

**Replies to supplementary questions raised by Finance Committee Members in examining the
Estimates of Expenditure 2013-14**

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

S-SB01

Question Serial No.

S138

Head: 151 – Government Secretariat:
Security Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Security

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

In connection with the provision of public information and gathering of public opinions by means of the Internet, please advise of the following:

- (a) the particulars, in tabulated forms (see Annex 1), regarding the social media platforms set up and operated by bureaux/departments/public bodies or their agents (such as out-sourced contractors or consultants) for the past 3 years (2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13).
- (b) Using the table below (see Annex 2), provide information on practical training received by Government officers in social media.
- (c) In respect of the setting up and operation of social media platforms, did the Administration provide Government officers with guidelines on the operation and use of social media and encourage Government agencies to strengthen communication with the public by means of social media? If yes, what are the details? If no, does the Government have any plan to formulate such guidelines? If there is no such a plan, what are the reasons?
- (d) In recent years, governments around the world have introduced systems through which citizens may hand in their online proposals. They have also undertaken that they would give a formal online response if a certain number of citizens have indicated their support of the proposals. Did the Administration look into ways to improve the existing channels for collecting public opinions on the Internet and evaluate the feasibility of collecting public opinions on the Internet through the above systems? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. MOK, Charles Peter

Commencement of operation (Month/ Year)	Status (keeps on updating / ceased updating) (as at 28 February 2013)	Government agencies (including policy bureaux/ departments/ public bodies/ government consultants)	Name	Social media (Facebook/ Flickr/ Google+/ LinkedIn/ Sina Weibo/ Twitter/ YouTube)	Purpose of establishment and no. of updates (as at 28 February 2013)	No. of “Likes”/ subscribers/ average monthly visits (as at 28 February 2013)	Compilation of summary of comments and follow-up on a regular basis (Yes/ No)	Rank and No. of officers responsible for the operation (as at 28 February 2013)	Financial resources involved in the establishment and daily operation (as at 28 February 2013)
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Date (Month/ Year)	Status (under progress/ completed) (as at 28 February 2013)	Government agencies (including policy bureaux/ departments/ public bodies/ government consultants)	Name of course provider	Course title	Course content (Facebook/ Flickr/ Google+/ LinkedIn/ Sina Weibo/ Twitter/ YouTube)	No. of officers participated and completed a course (as at 28 February 2013)	Total no. of training hours (as at 28 February 2013)	Rank and no. of officers participated in training (as at 28 February 2013)	Financial resources involved in training (as at 28 February 2013)
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Reply:

- (a) Information regarding the social media platforms set up and operated by the Security Bureau and departments/public bodies under its purview or their agents (such as out-sourced contractors or consultants) for the past 3 years (2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13) is tabulated at Annex 1.
- (b) Information on practical training on social media received by officers of the Security Bureau and departments/public bodies under its purview is tabulated at Annex 2.
- (c) When pursuing the related work, the Security Bureau and departments/public bodies under its purview will make reference to the "Guidelines on the Use of Social Media" provided by the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer.
- (d) Members of the public may submit their views to the Security Bureau and departments/public bodies under its purview through various channels (such as e-mail, telephone and letters, etc.). We will adopt appropriate means to collect public opinion according to operational needs and circumstances.

Name in block letters: JOSHUA LAW

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Security

Date: 16.4.2013

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July 2011	Ceased updating	Narcotics Division of Security Bureau (ND) and Action Committee Against Narcotics (ACAN)	校園毒品事件簿*	Facebook	To upload an anti-drug drama series and anti-drug videos on the social media for dissemination of anti-drug messages. Twelve videos and 35 posts have been uploaded.	Number of “Like”: about 680	No	1 Principal Information Officer (PIO) (among other duties)	As the work involved is part of the Bureau / Department’s operations, there is no separate breakdown on the financial resources involved.
July 2012	Ceased updating	ND and ACAN	Anti-drug heroes (抗毒英雄傳)	Facebook	To upload an anti-drug drama series and anti-drug videos on the social media for dissemination of anti-drug messages. Twenty-one videos and 43 posts have been uploaded.	Number of “Like”: about 1200	No	1 PIO (among other duties)	As the work involved is part of the Bureau / Department’s operations, there is no separate breakdown on the financial resources involved.

