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Mrs Sharon Tong  
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Legislative Council  
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Dear Mrs Tong,

### **Cases of Dropping of Handguns by Marine Police Officers –**

#### **Supplementary Information**

Thank you for your letter of 5 June 2008 relaying Members' request for additional information regarding the two cases of dropping of handguns by marine police officers which occurred in 2007. We note that Members are particularly concerned about whether the incidents arose from the negligence of any police officers.

Regarding the first incident which occurred on 16 June 2007, the investigation results reveal that the police officer who lost his handgun had been negligent in failing to secure all items of arms and equipment issued to him. He was disciplined for "Contravention of Police Orders".

On the second incident which occurred on 24 November 2007, the Police have submitted their investigation findings to the Department of Justice for legal advice. The Police will decide, upon the advice from the

Department of Justice, whether disciplinary action is warranted in respect of the police officer concerned.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Apollonia Liu". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

(Apollonia Liu)  
for Secretary for Security

c.c. Commissioner of Police (Attn: Mr Austin Kerrigan)