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(Attn: Mr Jason Kong)

Dear Mr Kong,

**Establishment Subcommittee
Follow-up to Meeting on 27 June 2016**

During the discussion on EC(2016-17)13 at the Establishment Subcommittee meeting on 27 June 2016, there was a member requesting the Administration to provide supplementary information on “how to strengthen air patrol over the Hong Kong waters with a view to enhancing safety”.
Enclosed please find the relevant information for Members’ reference.

Your sincerely,

(Ms Trinky Chan)
for Secretary for Security

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c.c. Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury
(Attn: Ms Esther Leung, DS for FST(T)1)

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Supplementary Information for EC(2016-17)13

Between 2010 and 2016 (as at 27 June), the Government Flying Service (GFS) has handled 831 emergency call-out cases in relation to law enforcement operations. The total number of hours flown was 1 324, with distribution by years as shown below -

Years	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Number of hours flown	178	232	185	210	211	243	65

Part of these law enforcement supporting operations, including anti-smuggling, intercepting illegal immigrants, etc., are related to the work of protecting the safety of Hong Kong waters.

2. On the other hand, between 2010 and 2016 (as at 27 June), GFS has handled a total of 3 246 search-and-rescue call-out cases within Hong Kong waters. The total number of hours flown was 4 137, with distribution by years as shown below -

Years	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Number of hours flown	574	488	592	567	687	913	316

The total number of hours flown over water was 1 214, with distribution by years as shown below -

Years	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Number of hours flown	207	142	140	139	194	335	57

3. In addition, based on the requests of the relevant law enforcement departments, GFS has strengthened the air patrol over Hong Kong waters in recent months in order to enhance safety. Between 1 January 2016 and 27 June 2016, GFS has conducted a total of 233 rounds of air patrol in on-shore and border areas in Hong Kong. The number of hours flown was 194.

4. Apart from the above air patrols which were conducted in response to the requests made by the relevant law enforcement departments specifically, GFS will also proactively report hill fire, oil spill over water surface, suspected traces of shark sighted at coastline or beaches, as well as any other suspected illegal activities found in on-shore or border areas during its daily flying training and emergency flying missions to the relevant departments for follow-up actions.

5. In future, GFS will continue to facilitate the operations of other law enforcement departments proactively and strengthen its air patrol operations with a view to enhancing the safety of Hong Kong waters.