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Miss Josephine SO
Legislative Council Panel on Security
Legislative Council Building
8 Jackson Road, Central
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Dear Miss So,

Panel on Security

At the Security Panel meeting on 5 May 2009, a member requested information on entertainment venues or blackspots in the Mainland where Hong Kong young people have been arrested for taking drugs, including the number and location of these premises.

The Hong Kong Police does not collect or maintain such information which relates to detailed law enforcement matters outside the jurisdiction of Hong Kong.

Mainland authorities have, however, confirmed that places of public entertainment venues in Shenzhen have been subjected to stringent enforcement actions.

In the year of 2008, a total of 68 Hong Kong people were arrested for drug offences in Shenzhen. In the first four months of 2009, the number of

arrest was 69. The increase in arrest has reflected the intensity and effectiveness of the enforcement actions.

Please rest assured that law enforcement authorities in Hong Kong will continue to work with their Mainland counterparts in earnest to tackle the youth drug abuse problem.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Wong', with a long vertical stroke extending upwards from the end of the signature.

(David Wong)
for Secretary for Security