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March 2013	Keeps on updating	The Hong Kong Jockey Club DrugInfo Centre (DIC) under ND	Druginfo centre (DIC)	YouTube	To publicize video clips of the DIC’s anti-drug activities on the social media. (Not yet in operation as at 28 Feb 2013.)	Not yet in operation as at 28 Feb 2013	No	1 Programme Officer (among other duties)	As the work involved is part of the Bureau / Department’s operations, there is no separate breakdown on the financial resources involved.
March 2013	Keeps on updating	Hong Kong Police Force	Hong Kong Police@ YouTube	YouTube	To enhance the community’s understanding, promote a positive image of and build public confidence on the Hong Kong Police. (Not yet in operation as at 28 Feb 2013.)	Not yet in operation as at 28 Feb 2013	Yes	1 Chief Inspector (among other duties)	As the work involved is part of the Bureau / Department’s operations, there is no separate breakdown on the financial resources involved.

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November 2010	Keeps on updating	Correctional Services Department	HK Correctional Services	YouTube	To publicize videos mostly related to promotion of rehabilitation work (e.g. past episodes of TV series 'Road Back') and TV Announcements of Public Interest (API) on the social media. 52 videos/API have been uploaded.	Videos have been viewed more than 366,500	No	1 Executive Officer (among other duties)	As the work involved is part of the Bureau / Department's operations, there is no separate breakdown on the financial resources involved.

* English name is not available

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March 2011	Completed	Security Bureau	Office of the Government Chief Information Officer	Briefing session of the Centralised Tool to create Facebook Applications	Create Facebook Applications with the Tool	1	2	1 Analyst/ Programmer I	Bureau/ Department do not have separate breakdown of the financial resources involved.
December 2011	Completed	Hong Kong Police Force	The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	Social Media Strategies	Social Media Strategies, Tools and Applications	1	7	1 Senior Inspector	Bureau/ Department do not have separate breakdown of the financial resources involved.
March 2012	Completed	Hong Kong Police Force	The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	Social Media Strategies	Social Media Strategies, Tools and Applications (Workshop with updated content)	1	7	1 Senior Inspector	Bureau/ Department do not have separate breakdown of the financial resources involved.

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

S-SB02

Question Serial No.

SV016

Head: 122 Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Pursuant to reply no. SB058, the Administration is requested to provide details of overseas duty visits conducted in the name of the department and the justifications for having incurred more than double in expenditure in 2010-11 as compared with 2008-09 although the number of visits conducted and the number of entourage staff were the same.

Asked by: Hon. Gary FAN Kwok-wai

Reply:

The expenditure for overseas duty visits made by the Commissioner of Police in 2010-11 was higher than that in 2008-09. This was due to the different destinations of visits, as well as the increase in the average number of entourage staff and the number of days of visits as compared with 2008-09.

Name in block letters: TSANG WAI HUNG

Post Title: Commissioner of Police

Date: 16.4.2013

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

S-SB03

Question Serial No.

SV017

Head: 122 Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (1) Maintenance of Law and Order in the Community

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Pursuant to reply no. SB060, the Administration is requested to provide information on when the Tseung Kwan O Police Division will be upgraded to a Police District.

Asked by: Hon. Gary FAN Kwok-wai

Reply:

The Force plans to upgrade the Tseung Kwan O Police Division to a Police District in 2015. To implement the upgrading arrangements, it is necessary for the Force to increase manpower based on the scale of the Police District, including the increase of 39 relevant police officer posts in 2013-14.

Name in block letters: TSANG WAI HUNG

Post Title: Commissioner of Police

Date: 16.4.2013

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

S-SB04

Question Serial No.

S056

Head: 122 Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

In the past few years, there were a number of incidents involving the leakage of personal privacy of the public and police constables in the Force. What is the number of Force members (including members of the Information Security Committee) who have received training in the awareness of privacy protection and what is the percentage of the officers who are required to access computer data?

What measures were taken by the Force in protecting personal privacy (including privacy assessment, formulation of privacy policy, internal training, etc.)? What were the resources, manpower and total expenditure involved?

If the Police Force does not maintain a breakdown of the expenditure in this respect, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. MOK, Charles Peter

Reply:

The Police Force always attaches great importance to information security and data protection. By providing training through various channels, modes and a multi-media approach, the Force develops the correct concepts and culture of information security among all Force members (including members of the Information Security Committee). As Force members may receive training on information security and privacy protection through various channels, the Force does not maintain the number of officers who have received training and the percentage of the officers who are required to access computer data.

