reached 4 288, representing an increase of 232% comparing with that of 1 292 in July 2007.

As further logistic facilities and connecting transport will be provided around the control points in the near future, it is expected that the increasing trend of passenger and vehicular traffic flow will continue.

### Staffing Situation of LSC

The planning parameter on daily throughput for LSC in the first year (2007) was 79 684. The average daily passenger throughput of LSC was 40 812 in February 2008, which was 51% of the planning parameter. The highest daily record was 53 636 on 8 March 2008 which was 67% of the planning parameter.

LSC has an establishment of 212 posts. In the light of the prevailing passenger traffic, the upward trend of daily throughput, and taking into account the skeleton strength required for the split level operation and the need to achieve optimal use of resources, the strength of the control point has been streamlined and capped at about 71% (150 posts) of its establishment. Furthermore, the Immigration Department has put in place a system to monitor the queuing situation in the boundary control points and will actively redeploy the resources of LSC to reinforce other control points during its off-peak hours as and when required.

### Staffing Situation of SBC

The planning parameters on daily throughput for SBC in the first year (2007) were 30 800 passengers and 29 800 vehicles. For passenger traffic, the average daily passenger throughput of SBC was 30 193 in February 2008, or 98% of the planning parameter. For vehicular traffic, since the clearance mode for majority of the goods vehicles are automated, its usage rate has little effect on the resources deployed and most of the manpower resources are deployed to clear the coaches and private cars. In February 2008, the daily average was 4 288 while the highest daily vehicular traffic was 6 602 recorded on 1 February 2008. The usage rates, comparing with the planning parameter, for coach plus private car and goods vehicle were 28% and 6.3% respectively.

SBC has an establishment of 325 posts. In the light of the prevailing passenger traffic, the upward trend of daily throughput, and taking into account the skeleton staff strength required for the kiosk operations and the need to achieve optimal use of resources, the strength of the control point has been streamlined and capped at about 75% of its

establishment. Furthermore, the Immigration Department has put in place a system to monitor the queuing situation in the boundary control points and will actively redeploy the resources of SBC to reinforce other control points during its off-peak hours as and when required.

### Conclusion

The existing staff levels of both new control points are optimal for providing reasonable and efficient service to their respective patrons. Existing resources of all control points are flexibly and efficiently deployed among them to cope with the ever-changing traffic situation. The Immigration Department will continue to monitor the workload demand and adopt dynamic redeployment of staff with a view to achieving optimal deployment of resources.

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**SB092**

**Question Serial No.**

1944

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 average time for clearing passengers/visitors entering Hong Kong from Macao? With the current development of the tourism industry in Macao, the number of visitors to Hong Kong will at the same time be increased. Has the Immigration Department estimated the impact of the additional manpower requirement for the Department in connection to this?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

The current processing time for clearing an arriving visitor from Macao at immigration control points is about 1 minute.

The Immigration Department has been monitoring the number of visitors from Macao. To cope with the increasing workload, the Department will continue to enhance its operational efficiency by flexible deployment of its resources, automation and simplifying work procedures.

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**Reply Serial No.**

**SB093**

**Question Serial No.**

1945

Head : 70                      Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme :                      (2) Control upon Entry

Controlling Officer :                      Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau :                      Secretary for Security

Question :

Regarding the gradual extension of e-Channel service to frequent visitors to Hong Kong, what are the details and expenditure in 2008-09?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

As stated in the 2007-08 Policy Agenda, the Immigration Department will extend self-service immigration clearance facilities to frequent visitors. After an enrolment process, eligible travellers may use their travel documents for self-service immigration clearance.

A pilot scheme of about ten visitor e-Channels will be launched for holders of HKSAR Travel Pass, Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation Business Travel Card and Hong Kong International Airport Frequent Visitor Card at the Hong Kong International Airport in the second quarter of 2008. About 80 000 visitors can benefit from the scheme. The estimated cost for the e-Channels and the related services and preparation works is \$25 million.

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**SB094**

**Question Serial No.**

**2189**

Head : 70                      Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme :                      (2) Control upon Entry

Controlling Officer :                      Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau :                      Secretary for Security

Question :

Please provide the following information:

(a) 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
2006				
2007				
2008 (estimate)				

(b) 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
2006				
2007				
2008 (estimate)				

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

The above required statistics are not available as the Immigration Department has not maintained any records on the type of Individual Visit Endorsement which an Individual Visit traveller used upon entry.

The statistics of trips made by Individual Visit travellers to Hong Kong in 2006 and 2007 are as follows:

Year	Number
2006	6 673 283
2007	8 593 141

The growth rate is 20.2% and 28.8% for 2006 and 2007 respectively.

As regards the total number of days staying in Hong Kong, the records which the Immigration Department maintained for the last six months (from 1 September 2007 to 29 February 2008) show that a total of 2 965 242 Individual Visit travellers had paid 4 510 819 trips to Hong Kong, and accumulated a total of 11 483 521 days' stay. The duration of each visit varied from one to seven days. On average, each trip lasted for 2.5 days.

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**SB095**

**Question Serial No.**

0114

Head : 70      Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (2) Control upon Entry

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

In this programme, the reasons for the net increase of 95 posts are mainly to cope with the upsurge in passenger traffic at control points, to sustain the effective complementary immigration measures to prevent overloading of hospital services by non-local pregnant visitors, to prevent the entry of doubtful visitors, to combat the use of forged travel documents and to meet other operational needs. Is it necessary to provide additional resources for recruiting staff for control points in order to cope with the upsurge in passenger traffic at control points, to facilitate the smooth operation of control points and to alleviate the workload there?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply :

The past three years witnessed an average annual increase of 6.3% and 9% in overall immigration passenger traffic and visitor traffic respectively. Together with implementation of the complementary immigration measures on non-local pregnant visitors since February 2007, and the need to have effective control on doubtful visitors and passengers using false and forged travel documents, the workload of the immigration staff at control points is on a rise.

95 posts in question will be gainfully deployed to control points to help tackle the increasing passenger traffic there. In addition, the Immigration Department will continue to enhance its operational efficiency by flexible deployment of its existing resources, use of information technology and simplifying work procedures.

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**SB096**

Question Serial No.

0222

Head : 70      Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (1) Pre-entry Control

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Under Programme (1), the provision for 2008-09 is \$2.5 million higher than the revised estimate for 2007-08. This is mainly due to the creation of seven posts for implementing immigration schemes to attract talents and professionals to work and settle in Hong Kong, implementing various initiatives to develop Hong Kong as a regional education hub and meeting other operational needs. Will the Administration inform this Committee:

1. what are the ranks of the seven posts to be created and the salary costs involved?
2. whether the posts created are sufficient to cope with the increasing number of entry applications to be processed by the Immigration Department in 2008-09?

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Kwan-yuen, Andrew

Reply :

1. The seven posts are two Senior Immigration Officer posts, four Immigration Officer posts and one Clerical Assistant post. The total annual salary costs for these seven posts are about \$2.4 million.
2. The plan to create seven posts under Programme (1) has already factored in the anticipated increase in workload in 2008-09. The Immigration Department will

closely monitor the situation and will make flexible redeployment of staff if necessary.

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**Reply Serial No.**

**SB097**

Question Serial No.

2072

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

In 2008-09, the Immigration Department will create and delete a number of posts for operational requirements. In this regard, please provide the following information:

- a. a breakdown of the 122 newly created posts by rank, job duty and section;
- b. a breakdown of the 26 deleted posts by rank, job duty and section; and
- c. a list of the establishments for the respective ranks of the Department for 2007-08.

Asked by : Hon. LI Fung-ying

Reply :

There will be a creation of 124 posts and deletion of 28 posts in the Immigration Department in 2008-09, resulting in a net creation of 96 posts.

- a. A breakdown of the creation of the 124 posts by rank is as follows:

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Creation</b>
Chief Immigration Officer	+1
Senior Immigration Officer	+5
Immigration Officer	+34
Chief Immigration Assistant	+21
Senior Immigration Assistant	+44
Immigration Assistant	+8
Clerical Officer	+1
Assistant Clerical Officer	+1
Clerical Assistant	+3
Official Languages Officer II	+2
Analyst/Programmer II	+3
Statistical Officer II	+1
<b>Total</b>	<b>+124</b>

The additional manpower resources in question will be deployed to the following programme areas:

Programme 1 – Pre-entry Control

7 posts (viz. 2 Senior Immigration Officers, 4 Immigration Officers and 1 Clerical Assistant) will be created to implement immigration schemes to facilitate admission of talent and professionals to work and settle in Hong Kong; to complement the policy objective to develop Hong Kong as a regional education hub; and to meet other operational needs.

Programme 2 – Control upon Entry

97 posts (viz. 1 Chief Immigration Officer, 15 Immigration Officers, 19 Chief Immigration Assistants, 44 Senior Immigration Assistants, 8 Immigration Assistants, 1 Clerical Officer, 1 Assistant Clerical Officer, 2 Clerical Assistants, 2 Official Languages Officers II, 3 Analyst/Programmers II and 1 Statistical Officer II) will be created to cope with the upsurge in passenger traffic at control points; to sustain the effective complementary immigration measures on non-local pregnant visitors; to prevent the entry of doubtful visitors and combat the use of forged travel documents; and to meet other operational needs.

Programme 3 – Control after Entry

13 posts (viz. 2 Senior Immigration Officers, 9 Immigration Officers and 2 Chief Immigration Assistants) will be created to handle appeals and judicial review applications lodged by torture claimants and to meet other operational needs.

Programme 4 – Personal Documentation

7 posts (viz. 1 Senior Immigration Officer and 6 Immigration Officers) will be created to cope with increasing workload in handling Permanent Identity Card invalidation and refusal cases, Document of Identity applications from one-way Permit entrants, and applications for Certificate of Registered Particulars, Consular Corps Identity Cards and Certificate of Exemption.

b. A breakdown of the deletion of the 28 posts by rank is as follows:

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Deletion</b>
Chief Immigration Assistant	-1
Immigration Assistant	-4
Clerical Assistant	-20
Computer Operator II	-1
Photographer I	-1
Property Attendant	-1
<b>Total</b>	<b>-28</b>

2 posts will be deleted under Programme Area 2 “Control upon Entry” and 26 posts will be deleted under Programme Area 4 “Personal Documentation”. The posts to be deleted are mainly savings realized upon the implementation of the HKSAR Electronic Passport (e-Passport) and the Electronic Travel Document Information System.

- c. The establishment of the Immigration Department will be 6 500 by 31 March 2008. A breakdown of these posts by rank is as follows:

<b>Rank</b>	<b>No. of Post</b>
Director of Immigration	1
Deputy Director of Immigration	1
Assistant Director of Immigration	6
Senior Principal Immigration Officer	2
Principal Executive Officer	1
Chief Systems Manager	1
Principal Immigration Officer	13
Assistant Principal Immigration Officer	22
Chief Immigration Officer	81
Senior Immigration Officer	360
Immigration Officer	1 116
Chief Immigration Assistant	536
Senior Immigration Assistant	1 924
Immigration Assistant	899
Senior Executive Officer	5
Executive Officer I	13
Executive Officer II	35
Senior Clerical Officer	7

<b>Rank</b>	<b>No. of Post</b>
Clerical Officer	93
Assistant Clerical Officer	421
Clerical Assistant	625
Office Assistant	12
Senior Personal Secretary	1
Personal Secretary I	7
Personal Secretary II	21
Supervisor of Typing Services	2
Senior Typist	1
Typist	10
Senior Confidential Assistant	2
Confidential Assistant	21
Senior Official Languages Officer	1
Official Languages Officer I	2
Official Languages Officer II	3
Calligraphist	2
Senior Systems Manager	3
Systems Manager	12
Analyst/Programmer I	28
Analyst/Programmer II	13
Computer Operation Manager	1
Assistant Computer Operation Manager	3
Senior Computer Operator	7
Computer Operator I	28
Computer Operator II / Student Computer Operator	29
Data Preparation Supervisor	1
Assistant Data Preparation Supervisor	1
Data Processor	8
Senior Medical and Health Officer	1
Senior Supplies Officer	1
Assistant Supplies Officer	1
Senior Supplies Supervisor	1
Supplies Supervisor I	4
Supplies Supervisor II	9
Supplies Assistant	5

<b>Rank</b>	<b>No. of Post</b>
Supplies Attendant	1
Senior Photographer	1
Photographer I	5
Photographer II	17
Statistical Officer II / Student Statistical Officer	3
Transport Services Officer II	1
Special Driver	1
Motor Driver	34
Head Property Attendant	1
Property Attendant	1
Workman I	2
Workman II	30
<b>Total</b>	<b>6 500</b>

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**Reply Serial No.**

**SB098**

Question Serial No.

1110

Head : 70      Subhead (No. & title) : 000 Operational  
expenses

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Note 4 offers an analysis of the financial provision under Subhead 000 Operational expenses. Will the Administration advise the nature of the item under “Other Charges – Land usage cost”, the reason that no provision was made for this item in the estimates; whether this will be a recurrent item and if so, for how long; and whether there is any escalation clause built in to the arrangement governing this charge?

Asked by : Hon. LI Kwok-po, David

Reply :

The land usage cost refers to the cost of the land use right of the Hong Kong Port Area at the Shenzhen Bay Control Point. This right is acquired by the HKSAR by way of a lease under the “Shenzhen Bay Port Hong Kong Clearance Area Land Lease Contract” signed between the HKSAR Government and the Shenzhen Municipal People’s Government. The Lease Contract came into force on 1 July 2007 and would expire on 30 June 2047.

Under the Lease Contract, the HKSAR Government is required to pay an annual rental (i.e. land usage cost) of the amount of RMB ¥6,234,810. This cost is borne by the Immigration Department (ImmD) and the Customs and Excise Department in

equal shares. The share of the ImmD is RMB¥3,117,405. It was equivalent to HK\$3,240,546 at the time of payment in July 2007.

Financial provision for the rental was originally earmarked under “Departmental Expenses” of Subhead 000 Operational expenses in the ImmD’s 2007-08 original estimates. In line with established accounting arrangement, the provision was subsequently transferred to a new item “Land usage cost” created under “Other Charges” of the same Subhead in the revised estimate for 2007-08 to effect the actual payment. Therefore, no provision is shown in the original estimates for 2007-08 under “Land usage cost”.

The land usage cost is a recurrent item. According to the above Lease Contract, the amount will be adjusted once every five years. The range of adjustment is the average change (percentage) of the benchmark land premium published by Shenzhen Municipality in the five years immediately before 1 May of the year when the adjustment is made, with a maximum range not exceeding  $\pm 30\%$ .

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**Reply Serial No.**

**SB099**

Question Serial No.

2086

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (4) Personal Documentation

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

The Immigration Department will “implement a new computer system for providing better registration services and enhancing births, deaths and marriages records management”. Regarding this, please inform this Committee:

- a. What are the details of the system and when will it be operated? What is the expenditure involved (please list by categories of hardware / software / maintenance)?
- b. Has the Administration made an assessment to see in what way will the new system make improvements on the operational mode of the old system, and how will the management efficiency be enhanced?
- c. When the new system comes into operation, in what areas will it facilitate the public (for example the waiting time or the quality of service, etc)?

Asked by : Hon. SIN Chung-kai

Reply :

- a. The new system is part of the projects of Application and Investigation Easy System (APPLIES) and Electronic Records Programme (ERP), for which

funding has been approved by the Finance Committee in May 2004. The system for births, deaths and marriage (BDM) will enable the Immigration Department (ImmD) to maintain BDM records and process related applications in the form of digital image, or in the form of digital image and computer record concurrently. With the system, access to relevant records will be done on-line under a secure and tightly controlled environment. The BDM system will be rolled out in mid 2008.

The provision of non-recurrent expenditure of APPLIES and the ERP is \$336.8 million (including hardware and software). The provision of recurrent expenditure arising from the implementation of APPLIES and the ERP is \$37.7 million (including hardware and software maintenance). There is no breakdown for the BDM system.

- b. The successful implementation of APPLIES and the ERP (including the BDM system) will enable ImmD to make improvements in the following areas –
  - (i) to move away from a paper-driven workplace in the existing system to an electronic record and workflow based business environment, thereby improving the efficiency of records retrieval;
  - (ii) to shorten the turnaround time for application (e.g. births, deaths and marriage registration) processing with a new and centralised records system and introduction of new functionalities including imaging facilities, automatic tracking, case distribution and instant information sharing, etc; and
  - (iii) to enhance the organisation of information so as to enhance decision making and resources planning.
- c. The successful implementation of APPLIES and the ERP will bring the following benefits to the public –
  - (i) the number of documents that the applicants need to furnish and the number of their visits to ImmD offices can be reduced since most of the records will be available on-line; and
  - (ii) to use the services round-the-clock by means of e-booking of

appointments (e.g. booking of appointments for giving of marriage notice / birth registration), e-submission of applications (e.g. application for search of births, deaths and marriage records), and e-payment of service fees (e.g. payment by credit card or PPS upon e-submission). The public will also be able to check the progress of applications and obtain information through electronic means.

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**SB100**

Question Serial No.

2452

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (2) Control upon Entry

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Under this programme, 95 posts will be created. Please provide the details of the posts to be created, including the ranks, job duties and how they would be deployed to various control points.

