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**Legislative Council
Panel on Transport and Panel on Financial Affairs**

**Joint Subcommittee on Issues Relating to
Insurance Coverage for the Transport Sector**

Follow-up to Meeting on 7 May 2012

Statistics of the Traffic Accident Victims Assistance Scheme

Purpose

As requested by Members at the meeting on 7 May 2012, this paper provides additional statistics of the Traffic Accident Victims Assistance (TAVA) Scheme administered by the Social Welfare Department (SWD).

Statistics of the TAVA Scheme

2. The total entitlements of the beneficiaries by type of grant under the TAVA Scheme in the past five years are as follows:

Year	Entitlements (\$ Million)					Total Entitlements (\$ Million)
	Burial Grant	Death Grant	Disability Grant	Injury Grant	Interim Maintenance Grant	
2007-08	1.1	3.6	1.4	113.6	55.5	175.2
2008-09	1.1	4.8	1.6	110.9	61.6	180.0
2009-10	0.9	3.8	1.6	122.2	69.6	198.1
2010-11	0.9	2.4	1.5	125.9	65.0	195.7
2011-12	0.9	2.3	0.8	121.5	52.6	178.1

3. The numbers of persons prosecuted and the numbers of persons convicted of fraudulent claims for TAVA grants in the past five years are as follows:

Year	No. of persons prosecuted	No. of persons convicted
2007-08	1	1
2008-09	2	2
2009-10	2	2
2010-11	1	1
2011-12	102 <i>(Note 1)</i>	100 <i>(Note 2)</i>
Total	108	106

Note 1: Including 99 persons prosecuted subsequent to the “Operation Blue Day” conducted by the Police in 2010, with two of them pending court decision.

Note 2: Including 97 persons convicted subsequent to the “Operation Blue Day” conducted by the Police in 2010.

4. The numbers of suspected fraudulent cases referred by SWD to the Police for investigation and follow-up in the past five years are as follows:

Year	No. of cases referred
2007-08	11
2008-09	15
2009-10	79 <i>(Note 3)</i>
2010-11	8
2011-12	18

Note 3: Including 52 cases referred under the “Operation Blue Day” conducted by the Police in 2010.

5. The numbers of TAVA applicants and the numbers of applicants with repeated claims in the past five years are as follows:

Year	No. of TAVA applicants	No. of applicants with repeated claims
2007-08	8,964	180
2008-09	8,515	182
2009-10	8,679	217
2010-11	8,681	218
2011-12	8,718	86

Application of the Computerized Social Security System

6. TAVA applicants have to provide personal information including their identity card number for assistance claims. Relevant essential information of each application will be kept in our Computerized Social Security System (CSSS). Caseworkers will be alerted by CSSS when they come across applications made by previous applicants. Where repeated claims are lodged within a short period of time, SWD will step up the vetting and examine the applications in detail. Suspected fraudulent cases will be referred to the Police for further investigation and follow-up.

7. SWD is developing CSSS- II which is targeted for implementation in the second half of 2013. We will consider the feasibility of capturing additional information of the traffic accidents related to TAVA applications such as the vehicle registration, so that more information will be available to facilitate necessary analysis and fraud investigation.

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