On privacy protection measures, the Force has set up the "Information Security Committee" (the Committee) which is a high-level internal working group led by the Deputy Commissioner of Police (Operations) to holistically scrutinise information security within the Force, including measures and procedures for safeguarding personal data and confidential information. The Committee also ensures that information security is maintained at the highest level by drawing up a series of integrated measures in areas like policies and procedures, security measures, promotion and education, etc. to enhance security.

The Force respects the right to personal data privacy and strives to comply with the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance. The Force's policies on information security and protection of personal data are stipulated in Police General Orders, Force Procedures Manual and Force Information Security Manual. The Force reviews and revises the relevant policies, procedures and guidelines in a timely manner. Officers who do not comply with the relevant policies, procedures and guidelines of the Force may have constituted contraventions of orders and will be subject to disciplinary action.

As for training of officers, topics on personal data privacy and information security are included in the basic training courses for recruited police constables and probationary inspectors as well as in the promotion

course for junior managers. Besides, the Force has also implemented a series of action plans on education and training to enhance the sensitivity and vigilance of information security and protection of personal privacy among all officers. These action plans include regular internal training days, NoticeBoard messages, Offbeat, guidelines on information security, seminars, etc. to remind officers that they should comply with the requirements on data protection and information security.

As information security and data protection are part of the regular work of the Force, no specific breakdown of the expenditure in this respect is available.

Name in block letters: TSANG WAI HUNG

Post Title: Commissioner of Police

Date: 15.4.2013

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

S-SB05

Question Serial No.

S057

Head: 122 Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

What are the details of the operating expenditure of the Cyber Security Centre under the Technology Crime Division of the Commercial Crime Bureau? What are the details of the provision and expected achievements of the relevant work?

If the Police Force does not maintain a breakdown of the expenditure in this respect, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. MOK Charles Peter

Reply:

The Police Force established the Cyber Security Centre in 2012 to further enhance Hong Kong's capability in preventing cyber threats through co-operation with relevant government departments and industry stakeholders (including operators of Internet service and critical infrastructures).

The Police's operating expenditure for the Cyber Security Centre is part of the total expenditure for the Programme of "Prevention and Detection of Crime". The Police Force does not maintain a breakdown of the expenditure in this respect.

Name in block letters: TSANG WAI HUNG

Post Title: Commissioner of Police

Date: 16.4.2013

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

S-SB06

Question Serial No.

S058

Head: 122 Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (4) Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Filming officers are deployed from time to time by the operation units of the Police to take recordings of public order events such as processions / demonstrations. Please inform this Committee of the following:

(a) Please provide the information in the following table:

Year	No. of times that video teams are deployed to record incidents where a breach of the peace is likely to occur or has occurred	Average no. of filming officers deployed each time	No. of cases in which the audio-visual records or photographs are used as evidence by the Police	Total no. of hours of audio-visual records stored	Total no. of photographs stored	Types and no. of video-recording equipment in the Information Systems Wing	Expenditure involved in procuring and replacing the video-recording equipment
2012-13							
2011-12							
2010-11							

(b) Please provide the following information about the management of the video and photograph depository by the Force:

Year	No. of audio-visual data / photographs for continuous retention for investigation or evidential purposes or due to deferred reports	Average time for continuous retention of the data	No. of videos and photographs destroyed
2012-13			
2011-12			
2010-11			

If the Police Force does not maintain a breakdown of the above work, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. MOK Charles Peter

Reply:

The Force will take video records of individual public order events (POEs) on a need basis, such as video recording of the overall movement of a public procession to facilitate internal review and strategy evaluation with a view to improving the management and response capabilities of the Force in handling POEs. Under general circumstances, officers responsible for video recording target the event rather than personalities involved. Only if a breach of the peace is likely to occur, or has occurred, will the individuals suspected of causing that breach become the subject.

Recording of public order events is undertaken by frontline police officers. After carrying out risk assessment and proper authorisation, the Force will deploy officers from the frontline to conduct the recording. As for the handling of any case-related information / exhibits, including videos and photographs, it is part of the investigation work of individual formation. The Force has not assigned dedicated officers to collect / maintain the relevant figures. The Force does not compile statistics on the use of video-recording equipment for giving assistance in POEs.

