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Clerk to Panel  
Legislative Council Panel on Security  
Legislative Council Building  
8 Jackson Road, Central  
Hong Kong  
(Attn: Mr Raymond Lam)

Dear Mr Lam,

**Supplementary Information Requested at the  
Security Panel Meeting on 3 June 2008  
Prison Development**

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I refer to para. 48 of the notes of the above meeting and would like to set out supplementary information below for Members' reference.

As at 7 November 2008, there were 1 534 remanded persons under the custody of Correctional Services Department (CSD). According to Rule 201 of the Prison Rules (Cap. 234A), persons on remand can opt to work in the service or industries of the correctional institutions during the remand period. Since the remand period may vary from a few days to a few months depending on the progress of the relevant legal proceedings, CSD will avoid assigning work which requires special skills to persons on remand. Currently, they are assigned four major types of work that are relatively simple, namely garment making, carpentry, envelope making and general cleaning.

Upon admission to reception facilities, persons on remand will be interviewed regularly by CSD's rehabilitation officers. These officers will assist them with their applications for legal aid, help them deal with adjustment problems arising from their incarceration, and take care of their welfare needs, for example by communicating with their family members and making referrals to relevant government departments and non-government organisations for support services as appropriate. Clinical psychologists of the Department will also provide psychological assessment and counselling services to them on a need basis.

Apart from taking part in recreational activities such as ball games and board games available in the reception facilities, persons on remand can also participate in religious activities, cultural activities and festival gatherings organised by non-government organisations.

Yours sincerely,

( Miss Sharon Ko )  
for Secretary for Security

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