Asked by : Hon. TAM Heung-man

Reply :

The net creation of 95 posts under this programme will be gainfully deployed to control points to help tackle the increasing passenger traffic there and for the implementation of new initiatives. The breakdown is as follows:

- 19 posts (one Chief Immigration Officer, three Immigration Officers, one Chief Immigration Assistant and 14 Senior Immigration Assistants) to cope with rapid increasing number of visitors and to enrol frequent travellers for self-service immigration clearance at the Airport Control Point;
- 24 posts (16 Chief Immigration Assistants and eight Immigration Assistants) to sustain the effective complementary immigration measures on non-local pregnant visitors;

- 18 posts (three Immigration Officers and 15 Senior Immigration Assistants) to cope with the additional workload created by additional through-trains at the Hung Hom Control Point;
- 19 posts (two Immigration Officers, two Chief Immigration Assistants and 15 Senior Immigration Assistants) to strengthen the Special Duty Teams for preventing the entry of doubtful visitors and combating the use of forged travel documents at the Airport Control Point;
- five posts (five Immigration Officers) to man the 24-hour monitoring and to strengthen the on-going support to the Electronic Check Point Support Centre at the airport;
- two posts (two Immigration Officers) to oversee and monitor the performance of Face Recognition System and to strengthen the on-going support to Automated Passenger / Vehicle Clearance Systems; and
- eight civilian grades posts for other operational needs.

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**Reply Serial No.**

**SB101**

Question Serial No.

2453

Head : 70      Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (2) Control upon Entry

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

The utilisation rates of Shenzhen Bay Control Point and Lok Ma Chau Spur Line Control Point have all along been below the Government's expectation. In view of this situation, will the Government deploy resources appropriately by reducing the resources allocated to the two control points for effective use of the public fund?

Asked by : Hon. TAM Heung-man

Reply :

The planning parameters on daily throughput and actual daily average passenger and vehicular traffic in respect of Lok Ma Chau Spur Line Control Point (LSC) and Shenzhen Bay Control Point (SBC) are as follows:

Traffic		Planning parameter on daily throughput (First year - 2007)	Actual daily average throughput		
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LSC	Passenger	79 684	30 042 (Aug)	40 045	40 812
SBC	Passenger	30 800	20 617 (July)	26 097	30 193
	Vehicular	29 800	1 292 (July)	4 934	4 288

### Traffic Situation in LSC and SBC

LSC came into operation on 15 August 2007. Up to end February 2008, some 7.3 million passengers passed through the control point. The passenger traffic has grown steadily since its commissioning. The average daily throughput in February 2008 which captured the Chinese New Year holidays reached 40 812, representing an increase of 36% comparing with that of 30 042 in August 2007.

Since its commissioning on 1 July 2007 and up to end February 2008, SBC has processed some 6 million passengers and 800 000 vehicles. The average daily passenger throughput in February 2008 which captured the Chinese New Year holidays reached 30 193, representing an increase of 46% comparing with that of 20 617 in July 2007. The average daily vehicular traffic in February 2008 reached 4 288, representing an increase of 232% comparing with that of 1 292 in July 2007.

As further logistic facilities and connecting transport will be provided around the control points in the near future, it is expected that the increasing trend of passenger and vehicular traffic flow will continue.

### Staffing Situation of LSC

The planning parameter on daily throughput for LSC in the first year (2007) was 79 684. The average daily passenger throughput of LSC was 40 812 in February 2008, which was 51% of the planning parameter. The highest daily record was 53 636 on 8 March 2008 which was 67% of the planning parameter.

LSC has an establishment of 212 posts. In the light of the prevailing passenger traffic, the upward trend of daily throughput, and taking into account the skeleton strength required for the split level operation and the need to achieve optimal use of resources, the strength of the control point has been streamlined and capped at about 71% (150 posts) of its establishment. Furthermore, the Immigration Department has put in place a system to monitor the queuing situation in the boundary control points and will actively redeploy the resources of LSC to reinforce other control points during its off-peak hours as and when required.

### Staffing Situation of SBC

The planning parameters on daily throughput for SBC in the first year (2007) were 30

800 passengers and 29 800 vehicles. For passenger traffic, the average daily passenger throughput of SBC was 30 193 in February 2008, or 98% of the planning parameter. For vehicular traffic, since the clearance mode for majority of the goods vehicles are automated, its usage rate has little effect on the resources deployed and most of the manpower resources are deployed to clear the coaches and private cars. In February 2008, the daily average was 4 288 while the highest daily vehicular traffic was 6 602 recorded on 1 February 2008. The usage rates, comparing with the planning parameter, for coach plus private car and goods vehicle were 28% and 6.3% respectively.

SBC has an establishment of 325 posts. In the light of the prevailing passenger traffic, the upward trend of daily throughput, and taking into account the skeleton staff strength required for the kiosk operations and the need to achieve optimal use of resources, the strength of the control point has been streamlined and capped at about 75% of its establishment. Furthermore, the Immigration Department has put in place a system to monitor the queuing situation in the boundary control points and will actively redeploy the resources of SBC to reinforce other control points during its off-peak hours as and when required.

### Conclusion

The existing staff levels of both new control points are optimal for providing reasonable and efficient service to their respective patrons. Existing resources of all control points are flexibly and efficiently deployed among them to cope with the ever-changing traffic situation. The Immigration Department will continue to monitor the workload demand and adopt dynamic redeployment of staff with a view to achieving optimal deployment of resources.

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**Reply Serial No.**

**SB102**

Question Serial No.

2190

Head : 70      Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (2) Control upon Entry

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

- (a) Please provide a breakdown of the number of passengers who were refused entry in 2007 by passengers, crew and their places of origin, and the reasons for refused entry.
- (b) How many cases of appeal were lodged in respect of the above cases of refused entry and what were the results?
- (c) Of those who were refused entry, how many were so refused entry because of "bona fides of visit in doubt"? What were the purposes of such visits furnished to the Government by these people?

Asked by : Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply :

- (a) In 2007, a total of 39 508 passengers/seamen were refused permission to land in Hong Kong. A breakdown by reasons and places of origin is as follows:

Reason for Refusal	Place of Origin						
	Africa	Asia Pacific (other than Mainland)	Europe	Mainland	North America	South America	Total
Doubtful Purpose of Visit - Visitor	899	5 629	21	18 842	8	71	25 470
Doubtful Purpose of Visit - Seaman	0	0	0	171	0	0	171
Improperly Documented	324	6 225	102	6 229	38	58	12 976
Forged Travel Document	100	285	31	454	10	11	891
<b>Total</b>	1 323	12 139	154	25 696	56	140	39 508

- (b) In 2007, no appeal was lodged under Section 53 of the Immigration Ordinance, Cap. 115 against the Director of Immigration's decision to refuse entry.
- (c) In 2007, there were 25 641 visitors being refused entry to Hong Kong for doubtful purpose of visit. In general, these passengers claimed that they came for sightseeing, business, visiting friends or relatives, or in transit to other destinations.

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**Reply Serial No.**

**SB103**

**Question Serial No.**

**2191**

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 Committee of the number of persons lodging petitions, appeals and judicial reviews in 2007 by category and a breakdown of the number of these cases being accepted and rejected.

Asked by : Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply :

The number of applicants of petition, appeal and judicial review cases relating to visa and Certificate of Entitlement applications received in 2007, and the current position of the cases are tabulated 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	29	2	11	5	11
Judicial Review	7	0	1	3	3
<b>Certificate of Entitlement Application</b>					
Appeal	45	0	14	12	19
Judicial Review	0	0	0	0	0

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**SB104**

Question Serial No.

1152

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

There will be an estimated 6 488 non-directorate posts as at 31 March 2008, rising to 6 584 posts (an increase of 96 posts) as at 31 March 2009. Please provide a breakdown of the new posts specifying the ranks, job duties and the salaries.

Asked by : Hon. YOUNG Howard

Reply :

A breakdown of the net creation of 96 posts by rank and their notional annual mid-point salary value in 2008-09 is as follows:

<u>Rank</u>	<u>No. of Posts</u>	<u>Notional Annual Mid-point Salary Value</u>
Chief Immigration Officer	+1	\$785,040
Senior Immigration Officer	+5	\$3,142,500
Immigration Officer	+34	\$14,349,360
Chief Immigration Assistant	+20	\$6,124,800
Senior Immigration Assistant	+44	\$11,106,480
Immigration Assistant	+4	\$767,280
Clerical Officer	+1	\$288,600
Assistant Clerical Officer	+1	\$179,880
Clerical Assistant	-17	-\$2,384,760
Official Languages Officer II	+2	\$666,360
Analyst/Programmer II	+3	\$1,046,700
Statistical Officer II	+1	\$178,050
Computer Operator II	-1	-\$154,830
Photographer I	-1	-\$191,040
Property Attendant	-1	-\$120,720
<b>Total</b>	<b>+96</b>	<b>\$35,783,700</b>

The additional manpower resources will be deployed to cope with the upsurge in passenger traffic at control points; to sustain the effective complementary immigration measures on non-local pregnant visitors; to prevent the entry of doubtful visitors and combat the use of forged travel documents; to handle appeals and judicial review applications lodged by torture claimants; to implement immigration schemes to facilitate the admission of talent and professionals to work and settle in Hong Kong; to provide immigration facilitations to complement the policy objective to develop Hong Kong as a regional education hub; to cope with the increasing workload in processing travel documents; and to meet other operational needs.

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**SB105**

Question Serial No.

1153

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (1) Pre-entry Control

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

In 2008-09, the Department will provide more immigration facilitation to complement the policy objective of attracting more non-local students to study in our higher educational institutions and facilitate them to stay and work in Hong Kong after graduation. What is the plan and how much resources will be allocated?

Asked by : Hon. YOUNG Howard

Reply :

To complement the policy objective of further developing Hong Kong as a regional education hub, the Immigration Department will implement the following measures from the 2008-09 academic year onwards:

- (i) Allowing the admission of non-local students from the Mainland, Macao and Taiwan for short-term studies in Hong Kong, subject to the conditions that the programmes concerned are offered by Hong Kong higher education institutions with degree-awarding powers (excluding their continuing and professional education arms), and that the cumulative duration of short-term studies taken up by any student should not exceed 180 days within any 12-month period;

- (ii) Relaxing the employment restriction on non-local students of full-time locally-accredited programmes at degree level or above whose study period is not less than one academic year. They will be allowed to take up part-time on-campus jobs for up to 20 hours per week, off-campus summer jobs and study/curriculum-related internships; and
  
- (iii) Facilitating non-local students to stay or return to work in Hong Kong after graduation. All non-local fresh graduates who have obtained a degree or higher qualification in a full-time and locally-accredited programme in Hong Kong, upon application, may be granted 12 months' stay on time limitation without any restriction to take up employment. Those who have previously graduated from full-time locally-accredited programmes at degree level or above in Hong Kong may return to work in Hong Kong so long as the job is at a level commonly taken up by degree holders and offers market-rate remuneration.

To cope with the workload arising from the above measures, 1 Immigration Officer and 1 Clerical Assistant have been allocated under Programme (1) and 2 Immigration Officers and 1 Chief Immigration Assistant have been allocated under Programme (3) in 2008-09.

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**Reply Serial No.**

**SB106**

Question Serial No.

2001

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (1) Pre-entry Control

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

In 2008-09, the Department will implement appropriate measures to facilitate the entry of participants of the 2008 Olympic and Paralympic Equestrian Events in Hong Kong. Please specify the measures. How much resources and manpower will be required?

Asked by : Hon. YOUNG Howard

Reply :

The Immigration Department will facilitate the entry of participants including athletes, referees, delegation members and officials of the International Olympic Committee, National Olympic Committees and International Sports Federations of the 2008 Olympic and Paralympic Equestrian Events in Hong Kong by expediting the processing of visa applications for those who require a visa to enter Hong Kong. A provision of \$0.463 million for overtime work has been earmarked for setting up dedicated counters at various control points to receive the participants, and no creation of post will be involved.

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**Reply Serial No.**

**SB107**

Question Serial No.

2002

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 plans and estimated expenditure for the extension of self-service clearance to eligible frequent visitors including those holding Travel Passes, APEC Cards and Frequent Visitor Cards? Please provide the schedule for such extension.

Asked by : Hon. YOUNG Howard

Reply :

As stated in the 2007-08 Policy Agenda, the Immigration Department will extend self-service immigration clearance facilities to frequent visitors. After an enrolment process, eligible travellers may use their travel documents for self-service immigration clearance.

A pilot scheme of about ten visitor e-Channels will be launched for holders of HKSAR Travel Pass, Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation Business Travel Card and Hong Kong International Airport Frequent Visitor Card at the Hong Kong International Airport in the second quarter of 2008. About 80 000 visitors can benefit from the scheme. The estimated cost for the e-Channels and the related services and preparation works is \$25 million.

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**SB108**

Question Serial No.

2003

Head : 70      Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (2) Control upon Entry

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

How much resources will be deployed to cope with changes in traffic pattern after the commissioning of the Shenzhen Bay and Lok Ma Chau Spur Line control points?

Asked by : Hon. YOUNG Howard

Reply :

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As further logistic facilities and connecting transport will be provided around the control points in the near future, it is expected that the increasing trend of passenger and vehicular traffic flow will continue.

### Staffing Situation of LSC

The planning parameter on daily throughput for LSC in the first year (2007) was 79 684. The average daily passenger throughput of LSC was 40 812 in February 2008, which was 51% of the planning parameter. The highest daily record was 53 636 on 8 March 2008 which was 67% of the planning parameter.

LSC has an establishment of 212 posts. In the light of the prevailing passenger traffic, the upward trend of daily throughput, and taking into account the skeleton strength required for the split level operation and the need to achieve optimal use of resources, the strength of the control point has been streamlined and capped at about 71% (150 posts) of its establishment. Furthermore, the Immigration Department has put in place a system to monitor the queuing situation in the boundary control points and will actively redeploy the resources of LSC to reinforce other control points during its off-peak hours as and when required.

## Staffing Situation of SBC

The planning parameters on daily throughput for SBC in the first year (2007) were 30 800 passengers and 29 800 vehicles. For passenger traffic, the average daily passenger throughput of SBC was 30 193 in February 2008, or 98% of the planning parameter. For vehicular traffic, since the clearance mode for majority of the goods vehicles are automated, its usage rate has little effect on the resources deployed and most of the manpower resources are deployed to clear the coaches and private cars. In February 2008, the daily average was 4 288 while the highest daily vehicular traffic was 6 602 recorded on 1 February 2008. The usage rates, comparing with the planning parameter, for coach plus private car and goods vehicle were 28% and 6.3% respectively.

SBC has an establishment of 325 posts. In the light of the prevailing passenger traffic, the upward trend of daily throughput, and taking into account the skeleton staff strength required for the kiosk operations and the need to achieve optimal use of resources, the strength of the control point has been streamlined and capped at about 75% of its establishment. Furthermore, the Immigration Department has put in place a system to monitor the queuing situation in the boundary control points and will actively redeploy the resources of SBC to reinforce other control points during its off-peak hours as and when required.

## Conclusion

The existing staff levels of both new control points are optimal for providing reasonable and efficient service to their respective patrons. Existing resources of all control points are flexibly and efficiently deployed among them to cope with the ever-changing traffic situation. The Immigration Department will continue to monitor the workload demand and adopt dynamic redeployment of staff with a view to achieving optimal deployment of resources.

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Name in block letters Y L PEH

Post Title Ag. Director of Immigration

Date 27 March 2008

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**INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

**SB109**

Question Serial No.

1172

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 2008-09 is \$1,129,000 over the revised estimate for 2007-08. In the circumstances that there will be no change in the manpower of the Secretariat (22 persons), on what aspects will the increased estimate be used mainly?

Asked by : Hon. LAM Wai-keung, Daniel

Reply :

The estimate for 2008-09 is \$1,129,000 higher than the revised estimate for 2007-08. This is mainly due to the increase in salary provision to accommodate two officers on pre-retirement leave, and the increase in operating expenses for employment of staff on non-civil service contract terms to undertake the preparatory work to establish the Independent Police Complaints Council as a statutory body.

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Name in block letters PHILOMENA LEUNG

Secretary, Independent

Post Title Police Complaints Council

Date 26 March 2008

Reply Serial No.

**SB110**

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Question Serial No.

0508

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 detailed reasons for the increase of 13.2% in the revised provision for 2007-08 as compared with the original estimate.

Asked by : Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply :

The revised provision for 2007-08 is \$1.8 million (13.2%) higher than the original estimate. This is mainly due to increase in salary provision arising from the 2007 civil service pay adjustment; increase in salary provision to accommodate an officer on pre-retirement leave; as well as increase in expenses for employment of staff on non-civil service contract terms to undertake preparatory work to establish the Independent Police Complaints Council as a statutory body and to follow up on matters relating to the incident in March 2006 in which certain personal data were disclosed on the Internet.

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Name in block letters PHILOMENA LEUNG

Secretary, Independent

Post Title Police Complaints Council

Date 26 March 2008

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Reply Serial No.

SB111

Question Serial No.