The Force has clear and strict guidelines and procedures for handling the recorded information in order to ensure, inter alia, its safe custody, proper handling and timely destruction. It is laid down in the guidelines that video records can only be handled by designated law enforcement officers. Recorded data without investigative or evidential value or not for other legitimate purposes will be destroyed after 31 days from the date of recording.

Name in block letters: TSANG WAI HUNG

Post Title: Commissioner of Police

Date: 15.4.2013

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

S-SB07

Question Serial No.

SV018

Head: 122 Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Pursuant to reply no. SB106, the Administration is requested to provide information on sexual offences arising from frauds in online social networking.

Asked by: Hon. Elizabeth QUAT

Reply:

The numbers of rape and indecent assault cases arising from online social networking from 2010 to 2012 are set out as follows:

Year	Rape	Indecent Assault
2010	11	27
2011	11	19
2012	18	27

Name in block letters: TSANG WAI HUNG

Post Title: Commissioner of Police

Date: 15.4.2013

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

S-SB08

Question Serial No.

SV020

Head: 122 Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Pursuant to reply no. SB128, the Administration is requested to provide, for reference / discussion by the Legislative Council Panel on Security, the guidelines on the use and deployment of Long Range Acoustic Device in Police operations.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Yuk-man

Reply:

The Force has stringent rules and operational guidelines on the use of the Long Range Acoustic Devices (LRADs) to ensure that the operator achieves the objective of the operation in a safe manner without causing impairment to any persons around.

The operational guidelines include: officers operating the LRADs are required to receive prior operational and safety training; any use of LRADs should be approved by the highest officer-in-charge of the formation concerned (i.e. an officer of Superintendent to Chief Superintendent rank); any on-site use of LRADs should be approved by an officer of Inspector / Senior Inspector rank or above, and in case the highest volume range shall be used, another trained officer must be present to assist in observing the actual surrounding, to ensure that the operator achieves the objective of the operation in a safe manner without causing impairment to any persons around.

Name in block letters: TSANG WAI HUNG

Post Title: Commissioner of Police

Date: 15.4.2013

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

S-SB09

Question Serial No.

S039

Head: 31 Customs and Excise Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (1) Control and Enforcement

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Customs and Excise

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security / Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury / Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development

Question:

As mentioned in Reply Serial No. SB192, in view of the satisfactory results of the joint operation against parallel trade activities conducted by the Shenzhen and Hong Kong authorities since September last year, both sides have decided to upgrade it as a routine operation. Does the Administration expect that it will be necessary to increase the relevant manpower expenditure after the joint operation has become routine? If so, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. KWOK Wai-keung

Reply:

The Customs and Excise Department mainly plays the roles of on-scene notification and intelligence investigation in the joint operations against parallel trade activities conducted by the Shenzhen and Hong Kong authorities. The additional work arising from these routine operations will be absorbed by flexible redeployment of the Department's existing resources allocated in this area.

Name in block letters: Clement CHEUNG

Post Title: Commissioner of Customs and Excise

Date: 15.4.2013

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

S-SB10

Question Serial No.

S040

Head: 31 Customs and Excise Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (1) Control and Enforcement

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Customs and Excise

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security / Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury / Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development

Question:

According to media reports, parallel traders' modus operandi in smuggling is constantly changing. Therefore, it is expected that more import and export control measures will be required to combat smuggling in the future. Will the Administration increase the number of frontline Customs officers and the relevant provision accordingly? If so, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. KWOK Wai-keung

Reply:

In view of the constantly changing modus operandi of smuggling syndicates, the Customs and Excise Department will strengthen control point management and intelligence investigation to tackle parallel trade activities at the source of supply, storage, distribution and delivery levels. We will also conduct reviews from time to time, and apply for additional resources if necessary in accordance with the established mechanism.

Name in block letters: Clement CHEUNG

Post Title: Commissioner of Customs and Excise

Date: 15.4.2013

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

Reply Serial No.

S-SB11

Question Serial No.

SV063

Head: 70 Immigration Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

The Administration is requested to provide information about the number of torture claim cases that have involved judicial review since 2008-09.

Asked by: Hon. HO Chun-yan, Albert

Reply:

From 2008 to 2012, the number of cases where a claimant applied for and was granted leave by the Court to seek judicial review against the decision to reject his torture claim is tabulated below:

Year	No. of Cases
2008	0 case
2009	0 case
2010	1 case
2011	1 case
2012	15 cases

Name in block letters: Mrs W CHUNG

Post Title: Ag. Director of Immigration

Date: 15.4.2013

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

S-SB12

Question Serial No.

