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Dear Mrs Tong,

Mainland women giving birth in Hong Kong

Following the Security Panel meeting on 4 July, I write to provide further information in respect of Mainland pregnant women giving birth in Hong Kong.

The Immigration Department (ImmD) has since last December enhanced the complementary immigration measures on non-local pregnant women. As a result, the number of Mainland pregnant women gate-crashing Accident and Emergency Departments (A&ED) without booking has dropped from a monthly average of 150 from September to December 2011, to a monthly average of 53 in the second quarter of 2012.

In recent months, about 70% of Mainland women gate-crashing A&EDs were overstayers (compared with less than 40% in 2011). The ImmD will step up enforcement and, in collaboration with other departments, strengthen inspection of the

illegal abodes for overstayers. From October 2011 to early July 2012, the ImmD prosecuted 350 Mainland pregnant women having overstayed in Hong Kong, and arranged for their repatriation afterwards. On the other hand, the cases of Mainland pregnant women entering Hong Kong via vehicular channels have been decreasing, from almost 50% of the total cases in the later half of 2011, to no such cases in June 2012. Please see Annex for the statistics relating to Mainland pregnant women having overstayed or entered Hong Kong via vehicular channels.

The ImmD does not have statistical breakdown on whether the spouses of these Mainland pregnant women are Hong Kong residents. The ImmD has conducted an analysis of cases in the past three months and compiled the relevant statistics, which are also at Annex for reference.

Yours sincerely,



(Miss P H YUNG)
for Secretary for Security

Mainland pregnant women gate-crashing Accident and Emergency Departments without booking
(September 2011 to June 2012)

		Total number of cases	No. of overstayers		No. of persons entering Hong Kong via vehicular channels		With Hong Kong resident spouse		Non-Hong Kong resident	No spouse details (Note)				
				%		%	Permanent resident	Non-permanent resident						
2011	Sep	119	46	(39%)	67	(56%)	The ImmD does not have statistical breakdown during the period on whether the spouses of these Mainland pregnant women are Hong Kong residents.							
	Oct	159	45	(28%)	90	(57%)								
	Nov	162	71	(44%)	77	(48%)								
	Dec	164	67	(41%)	75	(46%)								
2012	Jan	116	60	(52%)	42	(36%)								
	Feb	78	38	(49%)	18	(23%)								
	Mar	92	59	(64%)	15	(16%)								
	Apr	74	52	(70%)	3	(4%)	42	9	19	4				
	May	45	31	(69%)	4	(9%)	22	1	20	2				
	Jun	41	29	(71%)	0	(0%)	11	3	5	22				

Note : Including cases whereby no information of the father was provided at the hospital / during birth registration, or the birth return has not yet been provided by the hospital concerned. According to Births and Deaths Registration Ordinance, the father or mother shall give information to a registrar within 42 days after the day of birth of every child born alive in Hong Kong. There are thus more cases in June where birth registration has not been completed.