0509

Head : 121 Independent Police Complaints Council

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : Police Complaints Administration

Controlling Officer : Secretary, Independent Police Complaints Council

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Please provide :

- (a) the number of complaints classified as substantiated after review by the Independent Police Complaints Council (IPCC) in 2007-08 and the number of police officers involved;
- (b) the number of complaints in respect of which the IPCC disagreed with the Complaints Against Police Office's investigations after review in 2007-08, and the follow-up actions taken by the IPCC on these complaints; and
- (c) regarding the complaints reviewed in 2007-08, on how many occasions did the IPCC comment on the disciplinary actions taken against and warnings given to the police officers concerned as well as on the misconduct of the officers? 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 :

- (a) Among the 2 509 cases endorsed by the Independent Police Complaints Council (IPCC) in 2007, 69 (involving 105 allegations) were found to be substantiated. These cases involved 98 police officers.
- (b) In examining complaints investigation reports submitted by the Complaints Against Police Office (CAPO), IPCC may propose to CAPO to re-classify the investigation results based on the evidence available. In 2007, IPCC raised 123 queries of this kind with CAPO. As a result of these queries, 82 investigation results were changed subsequently and endorsed by the IPCC. For the remaining 41 queries, IPCC endorsed CAPO's classification following the latter's explanation and clarification.
- (c) The imposition of disciplinary action and warning on police officers is the prerogative of the Commissioner of Police. IPCC may, however, comment on whether the level of disciplinary action or warning is commensurate with the gravity of the misconduct. IPCC made 39 such comments in 2007. Of these, 27 (69.2%) were accepted by the Police and 12 (30.8%) were satisfactorily explained/followed-up by the Police. 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 2007.

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Name in block letters PHILOMENA LEUNG

Secretary, Independent

Post Title Police Complaints Council

Date 26 March 2008

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Reply Serial No.

**SB112**

Question Serial No.

0510

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 2007-08 and the estimated figures for 2008-09.

Asked by : Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply :

The establishment and strength position of the Secretariat of the Independent Police Complaints Council for 2007-08 and the estimated figures for 2008-09 are as follows:-

	<u>2007-08</u>	<u>2008-09</u>
Establishment	22	22
Strength (as at 31 March)	22	22

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Name in block letters PHILOMENA LEUNG

Secretary, Independent

Post Title Police Complaints Council

Date 26 March 2008

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Reply Serial No.

**SB113**

Question Serial No.

0511

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 2007-08 and the estimated figures for 2008-09.

Asked by : Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply :

As at 6 March 2008, there were 89 IPCC Observers comprising 18 IPCC Members and 71 Lay Observers. The resources involved are mainly in the form of travelling allowances payable to the Lay Observers. In 2007-08 (up to 6 March 2008), 250 observations involving 183 complaint cases were conducted by IPCC Observers; and about \$35,700 was paid to the Lay Observers as travelling allowances.

The estimated number of IPCC Observers and number of observations made in 2008-09 are not available as serving Observers may retire while additional Observers may be appointed during the year. Expenditure on travelling allowances to be incurred in 2008-09 would depend on the number of observations made and the rate of travelling allowances payable. The current rate of the allowance is \$180 for each visit.

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Name in block letters PHILOMENA LEUNG

Secretary, Independent

Post Title Police Complaints Council

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**SB114**

Head: 166 – Government Flying Service    Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

**0903**

Programme:            Government Flying Service

Controlling Officer: Controller, Government Flying Service

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

The 2008 Olympic Equestrian Events will be staged in Hong Kong this summer. Please advise if the Government Flying Service will be required to provide support in carrying VIPs and coping with possible contingencies during this sports event. If yes, will the Government increase the relevant provision in the 2008-09 financial year and how much will it be?

Asked by: Hon. HO Chung-tai, Raymond

Reply:

The Government Flying Service (GFS) will provide aviation support to the law enforcement agencies during the 2008 Olympic and Paralympic Equestrian Events. GFS will absorb the costs involved from within its 2008-09 financial provision.

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**BRIAN BUTT**

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

Controller, Government Flying Service

Date \_\_\_\_\_

26.3.2008

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**SB115**

Head: 166 – Government Flying Service      Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

**0904**

Programme:            Government Flying Service

Controlling Officer: Controller, Government Flying Service

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

As Hong Kong is actively developing the market of cruise terminal, the number of cruise vessels plying in Hong Kong and neighboring waters would increase as a result. Please advise if it is necessary for the Government Flying Service to enhance its offshore search and rescue services for support purpose. If yes, will the Government increase the provision concerned in the 2008-09 financial year and what is the amount so involved?

Asked by: Hon. HO Chung-tai, Raymond

Reply:

Our operational experience has shown that requests for search and rescue service from cruise vessels are relatively infrequent. The 2008-09 financial provision should be able to cater for such requests. Meanwhile, the Government Flying Service will periodically review its capability in meeting the demand for off-shore search and rescue service to ensure the efficient and effective delivery of such service.

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**BRIAN BUTT**

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

Controller, Government Flying Service

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Reply Serial No.

**SB116**

Question Serial No.

2282

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 :

Under the Indicators of this programme, it is stated that one application for examination was not pursued in 2006 and 2007 each. What are the reasons for not pursuing those cases?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Wai-yip, Albert

Reply :

One application for examination was not pursued in 2006 and 2007 each because they were not pursued by the applicants.

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Name in block letters	MISS CHENG WAI FUNG
Post Title	Secretary, Secretariat, Commissioner on Interception of Communications and Surveillance
Date	20.3.2008

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**SB117**

Question Serial No.

2283

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 :

Under the Indicators of the Programme, the Government says that the number of weekly reports received from the law enforcement agencies (LEAs) in 2007 is 208. What are the numbers of reports from the respective LEAs in 2007? What are the natures of these reports?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Wai-yip, Albert

Reply :

In 2007, law enforcement agencies governed by the Interception of Communications and Surveillance Ordinance (namely Hong Kong Police Force, Independent Commission Against Corruption, Customs and Excise Department and Immigration Department) have each submitted 52 weekly reports to the Commissioner on Interception of Communications and Surveillance, that is 208 weekly reports in total. The weekly reports are mainly to provide 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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Secretary, Secretariat,

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Commissioner on Interception of  
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**SB118**

Question Serial No.

2324

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 :

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). How many cases of illegal interception of communications and covert surveillance by LEAs were there for the period from 1.1.2007 to 31.12.2007? What LEAs and officers were involved? What were the illegal acts? Please give figures by categories.

Asked by : Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply :

The Commissioner on Interception of Communications and Surveillance ('the Commissioner') is required under the Interception of Communications and Surveillance Ordinance to set out in his annual report to the Chief Executive the number and broad nature of any cases of irregularities or errors identified in the reviews during the report period. The relevant information for the period from 1.1.2007 to 31.12.2007 will therefore be included in the Commissioner's annual report for 2007.

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MISS CHENG WAI FUNG

Secretary, Secretariat,

Post Title

Commissioner on Interception of  
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Reply Serial No.

**SB119**

Question Serial No.

2325

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 :

The number of visits conducted by the Secretariat to law enforcement agencies for checking purpose in 2006 and 2007 were 8 and 33 respectively while the estimated number for 2008 is also 33. Will it consider increasing the number of visits for checking purpose? If yes, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons? Is it because of insufficient financial resources?

Asked by : Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply :

The Commissioner on Interception of Communications and Surveillance will visit law enforcement agencies (LEAs) for checking purpose on a regular basis to ensure full compliance with the relevant requirements of the Interception of Communications and Surveillance Ordinance by LEAs. The figure of 33 visits in 2008 is only an estimate. The actual number of visits will be determined in the light of operational needs.

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Secretary, Secretariat,

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**SB120**

Question Serial No.

2326

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 staff establishment of the Secretariat, Commissioner on Interception of Communications and Surveillance, please provide a breakdown of the number of staff, the ranks/functions as well as the salary 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 2008-09 is \$7.16 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	<hr/> 17

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Name in block letters MISS CHENG WAI FUNG

Post Title Secretary, Secretariat,  
Commissioner on Interception of  
Communications and Surveillance

Date 20.3.2008

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Reply Serial No.

**SB121**

Question Serial No.

0792

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 :

There are currently only 16 staff members in the Secretariat, Commissioner on Interception of Communications and Surveillance. Can the existing manpower cope with the operational needs? If not, how to deploy the manpower to meet the needs?

Asked by : Hon. TONG Ka-wah, Ronny

Reply :

The Secretariat, Commissioner on Interception of Communications and Surveillance (the Secretariat) 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 Secretariat will review its establishment from time to time to ensure that there is sufficient manpower to meet operational needs.

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MISS CHENG WAI FUNG

Secretary, Secretariat,

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Commissioner on Interception of  
Communications and Surveillance

Date

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Reply Serial No.

**SB122**

Question Serial No.

2514

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 2008-09, what will be the expenses incurred and manpower allocated to implement the Hong Kong Civil Aviation Security Training Programme in accordance with Annex 17 of ICAO on aviation security?

Asked by: Hon. YOUNG Howard

Reply:

The Hong Kong Civil Aviation Security Training Programme (HKCASTP) sets out the training standards and requirements that airport operators, aircraft operators, aircraft catering supplies and stores operators, and other relevant organisations are required to meet in training their personnel involved with or responsible for the implementation of the Hong Kong Aviation Security Programme. The Airport Standards Division of the Civil Aviation Department (CAD) is responsible for developing, implementing and maintaining the HKCASTP, and monitoring the compliance of such operators and organizations with the HKCASTP through security audits and inspections which are conducted on a regular basis. The above work is undertaken by CAD's existing staff as part of their normal duties under its Airport Standards Programme. There is no separate breakdown on the expenses incurred and manpower allocated for this particular duty.

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**NORMAN LO**

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

**Director-General of Civil Aviation**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**SB123**

Question Serial  
No.

1007

Head : 33 Civil Engineering and Development Department      Subhead :

Programme : (2) Port and Marine Facilities

Controlling Officer : Director of Civil Engineering and Development

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

During 2008-09, the Civil Engineering and Development Department will continue the construction of the berthing facilities on Stonecutters Island. In this connection, please provide details about the following:

- (1) What is the progress of works and anticipated date of completion of the project mentioned above?
- (2) How much is the expenditure in 2008-09 for the project mentioned above?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

The Civil Engineering and Development Department is responsible for the construction of the berthing facilities, as part of the larger project of the Fire Services Department to construct a Diving Training Centre in the Government Dockyard on Stonecutters Island.

We are now constructing the foundation of the berthing facilities. Construction works are expected to be completed within the first half of 2009.

The estimated expenditure for the works in 2008-09 is \$3.7 million.

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Name in block letters JOHN S V CHAI

Post Title Director of Civil Engineering and Development

Date 25.3.2008

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No.

**SB124**

Question Serial No.

1436

Head: 37 Department of Health

Subhead (No. &  
title):

Programme: (6) Treatment of Drug Abusers

Controlling Officer: Director of Health

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

The provision for Government sector will be reduced by 0.8% from \$35.9 million in 2007-08 to \$35.6 million in 2008-09. What are the reasons for this?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Yuen-han

Reply:

The reduction of 0.8%, or \$0.3 million, in provision is a small funding variation. There will neither be changes to the scope nor the level of services to be provided under this Programme.

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

**Dr P Y LAM**

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

**Director of Health**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Reply Serial No.

**SB125**

Question Serial No.

0619

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:

In view of the ever changing pattern of drug abuse, what strategies and plan do the Administration have in 2008-09 to promote and help those in need to receive treatment? What is the amount of resources and manpower earmarked? Will the Administration consider increasing the number of residential treatment quotas in order to meet community needs?

Asked by: Hon. KWOK Ka-ki

Reply:

The Department of Health (DH) contributes towards Government's overall strategy in tackling the drug abuse problem. Apart from the availability of counselling and treatment services for drug abusers in its 20 methadone clinics, DH also subvents three non-government organisations to provide a total of 442 beds in six residential treatment and rehabilitation centres. In addition, DH promotes healthy lifestyle and educates the public, especially the young and students, on the harmful effects of drug abuse.

The revised estimate for 2007-08 was \$124.3 million and the provision for 2008-09 will be \$124.6 million. DH deploys 29 full-time staff and 160 part-time staff to serve in its methadone clinics, while the six subvented residential centres employ about 220 staff.

There is no plan to increase the number of quotas at present. DH will continue to monitor the need for such services.

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Name in block letters Dr P Y LAM

Post Title Director of Health

Date 19.3.2008

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Reply Serial No.

**SB126**

Question Serial No.

2408

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:

In 2007, there were increases in the Society for the Aid and Rehabilitation of Drug Abusers (SARDA)'s inpatient treatment course completion rate, the detoxification rate and the rehabilitation rate when compared with those in 2006.

Would the Government advise :

1. the breakdown of patients receiving SARDA's inpatient treatment courses by sex and age;
2. in relation to the above breakdown, its measures to address the increasing number of drug abusers; and
3. the cost and effectiveness of detoxification and rehabilitation.

Asked by: Hon. LEE Kok-long, Joseph

Reply:

The distribution of patients by age and sex in residential drug treatment centres operated by SARDA in 2007 is listed below –

Age	Number of Abusers Admitted		
	Male	Female	Total
Age under 21	24	29	53
Age 21 or above	1 377	95	1 472
Total	1 401	124	1 525

The Department of Health (DH) will continue to provide methadone maintenance and detoxification treatment, and subvent three non-government organisations (including SARDA) to provide residential treatment and rehabilitation programmes. It will also continue to promote healthy lifestyle and educate the public, especially the young and students, about the harmful effects of drug abuse.

The subvention for SARDA in 2007-08 was \$78.4 million. The performance of SARDA's detoxification and rehabilitation programmes has been measured against the set target completion rate (i.e. 70% and 60% respectively) of the respective inpatient treatment courses. The actual rates were 82% for detoxification and 73% for rehabilitation in 2007.

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Name in block letters Dr P Y LAM

Post Title Director of Health

Date 19.3.2008

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**SB127**

Question Serial No.

2409

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:

When compared with 2006, there were decreases in both the number of patients registered with methadone clinics and the average daily attendances in 2007, and the estimated figures in 2008 are the same as those in 2007.

Would the Government advise on-

1. the reason(s) for the decreases in the number of patients registered with methadone clinics and also the average daily attendances at methadone clinics;
2. the breakdown of patients attending methadone clinics by sex and age; and
3. the cost and effectiveness of the services provided by methadone clinics.

Asked by: Hon. LEE Kok-long, Joseph

Reply:

The decrease in the number of registered patients and the average daily attendance at methadone clinics in 2007 was due to a decreasing trend for heroin abuse.

In 2007, there were 7 108 male and 1 051 female patients, the vast majority of whom (99.7%) were over 21 years old.

The unit cost of methadone clinic service at 2007-08 price level was \$23 per attendance. Hong Kong's methadone clinic service has a good coverage of heroin abusers and the treatment compliance has been satisfactory. The average attendance rate was about 75% in the past few years. Drug users who regularly patronise methadone clinic service have been found to have less criminal convictions, higher employment status and better family relationships than those outside the programme. Moreover, the methadone clinic service has contributed towards a low and stable prevalence of HIV infection among drug abusers in Hong Kong over the years.

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Name in block letters Dr P Y LAM

Post Title Director of Health

Date 19.3.2008

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Reply Serial No.

**SB128**

Question Serial No.

2048

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 : Under this Programme, the Administration will provide preventive and rehabilitative services for drug abusers through non-medical voluntary drug treatment and rehabilitation centres (DTRCs), counselling centres for psychotropic substance abusers (CCPSAs), social clubs and halfway houses (HwHs) for discharges from DTRCs. Would the Administration please inform this Committee:

- (1) of the annual subsidies provided for each service unit mentioned above from 2003-04 to 2007-08, the percentage of the subsidies over the total expenditure of each service unit and the number of service users as well as the service targets?
- (2) whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will provide additional resources for the above service units to improve and enhance their services in 2008-09? Please also provide the details with reasons.

Asked by : Hon. KWOK Ka-ki

Reply : (1) At present, the non-governmental organisations (NGOs) operating non-medical voluntary DTRCs, CCPSAs and social clubs are subvented under the Lump Sum Grant (LSG) mode while the HwHs are operated under the Model Cost mode. The annual subventions received by the NGOs for the respective provision of preventive and rehabilitative services are set out below :-

Services	2003-04 (\$ million)	2004-05 (\$ million)	2005-06 (\$ million)	2006-07 (\$ million)	2007-08 Revised Estimate (\$ million)
DTRCs	11.4	10.8	10.5	12.6	14.0
CCPSAs	17.4	16.6	16.2	16.3	20.8
Social Club	4.1	3.9	3.8	3.9	4.1
HwHs	2.9	2.5	2.4	2.5	2.7

While the NGOs operating under LSG mode are given full flexibility of using resources to meet their operational needs, they may also secure resources of their own through applications for various funds or raising donations. SWD does not have percentage breakdowns between government subventions and agency 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 occupancy, average caseload, and successful completion of case plan/drug-free programme etc. The respective number of persons served by the aforesaid services is given as follows :-

Services	Number of Persons Served				
	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08 (Apr-Dec 07)
DTRCs	<i>Note<sup>1</sup></i>	546	554	601	563
CCPSAs	1 047	1 260	1 083	1 057	760
Social Club	801	898	839	856	877
HwHs <i>Note<sup>2</sup></i>	115 %	108 %	111 %	112 %	Service figures not yet available

Note 1: The data on “number of persons served” were captured under output/outcome standards in the Statistical Information System Form. For DTRCs service, the data were captured only since 2004-05.

Note 2: HwH is subvented under Model Cost mode. The figures represent the average utilisation rate.

