

**Replies to supplementary questions raised by Finance Committee Members
in examining the Estimates of Expenditure 2012-13**

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

S-SB001

Question Serial No.

S007

Head: 151 Government Secretariat:
Security Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Internal Security

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Security

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Would the Administration please advise on the amount of resources allocated for providing training to officers of the Hong Kong Police Force and the Fire Services Department to handle nuclear incidents, apart from providing decontamination training to members of the Auxiliary Medical Service? What are the details of the training? What is the number of trainees?

Asked by: Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply:

Handling incidents involving hazardous materials (including decontamination) is one of the responsibilities and an important part of the regular training of fire and ambulance personnel, which includes risk assessment, know-how of handling hazardous materials, use of protective equipment, procedures for decontamination, handling and transportation of radiologically contaminated patients, etc. All frontline fire personnel and ambulancemen are required to receive relevant training regularly and take part in departmental decontamination exercises as well as large-scale inter-departmental Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) exercises.

In view of operational needs, the Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF) provides frontline police officers with training in handling nuclear accidents, which include the risk involved in rescue efforts and precautionary measures against those risks (including radiation monitoring, personal protection, decontamination, etc). In 2011, the HKPF provided training in handling nuclear accidents to over 500 Marine Police officers and about 1 000 Emergency Unit officers. Apart from internal departmental exercises, the HKPF also organises large-scale inter-departmental CBRN exercises on a regular basis to enhance the capability of the Government in coordination and handling such incidents.

Meanwhile, with the support from various parties such as the Security Bureau, the Department of Health and the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department, the Hong Kong Observatory (HKO) organises "Radiological Protection Officers' Course" on a regular

basis for officers from various departments with responsibilities under the Daya Bay Contingency Plan. This is to facilitate Radiological Protection Officers to organise internal training in their departments, draw up departments' contingency plans to ensure that radiological protective principles form part of the operation and procedures of the plans, and keep those plans under review. The HKO organised the Course in November 2011 and February 2012, and the HKPF and Fire Services Department (FSD) both nominated their Radiological Protection Officers to attend.

Handling nuclear and radiation incidents is part of the core duties and responsibilities of the HKPF and the FSD. A breakdown of the estimated cost for training in this regard is not available.

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Name in block letters: CHANG KING YIU

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Security

Date: 13.3.2012

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

S-SB002

Question Serial No.

S006

Head: 122 Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

What are the manpower and ranks of staff responsible for records management in the Police Force since 1 July 1997? How many administrative records and programme records, in terms of linear metres, are there in the Police Force? What are the respective numbers of linear metres of these two types of records referred to the Government Records Service (GRS) for assessment? How many of them are kept by the GRS? How many have been destroyed? Are any records destroyed without having been assessed? How many records have been closed but not transferred to the GRS for handling? Are these records stored in places where the temperature and humidity meet the requirements for storage of records? What are the resources allocated for the storage of such records?

Asked by: Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply:

Regarding "records management", the Force provides information as follows:

- Records of the Police Force have been managed by the Chief Executive Officer (Personnel & General) since 1 July 1997.
- As at 31 December 2011, the respective linear metres of administrative records and programme records kept by the Police Force were 20,566.28 and 22,362.28.
- In 2011, the Police Force transferred 837.82 linear metres of closed administrative records and 2,045.88 linear metres of closed programme records to the Government Records Service (GRS) for assessing the retention value of these records.
- Among the above records transferred to the GRS for assessment, 1.05 linear metres of administrative records and 2.35 linear metres of programme records have been transferred to the GRS for final audit/retention.

- The remaining 836.77 linear metres of administrative records and 2,043.53 linear metres of programme records have been destroyed after the GRS Director had confirmed that they had no retention value and given approval for their destruction.
- When transferring some records to the GRS for assessment in 2011, the Police Force discovered that some annexes to one of the records which had not been assessed were destroyed in 1972 and 1976. Owing to the lapse of time, the background and reasons for destroying these annexes can no longer be traced. Destruction of those records does not have any implication on the operation of the Force.
- The Police Force has a total of 4,815.02 linear metres of records which have been closed but not yet transferred to the GRS for assessment.
- Records are stored by the Police Force according to the Government's Records Management Manual (RMM). All closed records which have not been transferred to the GRS for assessment are kept in the filing rooms of the Police Force. These rooms are air-conditioned with room temperature set at not higher than 25.5 degree Celsius and humidity at general office level, which meet the requirements for storage of records.
- In accordance with the requirements of the Government's RMM, the Police Force have filing rooms in place in all offices for storage and maintenance of records. The management of filing rooms is part of the routine operation of the Police Force. We do not maintain any information on the resources allocated for retention of these closed records.

