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Mr Raymond Lam Clerk to Panel on Security Legislative Council 3/F Citibank Tower 3 Garden Road Central Hong Kong

Dear Mr Lam,

Police's handling of cases of violence against well-known personalities and civil servants in their performance of duties

Supplementary Information

At the Panel meeting held on 29 June 2009, a Member requested the Administration to provide information on the number of complaints, arrests, prosecution and conviction on cases concerning criminal damage to publicity boards and banners of Legislative Council Members in the past two years, and measures adopted by the Police to combat such crimes.

The enforcement figures in relation to the cases concerning criminal damage to publicity boards and banners of Legislative Council Members in 2008 and 2009 are as follows:

	2008	<u>2009</u>
Number of Complaints	47	53
Number of Persons Arrested	7	8
Number of Persons Prosecuted	4	5
Number of Persons Convicted	3	2

The Police attach importance to incidents involving criminal damage to publicity boards and banners of Legislative Council Members, and adopt a proactive approach in their investigations. On receiving a report of such incident, the Police will conduct a thorough investigation into the case in order to bring the offender to justice. This involves taking statements from relevant parties, locating witnesses, gathering evidence at the scene of crime, establishing the culprit's profile, analyzing the culprit's modus operandi, etc. Depending on the evidence available and subject to legal advice, the Police may arrest and lay charges against the persons concerned.

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs Millie Ng) for Secretary for Security

c.c. CP (Attn: Mr Edwin Lam)