(2) Starting in 2007-08, SWD has provided an additional recurrent provision of \$3.7 million per annum for the existing five CCPSAs to strengthen their outreaching services, early intervention work, and collaboration with concerned stakeholders for effective preventive and rehabilitation programmes etc. In the light of the rising trend of youth drug abuse, SWD has earmarked additional resources to enhance various designated drug treatment and rehabilitation services as well as core youth services. These new initiatives in 2008-09 include -

Items	Amount (\$ million)
Setting up 2 new CCPSAs	7.3
Enhancement in social worker posts	
• 16 additional Social Work Assistant posts under Outreaching Social Work	4.1
• 18 additional Social Work Assistant posts under Young Night Drifter Services	5.8
• 5 additional Assistant Social Work Officer posts under Community Support Service Scheme	2.3

Items	Amount (\$ million)
Enhancement in residential services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 101 additional residential places in subvented DTRCs</li> <li>• 40 additional places in Boys' and Girls' Homes with School for Social Development</li> </ul>	7.6 3.5
Total	30.6

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Reply Serial No.

**SB129**

Question Serial No.

1083

Head : 703 Buildings                      Subhead : 3050JA Purchase of surplus Home Ownership Scheme flats for reprovisioning departmental quarters for the disciplined services

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Architectural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question : What is the progress of the project under Subhead 3050JA "Purchase of surplus Home Ownership Scheme flats for reprovisioning departmental quarters for the disciplined services"? How many flats have been purchased and which departmental quarters for the disciplined services have been reprovisioned so far? When is the project expected to complete?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Chin-shek

Reply : The Government had purchased 4 304 flats in four Home Ownership Scheme developments namely, Yau Mei Court, Ko Cheung Court, Kwai Fuk Court and Kwai Yung Court. The fitting-out works for these flats were completed in mid 2005. All the 4 304 flats were subsequently allocated in the same year to five disciplined services, namely, the Hong Kong Police Force, the Fire Services Department, the Customs and Excise Department, the Immigration Department and the Correctional Services Department. These flats were used to reprovision 11 leased quarters and 4 293 old or sub-standard quarters in 15 sites all over the territories. Demolition of the vacated disciplined services quarters is in progress. The whole project is anticipated to be completed in 2014 upon payment of the last instalment to the Housing Authority.

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**SB130**

Question Serial No.

1523

Head : 703 – Buildings      Subhead : 3234LP    Redevelopment of Police Headquarters at Arsenal Street, Wan Chai (Arsenal Yard phase 3 development) – stage 2

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Architectural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question : The estimate provision for the project 3234LP has been reduced from \$40,000,000 in 2007-08 to \$1,000,000 in 2008-09. What are the reasons for such a reduction in the Estimates? Will there be possible delays for this project?

Asked by : Hon. SHEK Lai-him, Abraham

Reply : The project was completed in 2004, and the new headquarters building has been occupied by the client and in full operation.

The much smaller estimated expenditure in 2008-09 is mainly for the settlement of the final account with the contractor. All payments will be made and the project account will be finalised in 2008-09.

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Reply Serial No.

**SB131**

Question Serial No.

1071

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. &  
title):

Programme: 12204 - Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

What were the numbers of police launches deployed to carry out patrol duty in the waters south of Lantau to curb illegal immigration and illegal fishing in 2005, 2006 and 2007 respectively? What were the daily patrol hours and frequency? What was the expenditure incurred?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Wai-yip, Albert

Reply:

In 2005, 2006 and 2007, there were on average 2 to 3 police launches deployed on daily 24-hour patrol in the waters of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region south of Lantau. They carried out routine policing duties, including the combat against illegal immigration and illegal fishing.

The patrol of police launches falls under the Programme of "Operations" and no detailed breakdown of the estimated expenditure in this regard is available.

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**SB132**

Question Serial No.

2436

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 expenditure incurred in handling the obscene photo incident from January to February in 2008?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Wai-yip, Albert

Reply:

The expenditure for handling the cases concerned falls under the Programme of "Prevention and Detection of Crime". The Police Force have not maintained a breakdown of the expenditure for the work.

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**SB133**

Question Serial No.

0037

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:

Among the number of violent crimes reported in 2006 and 2007, how many cases involved domestic violence?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Yuen-han

Reply:

The statistics of the reported domestic violence cases handled by the Police in 2006 and 2007 are shown as below:

<b>Domestic violence cases by type</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>As compared with 2006</b>
<b>Criminal cases</b>	1 811	2 505	+694 (+38.3%)
<b>Miscellaneous cases</b>	2 893	5 004	+2 111 (+73.0%)
<b>Total</b>	<b>4 704</b>	<b>7 509</b>	<b>+2 805 (+59.6%)</b>

*Note: (1) A domestic violence case refers to "any incident involving an assault or breach of the peace between parties who could be generally be described as married or having a family relationship". "Married or having a family relationship" refers to married, separated or divorced couples, heterosexual co-habitants and lovers.*

*(2) Criminal cases include murder, manslaughter, wounding, serious assault, rape, indecent assault, criminal intimidation, criminal damage and possession of offensive weapon etc.*

*(3) Miscellaneous cases generally include incidents involving a breach of the peace, e.g. conflicts, common assault or requests for police assistance/investigation etc.*

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**SB134**

Question Serial No.

0038

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:

Will there be any separate indicator for domestic violence due to its continuous increase?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Yuen-han

Reply:

The Police have been attaching great importance and paying much attention to the problem of domestic violence. In order to affirm the Police's commitment to handle and investigate all domestic violence cases in a professional manner, combating domestic violence continues to be one of the Commissioner's Operational Priorities in 2008. The handling of domestic violence cases is an integral part of the fight against violent crimes. As domestic violence cases of a criminal nature have been included in the overall crime figures or figures of violent crimes reported, no separate indicator is required. The Police will continue to closely monitor the trend and situation of domestic violence cases, and will conduct a comprehensive review of the existing enhanced measures on the handling of domestic violence. On the other hand, the Police will also continue to adopt a "cross departmental" and "multi-disciplinary" approach and co-operate with the Social Welfare Department, other government departments and non-governmental organisations to handle domestic violence cases.

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**SB135**

Question Serial No.

1488

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. &  
title):

Programme: 12201 - Maintenance of Law and Order in the Community  
12202 - Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Regarding the adoption of "a multi-agency approach to address the problems of juvenile delinquency and youth involvement in crime and drugs", what are the manpower and the expenditure involved in various programmes?

Asked by: Hon. Cheung Man-kwong

Reply:

To address juvenile delinquency and youth drug abuse, each year, the Police organise about 50 activities in a "multi-agency" approach, which involve police officers of various police regions and police districts. The police officers mainly responsible for implementing the programmes include officers of the Regional Crime Prevention Offices and the District Police Community Relations Offices as well as a number of police volunteers. Regarding the actual manpower, the Police do not maintain the exact statistics

The above work falls under the Programmes of "Maintenance of Law and Order in the Community" and "Prevention and Detection of Crime". The Police do not maintain a breakdown of the expenditure in this regard.

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**SB136**

Question Serial No.

1489

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. &  
title):

Programme: 12201 - Maintenance of Law and Order in the Community  
12202 - Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

- (a) Between the school years of 2005-06 and 2007-08, what was the number of inquiries involving school drug abuse or narcotics and what was the number of cases prosecuted each year?
- (b) Under the School Liaison Officer Programme, how many inquiries involved drug abuse or narcotics cases or help-seeking cases received between the school years of 2005-06 and 2007-08?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Man-kwong

Reply:

- (a) (i) The number of serious cases involving narcotics in schools is as follows:

	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>
Number of cases	3	4	9
Number of students involved	6	5	12

- (ii) The number of other cases involving narcotics in schools (such as the possession of a small quantity of drugs or drug abuse) is as follows:

	<b>2007</b>
Number of cases	9
Number of students involved	25

The number of cases and students involved in 2005 and 2006 is not available.

The number of cases prosecuted was the same as the number of cases mentioned above. The number of students prosecuted was the same as the number of students involved mentioned above. The Police Force do not maintain the number of inquiries concerning the school narcotics problem.

- (b) The Police's School Liaison Officers receive various types of assistance-seeking cases from time to time. The Police Force do not maintain the number of such cases involving narcotics. In respect of the cases involving narcotics, School Liaison Officers will take immediate action, and refer the cases to the Anti-triad Sections or the Special Duty Squads for follow-up where necessary.

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**SB137**

Question Serial No.

1490

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. &  
title):

Programme: 12201 - Maintenance of Law and Order in the Community  
12202 - Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

- (a) How to improve the effectiveness and efficiency in tackling juvenile delinquency and youth crime?
- (b) The numbers of juveniles and young persons arrested almost doubled in 2007, what were the reasons? What were the figures in respect of cross-boundary narcotics crimes? How many of them were juveniles and how many were young persons?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Man-kwong

Reply:

- (a) In order to tackle juvenile delinquency and improve the effectiveness in the fight against youth crime, the Police adopt a multi-agency approach and develop various strategies to address juvenile delinquency. The strategies mainly focus on three directions: prevention, combating and graduated sanction, which aim at deterring first-time offenders and reducing juvenile recidivism.

In respect of prevention, a multi-disciplinary approach is adopted by various districts/formations to organise youth initiatives/projects to prevent juvenile delinquency. At present, over 50 youth initiatives/projects are launched by the Police at different levels of the Force/regions/districts.

To prevent primary and secondary school students from committing crimes, the Police have created 33 Secondary School Liaison Officer and 25 School Liaison Officer posts to provide a communication platform for the Police, school management and school community to prevent juvenile delinquency in schools. The School Liaison Officer will conduct talks in primary and secondary schools regularly and interview problematic students identified by schools on a small group or individual basis for an early intervention to assist students concerned to build up positive values and observe discipline. In 2008-09, the Force will increase 27 School Liaison Officer posts to enhance the communication between the Police and schools and to focus on combating crimes such as drug trafficking and drug abuse committed by children and youths.

In respect of the fighting against the drug problem, the Government adopts a multi-pronged strategy, namely legislation and law enforcement, anti-drug education and publicity, drug treatment and rehabilitation services, as well as research and external cooperation. On one hand, the Administration seeks to reduce the youths' demand for drugs through education and publicity. On the other hand, the Administration also curbs the supply of drugs through enforcement actions. The Force implements the related measures 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.

The Police conduct regular law enforcement actions in places of public entertainment frequented by youths mainly targeting at drug traffickers providing drugs in those places. If the mode of management of the places is found to be conducive to drug trafficking, the Police will request the relevant authorities to suspend their licenses. The Police will suggest to the authority concerned to set the minimum age requirement under individual licensing condition as appropriate to prevent children and youths from entering such places.

In 2008-09, the Police will set up a Narcotics Intelligence Team consisting of 1 Sergeant and 3 Police Constables. The team will be responsible for carrying out internet patrol against narcotics offences, gathering intelligence concerning exchanges of drug trafficking and drug abuse information through the internet, in particular collecting evidence about the use of the internet network as a platform for drug trafficking, to facilitate appropriate arrest actions.

Regarding arrested or unruly children and youths, the Police will provide support and assistance, and refer the cases to the Social Welfare department (SWD) and the Education Bureau for follow-up where necessary. In order to specially address youths under the Police Superintendent's Discretion Scheme (PSDS), from 1 October 2003 onwards, for youths who have been assessed to be in need of services from at least three organisations or cautioned under the PSDS for more than once, with parental consent, the Police will refer such cases to SWD for the consideration of holding a "Family Conference". The purpose of the Conference is to bring together the professionals concerned to jointly assess the needs of youths and to draw up an appropriate follow-up plan. To strengthen multi-disciplinary collaboration and to provide more appropriate youth support services, the Police joined hands with SWD and the other government departments to conduct a comprehensive review of the operation of the "Family Conference" and released new guidelines for the Conference on 1 January 2007.

The Police also reviewed the PSDS in October 2007. Under the existing practice, the youths arrested for narcotics offence are required to undergo a urine test with parental consent to confirm whether there is any habit of taking drugs before being cautioned by Superintendents. Most of the cases under the PSDS will be followed up by the Juvenile Protection Section (JPS) to prevent youth recidivism. In 2008-09, the Police will allocate additional manpower and resources to enhance the services of the JPS.

- (b) The numbers of juveniles and young persons arrested doubled in 2007 mainly because the Police stepped up their raids against places of public entertainment frequented by youths, and carried out major targeted operations in the year from time to time with a view to bringing the drug traffickers to justice. In addition, the Police have also expanded their intelligence network, thus the effectiveness of enforcement was enhanced.

In 2007, there were 64 cases involving cross-boundary narcotics crimes. A total of 79 persons were arrested, of which 2 were youths.

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**SB138**

Question Serial No.

0299

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. &  
title):

000 Operational Expenses

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Regarding the studies (including in-house studies or those entrusted to consultants) conducted by the department for the purposes of formulating and evaluating policies, please provide the relevant information in the following format:

- (1) For the projects that have reserved funds for conducting consultancy studies in 2007-08, please provide information in the following format:

Name of Consultant (if any)	Content	Revised Estimates (\$)	Progress of Studies (under planning / in progress / completed)	The follow-ups taken by the Administration on the study reports and their progress (if any)	If completed, have they been released to the public? If yes, through which channels? If no, what are the reasons?

- (2) Is there any project that will reserve funds for conducting consultancy study in 2008-09? If yes, please provide the following information:

Name of Consultant (if any)	Content	Expenditures (\$)	Progress of Studies (under planning / in progress / completed)	Will the studies be released to the public if they are expected to be completed in the 2008-09 financial year? If yes, through which channels? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. EU Yuet-mee, Audrey

Reply:

The Force did not conduct any consultancy study for the purposes of formulating and evaluating policies in 2007-08. The Force have not reserved any funds in 2008-09 for conducting consultancy study for the purposes of formulating and evaluating policies.

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**SB139**

Question Serial No.

0924

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 numbers of juveniles and young persons arrested for serious narcotics offence have increased significantly since 2006, with the number of juveniles increased from 52 to 111 and the number of young persons increased from 402 to 811.

- (a) Please list the offences by category and the numbers of juveniles and young persons involved.
- (b) Do the Police Force allocate additional provision to handle the youth drug problem in light of the increase in the above figures?

Asked by: Hon. HO Chun-yan, Albert

Reply:

- (a) The numbers of juveniles and young persons arrested for serious narcotics offence in 2006 and 2007 are as follows:

	Age Group			
	<u>Aged 10-15</u>		<u>Aged 16-20</u>	
	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
Drug Manufacturing	0	0	0	8
Drug Trafficking	26	48	159	249
Possession of Drugs (cases involving a larger amount of drugs)	26	61	243	549
Other Serious Narcotics Offences	0	2	0	5
All Serious Narcotics Offences	52	111	402	811

- (b) In line with the commitment of the Administration to address the youth drug problem, the Police Force will increase manpower and resources to strengthen its intelligence gathering, the Police School Liaison Programme and the services of the Juvenile Protection Section under the Police Superintendent's Discretion Scheme.

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**SB140**

Question Serial No.

0925

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:

- (a) What were the total expenditures on the handling of the youth drug problem in the past three financial years respectively? What were the main measures adopted and the breakdown of the expenditures?
- (b) What is the total expenditure on the handling of the youth drug problem in the 2008-09 Estimates? What are the main measures to be taken and the breakdown of the expenditure?

Asked by: Hon. HO Chun-yan, Albert

Reply:

- (a) The handling of the youth drug problem falls under the Programme of "Prevention and Detection of Crime". The Police Force do not maintain a breakdown of the expenditure.

In the past three financial years, the Police adopted a multi-agency approach in developing and implementing strategies to address juvenile delinquency. The strategies mainly focused on three directions: prevention, combating and graduated sanction, which aimed at deterring first-time offenders and reducing youth recidivism.

In respect of prevention, the Police exerted great effort on education and publicity to reduce youths' demand for drugs. A multi-disciplinary approach was adopted by various police districts/formations to organise youth initiatives/projects to prevent juvenile delinquency. At present, over 50 youth initiatives/projects were launched by the Police at different levels of the Force/regions/districts.

Moreover, to prevent primary and secondary school students from committing crimes, the Police created 33 Secondary School Liaison Officer and 25 School Liaison Officer posts to provide a communication platform for the Police, school management and school community to prevent juvenile delinquency in schools. The School Liaison Officer would interview the problematic students identified by schools on a small group or individual basis for an early intervention to assist students concerned to build up positive values and observe discipline.

In the meantime, the Police also conducted talks in primary and secondary schools regularly in support of the anti-drug education and publicity work of the Narcotics Division of the Security Bureau so as to disseminate anti-drug messages to youths.

In respect of combating, the Police implemented the strategies 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.

The Police conducted regular law enforcement actions in places of public entertainment frequented by youths, mainly targeting at drug traffickers providing drugs in those places. If the mode of management of the places was found to be conducive to drug trafficking, the Police would request the relevant authorities to suspend their licenses. The Police would also suggest the authority concerned to set a minimum age requirement under individual licensing condition as appropriate to prevent children from entering such places.

In respect of graduated sanction, the Police applied the Police Superintendent's Discretion Scheme (PSDS) according to the seriousness of youth narcotics cases. The Police reviewed the PSDS in October 2007. Under the existing practice, youths arrested for narcotics crime are required to undergo a urine test with parental consent to confirm whether there is any habit of drug abuse before being cautioned by the Superintendents. Most of the cases under the PSDS will be followed up by the Juvenile Protection Section to prevent youth recidivism.

- (b) The handling of the youth drug problem falls under the Programme of "Prevention and Detection of Crime". The Police Force do not maintain a breakdown of the expenditure.