S038

Head: 70 Immigration Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (1) Pre-entry Control

Controlling Officer: Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Regarding items (e) of the replies to SB148 and 149 on the admission of talents, professionals and supplementary labour, the admission arrangements are said to bring in professionals not readily available in Hong Kong. However, there is hardly anything on strengthening local training as a complementary policy to such admission arrangements. Does the Administration have no intention to upgrade local employees, and does it want to deprive them of promotion opportunities? How does the Immigration Department enhance the transfer of data on such demand to training organisations and what are the strategies to improve the training of local employees?

Asked by: Hon. KWOK Wai-keung

Reply:

In accordance with the established policies, persons admitted to work in Hong Kong under the Admission Scheme for Mainland Talents and Professionals (ASMTTP) and the General Employment Policy (GEP) are all professionals of value to but not readily available in Hong Kong. They have good education background or technical qualifications, proven professional abilities and relevant experience and achievements. Their admission generates synergy in the local manpower market that helps enhance Hong Kong's competitiveness and the quality of local employees, and creates more job opportunities.

The Immigration Department (ImmD) regularly promulgates on its website relevant data and information on the ASMTTP and the GEP. The ImmD also maintains close liaison with relevant policy bureaux and departments and training organisations and provides them with the latest data and information in a timely manner so as to support the development and meet the needs of their policy areas.

Name in block letters: Mrs W CHUNG

Post Title: Ag. Director of Immigration

Date: 15.4.2013

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

S-SB13

Question Serial No.

S145

Head: 166 - Government Flying Service Subhead (No. & title): -

Programme: Government Flying Service

Controlling Officer: Controller, Government Flying Service

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

A follow-up question to the Reply SB272 :

According to the information provided in (b) of the reply, the Government Flying Service (GFS) has conducted deck landing practices with the US and French naval vessels. Would the GFS please advise how many times of these practices were initiated by the GFS, and how many were conducted at the invitation of the other parties? With regard to the location for conducting these practices, how many times were conducted within Hong Kong waters and how many times were outside Hong Kong waters? If conducted outside Hong Kong waters, how far away was it from Hong Kong waters?

Asked by: Hon. MA Fung-kwok

Reply:

According to the records of the Government Flying Service (GFS), the GFS conducted deck landing practices with the visiting United States and French naval vessels for 5 times and 1 time respectively in the past 3 years. All the aforementioned practices were conducted in response to their invitations, and on the condition that these practices would not affect the emergency operations of the GFS. All the practices were conducted within Hong Kong waters.

Name in block letters: CAPTAIN MICHAEL CHAN

Post Title: Controller, Government Flying Service

Date: 15.4.2013

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

S-SB14

Question Serial No.

SV019

Head: 166 - Government Flying Service Subhead (No. & title): -

Programme: Government Flying Service

Controlling Officer: Controller, Government Flying Service

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Pursuant to reply no. SB272, the Administration is requested to provide information on which organizations would initiate and co-ordinate drills and exercises on search and rescue operations that involve the Government Flying Service and the Chinese People's Liberation Army (Hong Kong Garrison).

Asked by: Hon. MA Fung-kwok

Reply:

According to the records of the Government Flying Service (GFS), among the search and rescue drills and exercises that it participated in the past three years, only one operation involved the Hong Kong Garrison of the Chinese People's Liberation Army (Hong Kong Garrison). It was the "Civil Aviation Department Search and Rescue Exercise 2012", which was organised by the Aeronautical Rescue Coordination Centre of the Civil Aviation Department (CAD) and 8 units, including the GFS and the Hong Kong Garrison, were invited to participate. In the past, search and rescue drills and exercises that the GFS undertook jointly with the Mainland or overseas government departments (including navies), or the Hong Kong Garrison were conducted in response to the invitations from the Mainland or overseas government departments (including navies), the Aeronautical Rescue Coordination Centre of the CAD or the Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre of the Marine Department, and on the condition that these drills and exercises would not affect the emergency operations of the GFS.

Name in block letters: CAPTAIN MICHAEL CHAN

Post Title: Controller, Government Flying Service

Date: 15.4.2013