

**Information requested by the Subcommittee of the House Committee
of the Legislative Council to
Study Issues Relating to Mainland-HKSAR Families**

At the meeting of the Subcommittee held on 29 June 2009, the Administration was requested to provide information and response on the followings -

- (a) to consider relaxing the procedures for arrival checking of Two Way Permit holders who had booked the obstetric services; and
- (b) to consider extending their duration of stay to tie in with the confinement date.

Response to item (a)

2. Mainland pregnant visitors who are in an advanced stage of pregnancy upon their arrival in Hong Kong will be subject to further immigration examination. They are required to furnish their confinement booking letter to prove that prior admission arrangements have been made with hospitals in Hong Kong. Mainland pregnant visitors with proof of confinement bookings in Hong Kong hospitals will have a special landing endorsement imposed on their 'Exit-entry Permit for Travelling to and from Hong Kong and Macao'. Upon their subsequent arrival in Hong Kong, they only need to go through normal immigration clearance. The existing entry arrangement has already provided facilitation for such pregnant visitors.

Response to item (b)

3. Depending on the exit endorsement on their 'Exit-entry Permit for Travelling to and from Hong Kong and Macao', Mainland pregnant visitors may be given permission to stay in Hong Kong ranging from seven days to three months. Application for extension of stay will be processed flexibly. The procedure is simple. The applicant only has to fill in an application form and produce relevant documentary proof. If approved, appropriate extension of stay is granted to tie-in with their expected date of confinement.

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