Apart from the above measures, the Police will also increase resources to handle the youth drug problem in 2008-09. Details are as follows:

- (i) the Police will set up a Narcotics Intelligence Team consisting of 1 Sergeant and 3 Police Constables. The team will be responsible for carrying out internet patrol against narcotics offences, gathering intelligence concerning exchanges of drug-trafficking and drug-abuse information through the internet, in particular collecting evidence about the use of the internet as a platform for drug trafficking, to facilitate appropriate arrest actions;
- (ii) the Police will increase 27 School Liaison Officer posts to enhance the communication between the Police and schools and focus on combating crimes such as drug trafficking and drug abuse committed by children and youths; and
- (iii) the Police will increase a total of 1 Sergeant and 5 Police Constables in the Regional Juvenile Protection Sections to cope with the increased workload under the PSDS.

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**SB141**

Question Serial No.

0926

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 worked with various organisations to address the problem of youth crime in the previous year. What were the details of the projects and activities, and the expenditure involved? What are the details of the projects and the estimated expenditure for 2008-09?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

The Police are committed to developing and implementing strategies to tackle juvenile delinquency through a multi-agency approach. Details are as follows:

- at the central level, the Police participate in various committees (e.g. Standing Committee on Young Offenders and Committee on Services for Youth at Risk ) to assist in developing government policies on young offenders and participate in joint deliberation on 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 the Social Welfare Department (SWD) to jointly plan and implement cross-departmental cooperation programmes.

In order to strengthen the support and assistance to arrested or unruly children and youths, the Police have implemented a series of measures, including the extension of the service of the Juvenile Protection Section (JPS) to unruly children under 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 and strengthening of referral procedures among the Police, SWD and the Education Bureau (EDB).

With parental consent, the Police will refer the youths cautioned under the Police Superintendent's Discretion Scheme (PSDS) to one or more appropriate organisations, including SWD, EDB or JPS of the Police, for follow-up and support services. If the Police believe that physical or psychological well-being of the youths may be in jeopardy, they will be referred even without parental consent.

Regarding youths who have been cautioned under the PSDS and assessed to be in need of follow-up services from at least three organisations and youths who have been cautioned under the PSDS for more than once, starting from 1 October 2003, the Police will refer such cases to SWD for the consideration of holding a "Family Conference" with parental consent. The purposes of the Conference are to bring together the professionals concerned to jointly assess the needs of youths cautioned under the PSDS and to draw up an appropriate follow-up plan. To strengthen

multi-disciplinary collaboration and to provide more appropriate youth support services, the Police joined hands with SWD and other government departments to conduct a full review of the operation of the “Family Conference” and released new guidelines for the Conference on 1 January 2007.

In 2008-09, the Police will increase a total of 1 Sergeant and 5 Police Constables in the Regional Juvenile Protection Sections to strengthen the support for youths cautioned under the PSDS. Moreover, in respect of the youth crime prevention work, the Police will continue to collaborate with various community organisations in providing counselling services to students with problems and organise recreational activities to enhance their civic awareness, sense of responsibility and self-discipline. At present, there are about 50 youth initiatives launched by the Police under the multi-agency approach, all with the objectives of instilling a sense of discipline among youths, preventing juvenile delinquency and reducing the rate of recidivism through the organisation of various activities, including the “Smart Teen Challenge Project” jointly conducted with EDB since 2000.

On the other hand, in order to prevent primary and secondary school students from committing crimes, the Police created 33 Secondary School Liaison Officer and 25 School Liaison Officer posts to provide a communication platform for the Police, school management and school community to prevent juvenile delinquency in schools. The School Liaison Officer will interview problematic students identified by schools on a small group or individual basis for early intervention to assist students concerned to build up positive values and observe disciplines. In 2008-09, the Force will increase 27 posts to enhance the communication between the Police and schools, and to strengthen the combat against the crimes of drug trafficking and drug abuse committed by children and youths. The adoption of a multi-agency approach to address juvenile delinquency falls under the Programme of “Maintenance of Law and Order in the Community”. The Force does not maintain a breakdown of the expenditure in this regard.

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Reply Serial No.

**SB142**

Question Serial No.

0927

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 resources did the Force invest in the production of TV programmes "Police Magazine" and "Police Bulletin" in Chinese and "Police Report" in English in last year? Did the Force conduct any survey on the production standard, including the effectiveness of conveying the messages of the programmes to the public and the audience rating, to ensure the cost-effectiveness of the TV programmes? What is the estimated expenditure for the production of the TV programmes in 2008-09?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

The Force is committed to producing high-quality programmes so as to disseminate fight crime messages to the public and keep the public abreast of prevalent modus operandi and trends of crimes.

The production and relevant costs of "Police Magazine" (in Chinese) and "Police Report" (in English) are borne by the Radio Television Hong Kong (RTHK). The production cost of the subtitles in the programmes is borne by the Force. The estimate in this regard in 2007-08 was \$130,000. The TV programme "Police Bulletin" is a joint project with the Cable TV. The Force is not required to bear any cost. Besides, two Senior Inspectors of Police and one Police Constable are responsible for research work for the production of this programme and assisting the filming of all TV programmes. The estimated annual expenditure is \$1.5 m. Thus, the total estimate in 2007-08 was \$1.63 m.

The Force does not commission any research company to conduct any survey on the programmes. However, according to the surveys conducted independently by the University of Hong Kong and by individual TV stations:

- (1) The average rating point was 5 when "Police Magazine" was broadcasted on ATV's HOME Channel in 2007; the average number of audience was 318 000. When the programme was broadcasted on TVB Jade Channel since February 2008, the average rating point was 16 and the average number of audience was 991 000. The two TV stations and the RTHK did not announce the results of the audience rating for "Police Report" in English.
- (2) According to the Television Appreciation Index Survey conducted by the Public Opinion Programme under the Social Sciences Research Centre of the University of Hong Kong on

all TV programmes in Hong Kong, "Police Magazine" was among the top 20 from 2003 to 2006. It reflected that the audiences' appreciation and recognition of the TV programme "Police Magazine" have maintained at a high level. The results of this survey in 2007 have not been announced.

(3) The Cable TV does not conduct audience rating survey on "Police Bulletin".

The estimated expenditure for 2008-09 is \$1.63 m and it is similar to the revised estimate for 2007-08.

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Question Serial No.

0928

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:

As the utilisation rates of Shenzhen Bay Port and Lok Ma Chau Spur Line did not meet the expected target rates, will the manpower of the two new Boundary Control Points be adjusted accordingly in 2008-09? If so, what are the manpower and resources involved?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

The utilisation rates of Shenzhen Bay Port and Lok Ma Chau Spur Line did not meet the expected target rates. It is a common phenomenon at the early stage of the opening of new facilities. The utilisation rates of these two Boundary Control Points (BCPs) show a marked rising trend recently. In 2008-09, the Force will continue to flexibly deploy police officers to BCPs according to the actual situation.

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0929

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 total number of raids conducted by the Force dropped to 8 788 in 2007 as compared with 2006. What were the reasons? What were the major types of crime involved in the decrease of raids?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

The raids conducted by the Force were primarily targeted at drugs, illegal gambling and vice activities. The drop in the number of raids conducted by the Force in 2007 as compared with 2006 was mainly due to:

- the active adoption of an intelligence-led strategy by the Force, and thus the raid operations were more strategic and the resources were pooled together more effectively to crack down on the target criminals and criminal syndicates;
- the success in combating and controlling vice activities which actively took place in different districts in 2007 resulted in the reduction of the needs for raids; and
- the effective enforcement by the Force against illegal gambling resulted in a lot of illegal bookmaking activities moving to overseas countries, and thus the corresponding reduction in need for raids.

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Question Serial No.

0930

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 community and voluntary services targeting at Junior Police Call members, please state the details of the specific activities, the expenditure involved and the number of young persons participated in the previous year. What is the estimated expenditure for 2008-09?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

In 2007-08, the Force encouraged Junior Police Call (JPC) members to participate in various types of community and voluntary services, including flag selling, charitable sale, sale of lottery tickets, elderly services, charitable walk, cleaning of seashore and other environmental protection activities.

JPC members participated in the activities on a voluntary basis and no payment or remuneration was involved. However, the Force will make suitable arrangements according to circumstances if transport or refreshment was not provided in an activity.

In 2007-08, nearly 13 000 JPC members participated in the above activities.

In 2008-09, JPC members will continue to participate in various types of community and voluntary services.

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 maintain a breakdown of the expenditure in this regard.

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Question Serial No.

0931

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:

- (a) Did the Force liaise with the local organisations and agencies concerned to discuss the prevention of cross-boundary youth drug abuse last year?
- (b) Did the Force join hands with other law enforcement agencies in Hong Kong on the prevention of cross-boundary youth drug abuse last year? Please state the specific operations and the results.
- (c) Did the Force liaise and cooperate with the relevant law enforcement authorities in the Mainland concerning the problem of cross-boundary drug abuse last year? If yes, please state the specific work and the authorities and agencies liaised.
- (d) Did the Force participate in the work meetings of the inter-departmental task force to tackle youth drug abuse last year? Please state the specific work and the discussion items.

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

- (a) Combating the trafficking and abuse of drugs is one of the Force Operational Priorities for 2008. The Police adopt a cross departmental co-operation approach in tackling the problem of cross-boundary youth drug abuse.

The Narcotics Bureau of the Police has been maintaining contact with the Narcotics Division of the Security Bureau and discusses the strategy jointly with other government departments such as the Education 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 youth drug abuse.

Police regions and police districts attach great importance to the problem of cross-boundary youth drug abuse and cooperate with other government departments and non-governmental organisations in the prevention, education and publicity aspects. For example, Border District of the Police regularly conduct education and publicity activities at the boundary crossings. The community leaders of the District Councils and the Fight Crime Committees also assist in distributing leaflets on the harmful effects of drug abuse to young people going to the Mainland at the boundary crossings in person.

- (b) As mentioned above, the Police adopt a cross departmental co-operation approach to tackle the problem of cross-boundary youth drug abuse. The cooperation with other local law enforcement agencies is an integral part of it.

Officers of the Hong Kong Police Force and the Customs and Excise Department conducted an anti cross-boundary drug trafficking operation between August and December 2007. Both sides exchanged intelligence and jointly cracked a total of 51 drug trafficking cases, arresting 60 persons and seizing 2.6 kg of heroin, 28 kg of ketamine, 4.5 kg of cocaine, 567 g of methamphetamine (ice), 1.7 kg of cannabis and 18 842 tablets of psychotropic substance with a total value of \$10.8 m.

- (c) In addition to the annual high level Tripartite CID Heads Meetings of Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macau, the Narcotics Bureau of the Police also conducts regular working meetings with Guangdong Provincial Public Security Department, Shenzhen Municipal Public Security Bureau and the Macau Police to formulate operational directions and exchange information and intelligence to tackle the problem of cross-boundary drug trafficking and drug abuse. The cooperation between the two sides has frequently succeeded in cutting off cross-boundary trafficking and arresting cross-boundary traffickers effectively.

The Police cooperated with Shenzhen Municipal Public Security Bureau to conduct a major operation against drug trafficking and abuse concurrently on both sides through publicity, education and law enforcement between 7 October and 15 December 2007. The Hong Kong side arrested a total of 333 persons and seized 1.7 kg of heroin, 5 kg of ketamine, 2 kg of cocaine, 549 g of methamphetamine, 2.5 kg of cannabis, 1 534 cannabis plants, 351 ecstasy-type tablets and 5 788 tablets of psychotropic substance.

- (d) In his 2007 Policy Address, the Chief Executive announced the appointment of the Secretary for Justice to lead a high level inter-departmental task force which will make use of the existing anti-crime and anti-narcotics networks to consolidate strategies to combat youth drug abuse from a holistic perspective. The members of the task force include representatives of the Police, as well as the bureaux and departments concerned. The task force held a number of meetings in the past few months, conducted in-depth studies of the problem and initially devised a series of short to medium term measures, including the allocation of additional manpower and resources to enhance the Police School Liaison Programme, intelligence gathering and the services of the Juvenile Protection Section under the Police Superintendent's Discretion Scheme.

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Question Serial No.

0932

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:

- (e) What was the total number of youths arrested for participation in cyber crimes last year? What were the main types of crime?
- (f) How will the Administration set objectives to deter youths from participating in cyber crimes and prevent the deterioration of such crimes in 2008-09? What is the estimated expenditure?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

- (a) A total of 13 youths were prosecuted for cyber crimes last year and they were mainly involved in the offence of "obtaining property by deception".
- (b) In respect of deterring youths from committing cyber crimes, the Police have been closely working with other Government departments and organisations. The Police organised the "Hong Kong Clean Personal Computer Day" with the Hong Kong Computer Emergency Response Team Coordination Centre and the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer in November 2007. This activity, which has been co-organised by the units concerned for three consecutive years, aims at raising public awareness, in particular among the youths, of cyber ethics and information security. In addition, the Police will continue to work in cooperation with various organisations to strengthen students' awareness of cyber ethics and 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 of the estimated expenditure in this regard is available.

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Question Serial No.

0933

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 were the specific publicity activities on crime prevention, anti-crime and the like implemented by the Force in the last year and what was the expenditure incurred? Did the Administration conduct any overall review on the appropriateness and coverage of the targets involved in the publicity programmes and activities on crime prevention, anti-crime and the like implemented in the past and their relevant effectiveness? What are the estimated expenditure and the details of the publicity programmes for 2008-09?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

In 2007-08, the Force spent a total of \$2.38 m on crime prevention publicity. The publicity programmes and activities were implemented by the Publicity Sub-committee (Sub-committee) under the Fight Crime Committee and the Crime Prevention Bureau (CPB) of the Force respectively. In respect of the publicity work of the Sub-committee, publicity activities were conducted on the themes of "Beware of Deceptions" and "Minding Your Belongings", which included Announcements of Public Interest, posters, leaflets, bus advertisements, publicity kick-off activities, advertisements on outdoor video walls, etc. The expenditure was \$1.62 m. The anti-crime publicity work of the CPB in 2007-08 included the following:

- (i) production of publicity leaflets and posters concerning household safety, vehicle crime, summer job pitfalls, advice to visitors from the Mainland on theft prevention, illegal fireworks, objects fell from height, etc (the expenditure was \$220,000).
- (ii) production of publicity posters and leaflets on telephone deceptions (the expenditure was \$300,000).
- (iii) production of promotional materials on the themes of safeguarding belongings and preventing deceptions (the expenditure was \$240,000).

The Police actively conduct regular reviews on crime prevention publicity programmes and activities, and quickly formulate publicity goals and plans having regard to the current trends and seriousness of the prevailing crimes, so as to ensure a speedy dissemination of messages to potential victims at all levels. For example, in response to the rising number of telephone deceptions, publicity and education for the targeted elderly are strengthened for crime prevention.

In January 2008, the Sub-committee conducted an assessment of the effectiveness of various

publicity activities carried out in 2007-08. It also mapped out the crime prevention strategy and themes for 2008-09 in light of the crime situation in 2007. The publicity programmes will adopt the themes of “Minding Your Belongings” and “Beware of Deceptions” to emphasise the prevention of street deceptions and pickpocketing. At the same time, in support of the high level inter-departmental task force led by the Secretary for Justice, the Force will promote the fight against juvenile drug abuse and conduct widespread publicity targetting at the problem. As for the CPB, in addition to special crime prevention publicity targetting at visitors coming to Hong Kong for the Olympic Equestrian Events, it will also arrange ongoing publicity activities concerning household safety, telephone deceptions, etc. In 2008-09, the Police have earmarked a sum of \$2.08 m for various crime prevention activities.

In order to support the above crime prevention activities over the territory, District Fight Crime Committees will be invited to incorporate the various themes in their local publicity activities. At the same time, Regional Crime Prevention Offices, Police Community Relations Offices, District Offices and other relevant organisations will also fully co-operate to disseminate fight crime messages to all sectors of the society.

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0934

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 numbers of juveniles and young persons arrested by the Force for serious narcotics offence in 2007 doubled those of 2006. Please list the youth offences involved by type, whether they were committed inside or outside the territory of Hong Kong and the repeated offences involved.

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

The types of serious youth narcotics offences committed mainly included drug manufacturing, drug trafficking and possession of a larger amount of drugs. These serious narcotics offences were all committed in Hong Kong. The Police Force do not maintain the figures of the repeated offences.

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Question Serial No.

0937

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 juvenile offences and the numbers of juveniles arrested in 2005-06 and 2006-07 by district. What was the number of officers mainly responsible for handling juvenile affairs in each district and what were their ranks?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

The juvenile offences and figures of arrest in 2006 and 2007 are listed by district and crime type in annex (1) and annex (2) respectively.

The handling of juvenile affairs by the Police falls under the Programme of "Prevention and Detection of Crime". As this forms an integral part of the daily work of each police district, the Police Force do not maintain a breakdown of the number and rank of officers involved in the job.

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## Number of Young Offenders Arrested in 2006 for crime (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
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 854</b>	<b>1 584</b>	<b>1 541</b>	<b>4 505</b>	<b>9 484</b>

## Number of Young Offenders Arrested in 2007 for crime (10 to 20 years of age)

Region/District	Miscellaneous Theft	Shop Theft	Wounding and Serious Assault	Others	Total
Hong Kong Island					
Wan Chai	44	68	45	152	309
Eastern District	93	117	95	177	482
Western District	83	48	73	237	441
Central District	29	28	6	92	155
Kowloon East					
Kwun Tong	144	162	127	369	802
Wong Tai Sin	96	102	74	286	558
Sau Mau Ping	79	73	104	243	499
Kowloon West					
Mong Kok	96	73	49	283	501
Yau Tsim	41	22	19	351	433
Sham Shui Po	61	45	81	246	433
Kowloon City	59	44	38	157	298
New Territories North					
Yuen Long	214	80	202	564	1 060
Tuen Mun	139	138	186	356	819
Tai Po	143	120	114	278	655
Border	4	3	0	19	26
New Territories South					
Sha Tin	180	83	121	290	674
Tsuen Wan	91	56	57	141	345
Kwai Tsing	168	116	137	465	886
Lantau	17	28	57	83	185
Airport	2	5	3	40	50
Marine	14	1	2	39	56
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 797</b>	<b>1 412</b>	<b>1 590</b>	<b>4 868</b>	<b>9 667</b>

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**SB151**

Question Serial No.