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Name in block letters: TSANG WAI HUNG

Post Title: Commissioner of Police

Date: 19.3.2012

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

S-SB003

Question Serial No.

SV010

Head: 122 Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (3) Road Safety

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

[Note: The question below concerns matters under the policy purview of the Transport and Housing Bureau (THB). The reply was prepared by the Hong Kong Police Force and vetted by the THB.]

Question:

The Administration is requested to provide (i) prosecution statistics against vehicles from the Mainland that have violated traffic regulations in Hong Kong, including information on the number of traffic offence penalty tickets issued and the amount of fines involved, as well as the number of forfeiture cases and the amount of fines forfeited, etc.; and (ii) information on the collaboration between Hong Kong and Guangdong to tackle enforcement difficulties in respect of cross-boundary private cars.

Asked by: Hon. EU Yuet-mee, Audrey

Reply:

- (i) The Force has not maintained the prosecution statistics of traffic offences against vehicles from the Mainland. In response to the Member's request, the Force has checked the prosecution records of non-commercial vehicles from the Mainland in the past 5 years. Among these prosecutions, the numbers of 6 common traffic offences and cases with outstanding payment of fines for illegal parking are listed below:

	Number of prosecutions against non-commercial vehicles from the Mainland					
Main offences	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Sub-total
Careless driving	9	4	9	4	7	33
Speeding	113	145	168	151	133	710
Failure to comply with traffic signals	34	22	14	20	17	107

	Number of prosecutions against non-commercial vehicles from the Mainland					
Failure to comply with restriction on double white lines	2	0	1	4	0	7
Failure to comply with traffic signs / road markings	6	5	11	15	11	48
Illegal parking	35	42	25	34	29	165
Total	199	218	228	228	197	1 070

Outstanding payment of fines for illegal parking of non-commercial vehicles from the Mainland from 2007 to 2011:	Number of cases	Amount (HK\$)
	12	\$12,960

- (ii) Regarding the enforcement action in respect of cross-boundary private cars, the Force will conduct investigation and take enforcement action against traffic offences in respect of all vehicles, including those from the Mainland, under the laws of Hong Kong. If necessary, the Force will seek assistance from the Mainland public security agencies under the existing mechanism.

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Name in block letters: TSANG WAI HUNG

Post Title: Commissioner of Police

Date: 19.3.2012

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

S-SB004

Question Serial No.

SV009

Head: 70 Immigration Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Control Upon Entry

Controlling Officer: Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

The Administration is requested to provide statistics on the number of doubly non-permanent resident Mainland pregnant women giving births in Hong Kong without making appointment, with a breakdown by the means of transportation to enter Hong Kong.

Asked by: Hon. LEE Wing-tat

Reply:

From April 2011 to January 2012, 940 Mainland pregnant visitors without booking confirmation certificates gave birth in local hospitals via accident and emergency departments, and around 50% of them entered Hong Kong in cross-boundary private vehicles. The Immigration Department does not have information on the spouses of these Mainland pregnant women, nor a breakdown of the other means of public transportation taken.

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Name in block letters: Eric K K CHAN

Post Title: Director of Immigration

Date: 19.3.2012

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

S-SB005

Question Serial No.

SV011

Head: 45 Fire Services Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Fire Protection and Prevention

Controlling Officer: Director of Fire Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question: The Administration is requested to provide statistics about the number of Fire Hazard Abatement Notices issued by the Fire Services Department, and the prosecution statistics of non-compliance of these notices.

Asked by: Hon. LEE Wing-tat

Reply: In 2011, the Fire Services Department issued a total of 6 332 Fire Hazard Abatement Notices and there were 45 prosecutions against non-compliance of such Notices.

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Name in block letters: CHAN CHOR KAM

Post Title: Director of Fire Services

Date: 14.3.2012