0938

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. &  
title):

Programme: 12204 - Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

The Police arrested a great number of non-ethnic Chinese illegal immigrants in 2007. How many of them were arrested in the territory of Hong Kong? How many of them were intercepted at the boundary? Among the non-ethnic Chinese illegal immigrants intercepted at the boundary, how many entered by land and how many by sea?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

Of the 1 419 non-ethnic Chinese illegal immigrants (except Vietnamese illegal immigrants) arrested in the territory of Hong Kong by the Police in 2007, 193 were intercepted at the boundary. Of them, 1 entered by land and 192 by sea.

Of the 622 Vietnamese illegal immigrants arrested in the territory of Hong Kong by the Police in 2007, 75 were intercepted at the boundary and all of them entered by land.

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**SB152**

Question Serial No.

0939

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: 12204 - Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

The 2008 Olympic and Paralympic Equestrian Events will be held in Hong Kong. How many police officers will participate in the Events and what is the expenditure to be incurred as estimated by the Police? Please list the specific items, the number of officers involved and the expenditure incurred.

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

The work in respect of the Police throughout the Olympic Equestrian Events includes the security work and security check in the competition venues and non-competition venues, the crowd management and traffic control duties in the two designated transport interchanges and Olympic Live Sites, the escorting of VIPs and horses, and other police duties related to the Olympic Equestrian Events.

The Police have drawn up the manpower resources and logistics support plans carefully in the light of the experience drawn from the security work of the various public events in the past (including the preparation Eventing Competition 2007 for the Olympic Equestrian Events) and the situations of the Olympic Equestrian Events. To ensure the proper planning of the security work of the Olympic Equestrian Events, the Police was allocated funds in 2007-08 to create 13 time-limited posts in phases for the establishment of a planning group. The group comprises 4 teams, responsible for the security issues of the competition venues and non-competition venues respectively. In 2008-09, the Police will also create 13 short term time-limited posts to take up various planning and manpower resources allocation work. The Police will deploy manpower in a flexible manner to cater for operational needs as appropriate during the Olympic Equestrian Events. Despite the additional workload during the Events, the Police will endeavour to maintain the normal police services throughout the period.

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Question Serial No.

0940

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: 12204 - Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Did the Police make overseas visits and exchanges to facilitate the conduct of the Olympic Equestrian Events? Please list the details including the number of visiting officers, the countries visited and the specific expenditure incurred.

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

To facilitate the conduct of the Olympic Equestrian Events, the Force sent 16 officers to various overseas cities hosting different international sports games or events related to the Olympic Games respectively from December 2006 to February 2008 for visits and exchanges. Those cities included Doha, Qatar (Asian Games), London, UK (World Para-Equestrian Dressage Championships), Beijing ("Good Luck Beijing" Games), Wuhan (6<sup>th</sup> Intercity Games of the People's Republic of China) and Italy ("Torch Relay" Experience Exchange). The total expenditure incurred was about HK\$320,000.

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**SB154**

Question Serial No.

0131

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 2007-08, what measures had been adopted by the Administration in enhancing front-line police officers' knowledge of the legislation against race discrimination and for launching of various implementation arrangements? What was the expenditure incurred? What are the measures to be taken and the estimated expenditure for 2008-09?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply:

In 2007-08, as the Race Discrimination Bill was still under discussion by the Bills Committee of the Legislative Council and the provisions of the Bill had not yet been finalised, apart from the on-going courses and seminars for police officers enhancing their understanding of matters concerning the ethnic minorities, the Force have not launched any specific internal promotional and educational work on the Bill in preparation for various arrangements after its enactment.

In 2008-09, for Recruit Police Constables and serving police officers, the Force has planned to promote an understanding of the legislation upon the passage of the Bill, by briefing them on the requirements of the legislation through the foundation training, continuation training and development courses organised by the Police College, and Training Days. The Force will also carry out a series of promotional activities through the intranet and its publication "OffBeat". The promotional and educational work falls under the Programme of "Maintenance of Law and Order in the Community". No specific breakdown of the estimated expenditure in this regard is available.

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Reply Serial No.

**SB155**

Question Serial No.

0132

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 2007-08, what measures had been adopted by the Administration to assist front-line police officers to understand the circumstances, culture and characteristics of various races in Hong Kong and what was the expenditure incurred? What are the measures to be taken and the estimated expenditure for 2008-09?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply:

In 2007-08, the Force has implemented the following measures to assist front-line police officers to understand the circumstances, culture and characteristics of various races in Hong Kong:

- Setting up the "Working Group to Address the Concerns of Ethnic Minorities" to coordinate and bring together the measures implemented by all districts for enhancing the communication and liaison with ethnic minorities, and review the progress and effectiveness of the work, and continue to formulate feasible measures to further assist ethnic minorities where necessary.
- Organising language training courses, e.g. Nepali and Urdu, for police officers to understand the languages of ethnic minorities.
- Organising talks and providing training for Recruit Police Constables and serving police officers to enhance their understanding of the circumstances, culture and characteristics of various races.
- Publishing booklets on understanding various races for reference of front-line officers.
- Publishing the relevant information of various races and details of the above-mentioned activities in the Force internal publication "OffBeat" to enhance officers' understanding of various races.

The expenditure for the above measures falls under the programme of "Maintaining Law and Order in the Community" and no breakdown of the expenditure is maintained.

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**SB156**

Question Serial No.

0133

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 2007-08, what was the number of translation services provided by the Administration to assist the Police in the investigation of non-Chinese-speaking persons and what was the expenditure incurred? What are the measures to be taken and the estimated expenditure for 2008-09?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply:

In 2007-08, as at the end of February 2008, the Police provided non-Chinese translation services (including interpretations and written translations) for a total of 8 030 times for non-Chinese-speaking persons assisting in Police's investigation or requesting police assistance. The total expenditure estimated for the whole year was about \$7.9 m.

The Police provides interpretation and written translation services for non-Chinese-speaking persons through different means. In general, if translation service is required for a non-Chinese-speaking person, the Police will invite translators of various foreign languages registered with the Judiciary for assistance.

We expect the expenditure required for the provision of such services in 2008-09 would be similar to that of 2007-08.

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**SB157**

Question Serial No.

0134

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 2007-08, what measures did the Administration adopt in providing relevant information and education for non-Chinese-speaking people to prevent crime and what was the expenditure incurred? What are the measures to be taken and the estimated expenditure for 2008-09?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply:

The Police adopt a comprehensive strategy in crime prevention publicity and education. A number of Force formations, including the Crime Prevention Bureau, the Police Public Relations Bureau and various police districts, will publicise crime prevention message through various means (e.g. Junior Police Call, crime prevention seminars and related activities, crime prevention slogans and poster design competitions, distribution of publicity leaflets and posters and TV programmes) in light of the trend of various crimes, types of victims and local needs.

To assist non-Chinese-speaking people to prevent crime is part of this holistic approach. In 2007-08, police districts implemented various forms of crime prevention publicity and distributed relevant information to non-Chinese-speaking people in the districts according to local needs, including seminars and talks on crime prevention and visits to police stations, with the view of enhancing their understanding of policing and law enforcement work, reinforcing their alertness to crime and encouraging them to participate in anti-crime work.

In 2008-09, the Police will continue to adopt the present approach to carry out effective crime prevention publicity activities over the territory and in the police districts where there is such a need in response to the trend of different crimes.

The expenditure for the provision of relevant information and education to non-Chinese-speaking people falls under the Programme of "Prevention and Detection of Crime". No breakdown of the estimated expenditure in this regard is available.

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**SB158**

Question Serial No.

0225

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 this Programme, the number of non-ethnic Chinese illegal immigrants arrested in 2006 was 273, while the number in 2007 increased by 1 146 to 1 419. What were the reasons? Has the Administration earmarked additional resources to suppress the upsurge of non-ethnic Chinese illegal immigrants and reviewed the effectiveness of its enforcement actions?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply:

We do not have the information about the specific reasons for the entry of non-ethnic Chinese illegal immigrants to Hong Kong, but we believe that the political problems in individual South Asian countries in recent years have increased the desire of a number of their nationals to leave their countries for refuge. The recent economic prosperity of Hong Kong also attracts some illegal immigrants to seek illegal employment in Hong Kong. Moreover, as the Administration has tightened the vetting of visit visa applications from nationals of some countries having regard to the actual circumstances, they resorted to entering the territory by illegal means.

The Police have strengthened operations against illegal immigration and enhanced border patrols in the light of the illegal immigration trend. They have also maintained close liaison and intelligence exchange with other departments concerned and the Mainland and overseas law enforcement agencies with particular regard to the development of illegal immigration so as to combat such activities.

The strengthening of the interdiction of non-ethnic Chinese illegal immigrants falls under the Programme of "Operations". No detailed breakdown of the estimated expenditure in this regard is available. The Police will allocate appropriate resources to address the problem having regard to actual circumstances.

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Question Serial No.

1586

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:

As regards preventing and fighting crime, please state the expenditure for preventing offences of criminal damage to the publicity boards of political figures and intimidation against political figures in 2007-08. Please set out the details of the specific work and the expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply:

The Police are committed to maintaining law and order in the community and protecting the personal safety of all members of the public (including politically exposed persons). The Police also attach great importance to cases concerning criminal damage to the publicity boards of "political figures" and offences of intimidation against "political figures". The Police will not tolerate any act of illegal damage or intimidation committed by any person against others. Generally speaking, the Police will designate an experienced investigation team to follow up such criminal intimidation cases so as to adopt more effective measures to detect the crime.

As regards the prevention work, the Force constantly remind patrol officers to pay special attention to such offences. They will take immediate actions to inhibit any intentional damage or intimidation and effect arrests. If there is evidence indicating that the personal safety of the person being intimidated is being threatened and the situation is appropriate, the Police will provide suitable protection to safeguard his/her personal safety.

As this area of work falls under the overall Programme of "Prevention and Detection of Crime", the Police Force do not maintain a breakdown of its expenditure. The Police will allocate appropriate resources to prevent and detect such cases according to the actual situation.

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**SB160**

Question Serial No.

1587

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 Administration deployed any additional resources in 2008-2009 to prevent criminal damage to the publicity boards of and intimidation against political figures? If so, what are the details of the specific work and the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply:

The Police are committed to maintaining law and order in the community and protecting the personal safety of all members of the public (including politically exposed persons). The Police also attach great importance to cases concerning criminal damage to the publicity boards of "political figures" and offences of intimidation against "political figures". The Police will not tolerate any act of illegal damage or intimidation committed by any person against others. Generally speaking, the Police will designate an experienced investigation team to follow up such criminal intimidation cases so as to adopt more effective measures to detect the crime.

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To prepare for the 2008 Legislative Council Election, the Police have specifically set up a "Force Working Group On Electioneering Activities" to conduct studies on the handling of matters related to elections and review the measures in response to election complaints.

As this area of work falls under the overall Programme of "Prevention and Detection of Crime", the Police Force do not maintain a breakdown of its expenditure. The Police will allocate appropriate resources to prevent and detect such cases according to the actual situation.

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**SB161**

Question Serial No.

2082

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:

How many cases concerning criminal damage to publicity boards of political figures did the Administration receive in the past three years? How many of them were handled and detected? Were any persons concerned prosecuted for these cases? If yes, what are the details? Please provide the details of the specific work for handling these cases and the expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply:

The cases concerning criminal damage to publicity boards of councillors (including Legislative Councillors and District Councillors) and publicity boards relating to elections in the past three years are given below:

	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>
Number of cases	103	89	305
Number of cases detected	14	11	36
Number of people prosecuted and convicted	5	9	13

Upon receipt of this type of cases, the Police will conduct investigation according to the established procedures, including obtaining information from the informants, and attending the scenes to collect evidence and look for witnesses. If there is evidence indicating that a criminal offence has been committed, the Police will effect arrests and prosecutions under the relevant legislation.

As the work falls under the overall Programme of "Prevention and Detection of Crime", the Police Force do not maintain a breakdown of its expenditure. The Police will allocate appropriate resources to prevent and detect such cases according to the actual situation.

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**SB162**

Question Serial No.

2083

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:

How many cases concerning the intimidation against political figures did the Administration receive in the past three years? How many of them were detected? Were any persons concerned prosecuted for these cases? If yes, what are the details?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply:

There is no standard definition for "political figures". However, according to the record of the Police, the number of criminal intimidation cases involving Legislative Councillors and District Councillors in the past three years are given below:

	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>
Number of cases reported	1	6	22
Number of cases detected	0	3	8
Number of prosecutions and convictions	0	0	1

Of the 22 cases reported in 2007, 14 involve intimidation letters of the same signature.

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**SB163**

Question Serial No.

2084

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 Administration allocated additional resources and formulated strategies to prevent criminal damage to the publicity boards of political figures and intimidation against political figures? If yes, what are the details and the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply:

The Police are committed to maintaining law and order in the community and protecting the personal safety of all members of the public (including politically exposed persons). The Police also attach great importance to cases concerning criminal damage to the publicity boards of "political figures" and offences of intimidation against "political figures". The Police will not tolerate any act of illegal damage or intimidation committed by any person against others. Generally speaking, the Police will designate an experienced investigation team to follow up such criminal intimidation cases so as to adopt more effective measures to detect the crime.

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As this area of work falls under the overall Programme of "Prevention and Detection of Crime", the Police Force do not maintain a breakdown of its expenditure. The Police will allocate appropriate resources to prevent and detect such cases according to the actual situation.

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**SB164**

Question Serial No.

1072

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. &  
title):

Programme: 12204 - Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Please state the manpower deployment of the Police in crowd management duties in the financial year of 2007-08.

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

As at 31 January 2008, the Police handled a total of 3 543 crowd management events in the financial year of 2007-08. Details are listed in the following table:

Category of Events	Number
Public Events	
- Procession	833
- Meeting	2 426
Festive Events	75
Others	209
Total	3 543

The performance of crowd management duties falls under the overall Programme of "Operations". The Police Force does not maintain the statistics of the manpower involved in this item.

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**SB165**

Question Serial No.

1073

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: 12204 - Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

What are the manpower and expenditure involved in handling societies registration by the Force in 2008-09?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The Societies Office and Money Lenders Licensing Section of the Police Licensing Office is responsible for societies registration. The matter is handled by 1 Senior Inspector and 4 civilian staff of the Section. The estimated expenditure or personal emoluments for manpower involved in 2008-09 is \$1.35 m.

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**SB166**

Question Serial No.

2073

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 emergency calls reached 76 345 in 2007, an increase of about 20% over 2006. Why does the estimated figure for 2008 decrease and not increase instead?

Asked by: Hon. LI Fung-ying

Reply:

The estimated number of emergency calls in 2008 is 76 000. This estimation is based on the actual number of emergency calls (76 345) in 2007. As the actual number of emergency calls in 2008 will depend on the actual number of cases requiring emergency call services, it is difficult to predict accurately. The Force will continue to promote the message on the prevention of the abuse of emergency call services through education and publicity with a view to easing the pressure on the services.

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**SB167**

Question Serial No.

2074

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 workload of the Force control centres is expected to increase. Has the Force allocated additional resources to lessen the workload of the control centre staff?

Asked by: Hon. LI Fung-ying

Reply:

In 2008-09, as a number of major international events will be held in Hong Kong, and other public events (such as various celebration and festive events) will also attract massive participation of the public, it is believed that the workload of all operation units (including the command and control centres at all levels) will increase. As always, the Police will deploy existing manpower flexibly to meet the operational needs. The Police will also create short term time-limited posts (where necessary) for those periods where major events are held in Hong Kong to meet the increased workload, such as during the period of the 2008 Olympics and Paralympic Equestrian Events.

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**SB168**

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2077

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 numbers of juveniles (aged 10-15) and young persons (aged 16-20) arrested for serious narcotics offence doubled in 2007. In this connection, please provide the following information:

- (a) Please state the numbers of juveniles and young persons arrested for serious narcotics offence by prosecution charges in the past three years;
- (b) Is there an upward trend of serious narcotics offences committed by juveniles and young persons? What are the reasons?
- (c) Does the Government work on strategies to follow up on the problem? If yes, please list the details. If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. LI Fung-ying

Reply:

- (a) The number of juveniles and young persons arrested for serious narcotics offence by offence type in the past three years is listed as follows:

Offences Arrested for	Age Group					
	<u>Aged 10-15</u>			<u>Aged 16-20</u>		
	2005	2006	2007	2005	2006	2007
<b>Drug Manufacturing</b>	1	0	0	1	0	8
<b>Drug Trafficking</b>	21	26	48	103	159	249
<b>Possession of Drugs (cases involving a larger amount of drugs)</b>	16	26	61	139	243	549
<b>Other Serious Narcotics Offences</b>	0	0	2	1	0	5
<b>Total Number of Arrestees</b>	38	52	111	244	402	811

- (b) The above figures show an upward trend of serious narcotics offences committed by juveniles and young persons. It is mainly because the Police step up their raids in places of public entertainment frequented by juveniles and young persons and carry out major targeted operations from time to time with a view to bringing criminals and drug traffickers to justice.
- (c) The Police adopt a multi-agency approach in developing and implementing strategies to address juvenile delinquency. The strategies mainly focus on three directions: prevention, combating and graduated sanction, which aim at deterring first-time offenders and reducing youth recidivism.

In respect of prevention, the Police exert great efforts on education and publicity to reduce the youths' demand for drugs. A multi-disciplinary approach is adopted by various Police districts/formations to organise youth initiatives/projects to prevent juvenile delinquency. At present, over 50 youth initiatives/projects are launched by the Police at different levels of the Force/regions/districts.

Moreover, to prevent primary and secondary school students from committing crimes, the Police have created 33 Secondary School Liaison Officer and 25 School Liaison Officer posts to provide a communication platform for the Police, school management and school community to prevent juvenile delinquency in schools. The School Liaison Officer will interview problematic students identified by schools on a small group or individual basis for an early intervention to assist students concerned to build up positive values and observe discipline. In 2008-09, the Force will increase 27 School Liaison Officer posts to enhance the communication between the Police and schools and focus on combating crimes such as drug trafficking and drug abuse committed by children and youths.

In the meantime, the Police also conduct talks in primary and secondary schools regularly in support of the anti-drug education and publicity work of the Narcotics Division of the Security Bureau so as to disseminate anti-drug messages to youths.

In respect of combating, the Police implement the strategies 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.

The Police will set up a Narcotics Intelligence Team in 2008-09, consisting of 1 Sergeant and 3 Police Constables. The team will be responsible for carrying out internet patrol against narcotics offences, gathering intelligence concerning exchanges of drug trafficking and drug abuse information through the internet, in particular collecting evidence about the use of the internet as a platform for drug trafficking, to facilitate appropriate arrest actions.

In respect of graduated sanction, the Police will apply the Police Superintendent's Discretion Scheme (PSDS) according to the seriousness of the youth narcotics cases. The Police reviewed the PSDS in October 2007. Under the existing practice, youths arrested for narcotics crime are requested to undergo a urine test with parental consent to confirm whether there is any habit of drug abuse, before being cautioned by Superintendents. Most of the cases under the PSDS will be followed up by the Juvenile Protection Section (JPS) to prevent youth recidivism. In 2008-09, the Police will increase a total of 1 Sergeant and 5 Police Constables in the Regional Juvenile Protection Sections to cope with the increased workload under the PSDS.

In his 2007 Policy Address, the Chief Executive announced the appointment of the Secretary for Justice to lead a high level inter-departmental task force which will make use of the existing anti-crime and anti-narcotics networks to consolidate strategies to combat youth drug abuse from a holistic perspective. The members of the task force include representatives of the Police, as well as the bureaux and departments concerned. The task force held a number of meetings in the past few months, conducted in-depth studies of the problem and initially devised a series of short to medium

term measures, including the allocation of additional manpower and resources to enhance the Police School Liaison Programme, intelligence gathering and the services of the JPS under the PSDS.

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**SB169**

Question Serial No.

2078

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 Police Force will create 49 posts to strengthen the front-line operational capability in 2008-09. In this connection, please provide the following information:

- (a) Please list the distribution of the 49 posts newly created by rank, function and division.
- (b) Please list the number of officers for filling the vacancies by rank and division and the total expenditure involved in 2007-08.
- (c) Please list the number of officers of the Police Force on permanent establishment by rank in 2007-08.
- (d) Has the Force considered recruiting more officers to reduce single-beat patrolling? If yes, please list the details. If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. LI Fung-ying

Reply:

- (a) The ranks of the 49 posts to be created in 2008-09 include 1 Chief Inspector, 27 Sergeants, 20 Police Constables and 1 Supplies Assistant. The new posts are created mainly to strengthen the patrol capabilities of Tseung Kwan O, Ngau Tau Kok and Tin Shui Wai Divisions, to enhance the Police School Liaison Programme in various districts and to address the problem of youth drug abuse.
- (b) The Police Force recruited a total of 89 Inspectors and 1 020 Police Constables in 2007-08 to fill the vacancies arising from the manpower wastage of police officers and the newly created posts. The emoluments of the officers concerned are given in the table below:

Rank	Police Pay Scale	Monthly Salary (HK\$)
Inspector	23 – 41	27,980 – 56,335
Police Constable	2 – 14	15,350 – 21,965

- (c) The estimated permanent establishment of police officers by rank as at 31 March 2008 is as follows:

Rank	Number
Commissioner	1
Deputy Commissioner	2
Senior Assistant Commissioner	4
Assistant Commissioner	14
Chief Superintendent	45
Senior Superintendent	87
Superintendent	273
Chief Inspector	524
Inspector / Senior Inspector	1 652
Station Sergeant	1 291
Sergeant	4 660
Police Constable	19 096
Total	27 649

Moreover, the estimated permanent establishment of civilian officers as at 31 March 2008 is 4 833. The ranks with a greater number of posts include Clerical Assistant, Assistant Clerical Officer, Workman II, Police Communications Officer and Traffic Warden.

- (d) According to the current policies of the Force, police officers are usually on a single-beat patrol. However, formation commanders may exercise discretion to conduct risk assessments in the light of the local geographical and crime situation to decide whether to adopt single-beat patrolling or double-beat patrolling, also having regard to the flexible deployment of resources and the importance of officers' safety. Therefore, the mode of single-beat patrolling or double-beat patrolling is mainly determined by the anti-crime operational strategy. As mentioned in part (a) of the question, the Force will create 49 posts to strengthen front-line operational capabilities in 2008-09. The newly created posts will help formation commanders deploy manpower in a more flexible manner to cope with changes in local situation and crime trend.

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**SB170**

Question Serial No.

1116

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 state whether the Force has made any assessment on effectiveness since the adoption of the "One Family One Team" approach to handle domestic violence cases. If so, what is the result? What is the specific plan of the Force in strengthening the training in handling and investigating domestic violence cases? What is the estimated expenditure? Is the expenditure higher or lower than the last year?

Asked by: Hon. NG Margaret

Reply:

The Force is committed to handling and investigating all domestic violence cases in a professional manner. Combating domestic violence continues to be one of the Commissioner's Operational Priorities in 2008. In order to strengthen front-line officers' capabilities in the initial handling and investigation of domestic violence cases, the Force implemented a series of enhanced measures in late 2006, which included the adoption of a "One Family One Team" approach whereby the same investigation team will take over all investigations involving the same family. To continuously improve the handling procedures of domestic violence and to further enhance the professional abilities of front-line officers, the Force has closely monitored the effectiveness of the various measures and is conducting a comprehensive review of the existing enhanced measures on the handling of domestic violence.

The Police attach great importance to the training of police officers. In order to further enhance front-line officers' capabilities in handling domestic violence cases, the focus of the training has been extended from the handling procedures in the past to the enhancement of the abilities to identify high risk factors, the strengthening of sensitivity, and the knowledge on domestic violence and the psychology of victims. The training approach also emphasises the exchange of professional knowledge and the sharing of working experiences with different disciplines (such as social workers and clinical psychologists) to enhance police officers' skills in dealing with victims, and to strengthen the communication and collaboration with other service providers.

In order to enhance the professional knowledge and investigation skills of investigating officers in handling serious domestic violence cases, the Police provided special training for all officers of the "designated domestic violence investigation units" from June to August 2007. The training aimed at enhancing the investigating officers' knowledge in various aspects such as the sensitivity to domestic violence, the psychological and behavioural patterns of the persons involved, the skills in handling and interviewing victims, the follow-up actions for victims' personal safety, and the

communication and collaboration with the welfare units concerned. To further strengthen the capabilities of all front-line officers in identifying high risk factors and to tie in with the optimisation measures of the “Central Domestic Violence Database”, the Police will roll out a new training package on “Handling Domestic Violence Incidents” in late 2008.

The handling of domestic violence cases and the relevant training fall under the Programme of “Prevention and Detection of Crime”. The Police Force do not maintain a breakdown of the estimated expenditure on the work.

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Reply Serial No.

**SB171**

Question Serial No.

0514

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:

Did the Administration conduct surprise inspections on the provisions under the Subhead of "Rewards and Special Services" from 2005-06 to 2007-08 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 number of such inspections? If not, what were 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 conducted by officers responsible for inspecting the Rewards and Special Services Fund sub-impressts from 2005-06 to 2007-08 are given below:

<u>Inspecting Officer</u>	No. of Inspections <u>2005-06</u>	No. of Inspections <u>2006-07</u>	No. of Inspections <u>2007-08</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	3	3
Senior Executive Officer (Internal Audit)	30	31	

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**SB172**

Question Serial No.

0710

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:

- (a) Please give the actual expenditure and components under "Rewards and Special Services" in 2005-06 and 2006-07.
- (b) Please give details of the uses and components under "Rewards and Special Services" in 2007-08 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, narcotics offences and security matters. As these expenses involve police operations of a confidential nature, disclosing the uses and components of the actual expenditure under this Subhead may reveal detailed operation 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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**SB173**

Question Serial No.

0711

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 is the rationale of the Administration to make an estimate of \$80 m for "Rewards and Special Services" in 2008-09?

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

The estimated expenditure for Rewards and Special Services in 2008-09 will be used for the fight against terrorist activities, serious crimes, narcotics offences, and security matters. Provision under this Subhead will be allocated to cover the expenditure as actual needs arise. The estimate is also worked out on this basis.

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**SB174**

Question Serial No.

0712

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 actual and estimated establishment and strength by rank as well as the expenditures of the Criminal Intelligence Bureau for 2007-08 and 2008-09 respectively.

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

The actual and estimated establishment in 2007-08 and 2008-09, as well as the number of staff of the Criminal Intelligence Bureau (CIB) are as follows:

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Actual Establishment in 2007-08</u>	<u>Estimated Establishment in 2008-09</u>	<u>No. of Staff as at 14.3.08</u>
<b>Disciplined Staff</b>			
Chief Superintendent	1	1	1
Senior Superintendent	1	1	1
Superintendent	6	6	6
Chief Inspector	18	18	18
Inspector/Senior Inspector	43	47	43
Station Sergeant	28	29	28
Sergeant	121	128	121
Police Constable	294	294	294
<b><i>Disciplined Staff Sub-total:</i></b>	<b><u>512</u></b>	<b><u>524</u></b>	<b><u>512</u></b>

<b><u>Rank</u></b>	<b><u>Actual Establishment in 2007-08</u></b>	<b><u>Estimated Establishment in 2008-09</u></b>	<b><u>No. of Staff as at 14.3.08</u></b>
<b>Civilian Staff</b>			
Executive Officer I	1	1	1
Official Languages Officer II	1	1	1
Clerical Officer	1	1	1
Assistant Clerical Officer	3	3	3
Personal Secretary II	6	6	5
Confidential Assistant	23	23	22
Typist	1	1	1
Clerical Assistant	2	2	2
Supplies Assistant	2	2	2
<b><i>Civilian Staff Sub-total:</i></b>	<b><u>40</u></b>	<b><u>40</u></b>	<b><u>38</u></b>
<b><i>Total (Disciplined and Civilian Staff)</i></b>	<b>552</b>	<b>564</b>	<b>550</b>

The actual expenditure in 2007-08 and the estimated expenditure in 2008-09 for the CIB are \$156.6 m and \$160.7 m respectively.

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**SB175**

Question Serial No.

0713

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 were the numbers of cases and people involved in the payment of rewards and special services in 2007-08? 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 2 254 in 2007-08 (as at 6 March 2008). Expenses paid under Rewards and Special Services involve police operations of a confidential nature, including the fight against terrorist activities, serious crimes, 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. This may even make informers worry about their personal safety, thus jeopardizing the Police's capabilities of collecting crime intelligence. Therefore, the information required cannot be provided.

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**SB176**

Question Serial No.

0714

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 bounties offered in 2007-08, the actual expenditure incurred and number of payments, as well as the number of people receiving bounty offers.

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

The total number of cases of bounties offered in 2007-08 (as at 6 March 2008) was 30, and the amount involved was \$8.84 m. Disclosing the actual expenditure incurred, the number of payments and the number of people receiving bounty offered may reveal detailed operation arrangements of the Force and its law enforcement capabilities to criminals, who may be able to elude justice. This may even make informers worry about their personal safety, thus jeopardising the Police's capabilities of collecting crime intelligence. Therefore, the information required cannot be provided.

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**SB177**

Question Serial No.

0715

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 2007-08?

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, narcotics offences and security matters. As these expenses involve police operations of a confidential nature, disclosing the uses and components of the actual expenditure under this Subhead may reveal detailed operation 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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**SB178**

Question Serial No.

0716

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 2008-09, the estimated expenditure for this Subhead is \$80 m. Please list the provisions allocated for:

- (i) police bounties;
- (ii) the purchase and maintenance of equipment; and
- (iii) combating serious crimes and narcotics offences and for security matters.

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

The estimated expenditure for Rewards and Special Services in 2008-09 will be used for the fight against terrorist activities, serious crimes, narcotics offences and security matters, including payments for Police bounties and purchase and maintenance of equipment. No specific provision is allocated under this Subhead for any each purpose. Provision will be allocated to cover the expenditure as actual needs arise.

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**SB179**

Question Serial No.

0717

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:

- (a) Please state the expenditures relating to the payment for information useful to investigation provided overseas for 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08, and the overseas areas involved.
- (b) Please state the expenditures relating to the payment for information useful to investigation provided locally for 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08.
- (c) In the proposed provision for 2008-09, 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:

- (a) and (b) Expenses paid under Rewards and Special Services involve police operations of a confidential nature, including the fight against terrorist activities, serious crimes, 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. This may even make informers worry about their personal safety, thus jeopardising the Police's capabilities of collecting crime intelligence. Therefore, the information required cannot be provided.
- (c) Estimated provision under Rewards and Special Services for 2008-09 will be used for the fight against terrorist activities, serious crimes, 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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**SB180**

Question Serial No.

0718

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 breakdown of the establishment of the Technical Services Division by rank and the total provisions for 2007-08 and 2008-09.

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

The breakdown of the establishment of the Technical Services Division by rank in 2007-08 and 2008-09 is as follows:

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Actual Establishment in 2007-08</b>	<b>Estimated Establishment in 2008-09</b>
<b>Disciplined Staff</b>		
Chief Superintendent	1	1
Senior Superintendent	1	1
Superintendent	5	5
Chief Inspector	8	8
Inspector/Senior Inspector	21	22
Station Sergeant	16	16
Sergeant	23	24
Police Constable	39	39
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b><u>114</u></b>	<b><u>116</u></b>
<b>Civilian Staff</b>		
Confidential Assistant	8	8
Police Communications Officer	2	2
Assistant Clerical Officer	1	1
Personal Secretary I	1	1
Personal Secretary II	2	2
Clerical Assistant	1	1
Technical Officer	1	1
Workman II	1	1
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b><u>17</u></b>	<b><u>17</u></b>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>131</u></b>	<b><u>133</u></b>

The total provisions for the Technical Services Division for 2007-08 and 2008-09, excluding the provision for Rewards and Special Services, are \$43.98 m and \$ 44.72 m respectively.

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**SB181**

Question Serial No.

0719

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 the details of the work of the Technical Services Division in 2007-08, including the technical services provided.

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

The main role of the Technical Services Division is to assist other formations in investigating crimes and gathering evidences by providing them with technical support. Disclosing the details of the work provided by the Division is not in the interest of the public as it will reveal the detailed operation arrangements of the Force and its law enforcement capabilities to criminals, who may be able to elude justice.

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**SB182**

Question Serial No.

2023

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 establishment and strength of the Complaints Against Police Office, the number of cases handled and the actual expenditure incurred by it in 2007-08.

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

The information on the establishment and strength of the Complaints Against Police Office (CAPO) in 2007-08 is given below:

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Establishment</u>	<u>Strength</u>
Senior Superintendent	1	1
Superintendent	4	4
Chief Inspector	12	10
Senior Inspector	23	24
Station Sergeant	7	7
Sergeant	50	51
Police Constable	1	3
Executive Officer I	1	1
Official Languages Officer II	1	1
Police Translator I	2	2
Statistical Officer I	1	1
Assistant Clerical Officer	5	5
Clerical Assistant	15	16
Personal Secretary II	3	3
Calligraphist	1	0
Typist	3	3
Supplies Supervisor II	1	1
Workman II	2	2
Total	133	135

In 2007-08, the CAPO handled a total of 2 569 cases and the revised estimate is \$47.79 m.

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**SB183**

Question Serial No.

2024

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 2008-09?

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

The estimated establishment of the Complaints Against Police Office (CAPO) in 2008-09 is given below:

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Establishment</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 estimated expenditure for the CAPO in 2008-09 is \$47.79 m.

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**SB184**

Question Serial No.

2025

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:

- (a) all the formations responsible for the prevention and detection of internet crimes, their establishments and the total expenditure incurred;
- (b) the figures and categories of the cyber crimes or computer-related crimes in 2007.

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

- (a) The prevention and detection of cyber crimes or computer-related crimes is one of the responsibilities of the Commercial Crime Bureau. The Police Force do not specifically maintain a breakdown of the establishment and the total expenditure for the work.
- (b) The figures and categories of the cyber crimes or computer-related crimes in 2007 are listed below:

Crimes	No. of cases
Unauthorised access to computer by telecommunications	6
Access to computer with criminal or dishonest intent	333
Criminal damage	4
Obtaining property by deception	215
Obtaining services by deception	8
Theft	19
Others	49
Total	634

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**SB185**

Question Serial No.

2026

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 were the figures and overall trend of the crimes committed by alleged police officers from 2005 to 2007? Please list the crimes by type.

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

The number of police officers alleged to have committed crimes and have been arrested in the recent three years and the various types of crime involved are listed in the table below:

Crimes	2005	2006	2007
Wounding and serious assault	7	5	6
Shop theft	6	3	5
Miscellaneous theft	4	2	3
Deception	2	2	1
Forgery of documents	-	3	-
Indecent assault	2	2	1
Criminal damage	2	1	1
Behave in a disorderly manner/fight in a public place	-	1	-
Loansharking	-	2	-
Serious gambling	-	2	-
Conspiracy to commit a crime	-	2	-
Others	3	8	5
Total	26	33	22

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**SB186**

Question Serial No.

1378

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:

How much resources will the Police Force estimate to allocate for the detection and prevention of crimes related to domestic violence? What are the measures adopted by the Police Force in dealing with the rising figure of domestic violence? Are there any additional financial resources reserved to cope with domestic violence?

Asked by: Hon. TONG Ka-wah, Ronny

Reply:

The Police have been attaching great importance and paying much attention to the problem of domestic violence, and will continue to handle and investigate all domestic violence cases in a professional manner. The Police implemented a series of enhanced measures in late 2006 to strengthen front-line officers' capabilities in the initial handling and investigation of domestic violence cases.

As regards the strengthening of the initial handling capabilities, for each of the reported cases involving domestic violence or relating to family incidents, a supervisory officer at the rank of Sergeant or above is required to attend the scene in person to ensure that the case is handled properly and classified correctly. The Police have also adopted the "Emergency Referral Questionnaire" and the "Action Checklist" as effective crisis assessment tools and a quick reference guide to assist front-line officers to identify and assess risk factors, take appropriate actions and arrange for emergency referral for the victims with such needs. The information concerned will also be stored in the "Central Domestic Violence Database" for reference.

The Police have also incorporated an alert mechanism in the "Central Domestic Violence Database" to automatically bring up all high risk domestic violence cases to the district and divisional management for strengthening supervision and collaboration with other welfare units. Moreover, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has also set up a 24-hour "Police Direct Referral Hotline" to facilitate the Police request for its emergency services.

In respect of the strengthening of the investigation capabilities, the Police have formed "designated domestic violence investigation units" at the district/divisional levels for investigating serious domestic violence cases. The Police have also set up a mechanism for referring non-criminal domestic violence cases classified as "high risk" to crime investigation units for action. They have also adopted a "One Family One Team" approach whereby the same investigation team will take over all investigations involving the same family.

To affirm the Police's commitment to professionally handle and investigate all domestic violence cases, combating domestic violence continues to be one of the Commissioner's Operational Priorities in 2008. The Police will continue to adopt a "multi-agency" approach and cooperate with the SWD, other government departments and non-governmental organisations to handle domestic violence cases, including immediate crisis intervention, arranging the affected persons for admission to refuge centres or referring them to other departments and organisations, so as to provide suitable social services and support to them.

In order to more fully and effectively grasp the background information of the past domestic violence or relevant cases to help front-line officers handle and investigate reported domestic violence and conduct risk assessments, the Government has approved a provision of \$3.525 M for upgrading the computer hardwares and applications of the "Central Domestic Violence Database", which include expanding the capacity of the database, accelerating the search speed and improving the search functions. At present, the new system is being developed and is expected to be rolled out in late 2008.

Regarding the training enhancement, the Police provided special training for all officers of the "designated domestic violence investigation units" from June to August 2007. The training aimed at enhancing the investigating officers' knowledge in various aspects such as the sensitivity to domestic violence, the psychological and behavioural patterns of the persons involved, the skills in handling and interviewing victims, the follow-up actions for victims' personal safety, and the communication and collaboration with the welfare units concerned. To further strengthen the capabilities of all front-line officers in identifying high risk factors and to tie in with the above optimisation measures of the "Central Domestic Violence Database", the Police will roll out a new training package on "Handling Domestic Violence Incidents" in late 2008.

As the handling and investigation of domestic violence cases falls under the Programme of "Prevention and Detection of Crime", no breakdown of the estimated expenditure or figures of additional financial resources reserved are available. The Police will allocate appropriate resources for handling and investigating the cases according to the actual situation.

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**SB187**

Question Serial No.

1379

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:

How much financial resources will the Police use on the enhancement of the Domestic Violence Database? How much resources and manpower will be allocated to the multi-disciplinary cooperation meetings?

Asked by: Hon. TONG Ka-wah, Ronny

Reply:

The Government has approved a one-off capital fund of \$3.525 M for a comprehensive development and upgrading of the computer hardwares and applications of the "Central Domestic Violence Database", which include expanding the capacity of the database, accelerating the search speed and improving the search functions. The annual recurrent expenditure is about \$0.64 m.

In line with the Government policy, the Police adopt a "multi-disciplinary" approach and actively participate in the following multi-disciplinary cooperation meetings at different levels in order to actively tackle the problem of domestic violence:

- At the central level, the Superintendent (Crime Support) represents the Police Force to attend the meetings of the "Working Group on Combating Violence" chaired by the Director of Social Welfare, together with representatives from a number of departments and disciplines. The Working Group is responsible for giving advice on the strategies and measures of handling the problems of spouse battering and sexual violence.
- At the district level, an Assistant Divisional Commander (Operations) at the Chief Inspector rank is sent from each of the 25 divisions to join the "District Liaison Groups" (DLG) formed by 13 District Social Welfare Offices of the Social Welfare Department to exchange views on the difficulties encountered daily in handling domestic violence cases, so as to enhance the communication and cooperation among front-line officers of different disciplines in the local districts.
- At the case level, the officers in charge of the investigation of domestic violence cases, together with the representatives of the disciplines concerned, such as doctors, clinical psychologists and social workers of women refuge centres, will attend the "multi-disciplinary case conferences" conducted by the case social workers according to the needs of individual cases. They will exchange professional knowledge and information, and work out an appropriate follow-up welfare plan for individual victims and their families.

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Question Serial No.

0311

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. &  
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Programme: 12203 - Road Safety

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

[Note: As the question below is for matters under the ambit of the policies of the Transport and Housing Bureau (THB), the reply prepared by the Hong Kong Police Force has been vetted by THB.]

Question:

Please advise this Committee of the definition of "offending pedestrians", and under what circumstances will they be warned or prosecuted?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply:

"Offending pedestrians" refer to pedestrians in breach of the following Ordinances and Regulations:

- (1) Section 48 of the Road Traffic Ordinance (Cap.374)  
Negligently endangering their own safety or that of any other persons in using a road.
- (2) Section 33 of the Road Traffic (Traffic Control) Regulations (Cap. 374G)  
Failing to comply with traffic lights (red light or intermittent green light) when crossing a road at a light signal crossing.
- (3) Section 39 of the Road Traffic (Traffic Control) Regulations (Cap. 374G)
  - (a) Crossing a road –
    - (i) within a zebra controlled area, otherwise than on a zebra crossing;
    - (ii) within 15 m of a light signal crossing otherwise than at the crossing where such lights operate;
    - (iii) within 15 m of a footbridge or pedestrian subway or any part of it, otherwise than by means of the footbridge or pedestrian subway; or
    - (iv) in contravention of any direction given by a police officer in uniform, traffic warden in uniform or a school crossing patrol;
  - (b) Remaining on a crossing longer than is necessary to pass over the crossing;
  - (c) Climbing over or through any kerbside fence or central reservation on to a carriageway; or

(d) Failing to comply with the requirement indicated by a traffic sign for pedestrians.

- (4) Section 7 of the Road Traffic (Expressway) Regulation (Cap. 374Q)  
Entering, using or remaining on an expressway except in or on a motor vehicle save for the exemptions under regulations 23 and 24.

As regards traffic offences, police officers can generally exercise their discretion first to give warnings to “offending pedestrians” (e.g. children or the elderly). However, for some pedestrian accident black spots or special operations of the Force, the Force will usually prosecute the offending pedestrians at the first instance to enhance the deterrent effect.

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[Note: The question below concerns matters under the policy purview of the Transport and Housing Bureau (THB). The reply was prepared by the Hong Kong Police Force and vetted by THB.]

Question:

What is the progress of exploring the use of new screening devices to detect drink driving offences in 2007?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kin-ye, Miriam

Reply:

The Force has been watchful on the development of new screening devices. In 2007, we also explored in a proactive manner the use of a simple and swift screening device in light of the proposed empowerment of the Force to conduct random screening breath tests by the Road Traffic Legislation (Amendment) Bill 2008. The device is simple to operate as a quick initial test to check whether the driver has consumed alcohol so as to minimise delay or inconvenience caused to drivers. We are in the process of conducting tests on that model of swift screening device.

If the Road Traffic Legislation (Amendment) Bill 2008 is passed, the Force expects to launch this swift screening device in line with the new provisions.

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[Note: The question below concerns matters under the policy purview of the Transport and Housing Bureau (THB). The reply was prepared by the Hong Kong Police Force and vetted by THB.]

Question:

Did the Force review the use and accuracy of laser guns and carry out maintenance work last year? What was the specific expenditure incurred? Has any assessment be made in respect of the recent query on the accuracy of laser guns? Have the Force considered introducing more advanced devices and equipment to combat speeding behaviour?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

The Force conducts regular repairs, maintenance and inspections for laser guns each year for maintaining the accuracy of the devices. The revised estimate for regular repairs and maintenance done by the manufacturer's designated agent in 2007-08 was \$1.2 m. Moreover, the Force has already arranged experts to conduct independent inspections of laser guns in 2007-08.

Although the accuracy of laser guns has never been queried by the courts over the years, in response to the recent controversy over the accuracy of laser guns, the Force has set up a task force for a comprehensive review of the law enforcement procedures in the use of laser guns to ensure public confidence in the use of laser guns for law enforcement by the Force. The Force will continue to be watchful on new law enforcement devices introduced in the international market with a view to introducing appropriate and more advanced devices and equipment which are acceptable to the courts as evidence to ensure the continual effectiveness of law enforcement actions against speeding.

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Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

[Note: As the question below is for matters under the ambit of the policies of the Transport and Housing Bureau (THB), the reply prepared by the Hong Kong Police Force has been vetted by THB.]

Question:

What is the number of vehicles the Force expects the new digital red light cameras can deal with each year? What is the annual expenditure for each camera?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

The Force has no specific estimated figures in regard to the use of digital red light cameras for the detection of offending vehicles. In 2007, 82 971 offences were detected by 80 digital red light cameras. On average, each camera detected 1 037 offences.

The Finance Committee of the Legislative Council approved funding in July 2007 to install an additional 75 digital red light cameras from 2009 to 2010. The total number of digital red light cameras over the territory will be increased to 155.

The revised estimate on the repair, maintenance and miscellaneous items for the above 80 digital red light cameras by the Force for 2007-08 was \$2.6 m.

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Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

[Note: As the question below is for matters under the ambit of the policies of the Transport and Housing Bureau (THB), the reply prepared by the Hong Kong Police Force has been vetted by THB.]

Question:

The estimated provision appropriated by the Administration for this Programme in 2008-09 increases by 5.6% as compared with 2007-08. Please state the amount of provision for replacing the existing mobile radar equipment with digital technology products. What is the progress of this proposal? If the Administration fails to find appropriate digital technology products to replace the existing radar equipment, what measures will be adopted to remedy the inadequacy of the existing vehicle speed detection equipment?

Asked by: Hon. NG Margaret

Reply:

The estimate for 2008-09 is higher than the revised estimate for 2007-08 mainly because of the creation of 34 posts for strengthening traffic enforcement and the increased operating expenses.

The Force has been watchful on new law enforcement devices introduced in the international market with a view to introducing appropriate and more advanced devices and equipment which are acceptable to the courts as evidence to ensure the continual effectiveness of law enforcement actions against speeding.

The Force has earmarked \$950,000 in 2008-09 estimate for procuring appropriate mobile radar speed detection digital cameras for trial. If the trial results live up to our expectation, we will consider gradually replacing the existing mobile radar speed detection film cameras with mobile radar speed detection digital cameras.

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Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

[Note: As the question below is for matters under the ambit of the policies of the Transport and Housing Bureau (THB), the reply prepared by the Hong Kong Police Force has been vetted by THB.]

Question:

Educating the public on road safety is one of the aims under the Programme of Road Safety. Please state whether this includes educating drivers on safe driving. If so, how will the Administration implement safe driving education and what is the proportion of the estimate allocated for this purpose? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. NG Margaret

Reply:

Educating the public on road safety is one of the aims under the Programme of Road Safety, of which educating drivers on safe driving is included. The Force will raise drivers' awareness and alertness of road safety through publicity and education, including:

- publishing road safety leaflets and pamphlets in various themes for distributing to drivers so as to educate them on the knowledge of safe driving, and the consequences and penalty of breaching traffic ordinances.
- organising talks on safe driving in various districts for professional drivers and the management of the transport industry on the promotion of safe driving in their companies.
- distributing publicity pamphlets to drivers at various vehicular boundary crossings, public transport stations, carparks and tolling points of tunnels.
- reminding drivers of the road safety message through advertisements on taxi and bus bodies, publicity banners, safe driving carnivals and distributing souvenirs printed with road safety publicity slogans.

In 2007, in addition to the above-mentioned actions, the Force also conducted a number of promotional and educational programmes targeted at drivers under the theme of "Smart Driving with Courtesy" as follows:

- organising promotional and educational activities against drink driving during major festivals, in particular inviting the public to conduct screening breath tests and distributing publicity leaflets in places where pubs and restaurants abound to call on drivers not to drive after drinking.
- organising promotional and educational activities targeted at professional drivers in June and

October, including reminding drivers to observe traffic lights and not to exceed speed limit or use mobile phones while driving.

- organising promotional and educational activities on road safety targeted at drivers of nanny vans and school buses in August and September.

The revised estimate for the above educational activities for drivers in 2007-08 was \$800,000.

In 2008-09, the Force will continue to raise drivers' awareness and alertness of road safety through publicity, education and enforcement actions, including organising targeted promotional and educational activities on road safety in different time sessions. The estimated expenditure of these activities is about \$800,000, which is similar to that of 2007-08.

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Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

[Note: The question below concerns matters under the policy purview of the Transport and Housing Bureau (THB). The reply was prepared by the Hong Kong Police Force and vetted by THB.]

Question:

Regarding "enhance anti-speeding enforcement through the wider use of new technology", please advise the following:

- (a) What new technology is the Administration going to use? What are the reasons for using it?
- (b) What are the planned schedule and the required funding?
- (c) Recently, the public has raised concern over the effectiveness of laser gun, will the Administration consider replacing laser gun or infrared red sensor technology with new technology so as to enhance the effectiveness of the anti-speeding enforcement? Please provide the details of the work, the implementation timetable and the estimated expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon. SIN Chung-kai

Reply:

- (a) The Force has been watchful on new law enforcement devices introduced in the international market with a view to introducing appropriate and more advanced devices and equipment which are acceptable to courts as evidence to ensure the continual effectiveness of law enforcement actions against speeding. One of the initiatives is to replace the existing mobile radar speed detection film cameras with mobile radar speed detection digital cameras. The digital photography technology is adopted to replenish film camera devices which have gradually become out of date in the market. The technology can also facilitate the storage and delivery of data to enhance the effectiveness of relevant law enforcement actions.
- (b) The Force has earmarked \$950,000 in 2008-09 estimate for procuring appropriate mobile radar speed detection digital cameras for trial. If the trial results live up to our expectation, we will consider gradually replacing the existing mobile radar speed detection film cameras with mobile radar speed detection digital cameras.
- (c) Although the accuracy of laser guns has never been queried by the court over the years, in response to the recent controversy over the accuracy of laser guns, the Force has set up a task force for a comprehensive review of the law enforcement procedures in the use of laser guns to ensure public confidence in the use of laser guns for law enforcement by the Force. The enhancement of anti-speeding enforcement falls under the Programme of "Road Safety". No specific breakdown of the estimated expenditure in this regard is available.

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[Note: The question below concerns matters under the policy purview of the Transport and Housing Bureau (THB). The reply was prepared by the Hong Kong Police Force and vetted by THB.]

Question:

- (a) What is the amount of resources used by the Force on the maintenance of anti-speeding devices such as laser guns and speed enforcement cameras?
- (b) Will the Force replace those anti-speeding devices with doubtful accuracy so as to enhance the accuracy and law enforcement credibility of the Force?

Asked by: Hon. TONG Ka-wah, Ronny

Reply:

- (a) A total of 50 laser guns, 15 mobile radar speed detection devices and 10 radar speed detection devices placed at 85 fixed housings by rotation (speed enforcement cameras) are being used by the Force for anti-speeding enforcement. The annual maintenance cost for these devices met by the Force is about \$2.3 m.
- (b) The existing speed detection devices (including laser guns and radar devices) used by the Force are highly accurate devices extensively used by the traffic enforcement agencies of a number of developed countries in the world. Although the accuracy of these devices has never been queried by the court over the years, in order to ensure the credibility of using such devices for law enforcement, apart from carrying out regular maintenance and inspections for these devices, technical experts are also invited from time to time to conduct independent tests on the devices. Besides, the Force has been watchful on new law enforcement devices introduced in the international market with a view to introducing appropriate and more advanced devices and equipment which are acceptable by the courts as evidence to ensure the continual effectiveness of law enforcement actions against speeding.

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