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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

SV-SB01

(Question Serial No. SV0020)

Head: (122) Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not specified

Programme: (2) Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police (LO Wai-chung)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

- 1) Regarding the Security Bureau's reply in SB049, please provide this Committee with supplementary information on the numbers of police officers dismissed and/or prosecuted for misconduct when taking part in the undercover operations to deal with cases involving sex workers and the details (if any) in the past 4 years.

(Time of discussion in meeting: 12:44 p.m. on 8 April 2016)

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen

Reply:

No police officers were prosecuted or dismissed for breaching the relevant guidelines during the undercover operations to combat illegal prostitution activities in the past 4 years.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**(Question Serial No. SV0021)**Head: (122) Hong Kong Police ForceSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not specifiedProgramme: (-) Not specifiedControlling Officer: Commissioner of Police (LO Wai-chung)Director of Bureau: Secretary for SecurityQuestion:

- 1) Regarding the Security Bureau's reply in SB050, please provide details of the expenditures on the duty visits made by the Commissioner of Police in the past 3 years (2013-14 to 2015-16) in the following table:

Date of visit	Place of visit	Size of entourage	Purpose of visit	Hotel accommodation expenses	Air ticket expenses	Meal expenses	Total expenditure

(Time of discussion in meeting: 12:44 p.m. on 8 April 2016)

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuenReply:

Duty visits conducted by the Police Force are fully subject to operational need, mainly for strengthening liaison and law enforcement co-operation with the Mainland, other countries and regions, as well as attending international conferences to have exchanges with government officials, agencies and international organisations of various places around the world. In view of an increase in recent years in cross-boundary crime activities involving new crime trends such as online crimes, etc. and a rise in cross-boundary cases involving Hong Kong people or their interests, it is necessary to enhance liaison with the Mainland and overseas law enforcement agencies.

Details of the expenses on duty visits made by the Commissioner of Police in the past 3 years are set out in the following table:

Date of visit (number of visits)	Place of visit	Number of entourage members	Reason(s) for visit	Expenses on hotel accommodation and meals * (A)	Expenses on air tickets (B)	Total expenditure = (A) + (B)
2013-14 (3)	Beijing, Zhuhai, Taiwan	3-23	Official visits, meetings and study trips	\$12,725#	\$8,741#	\$21,466#
2014-15 (1)	Beijing	7		\$8,614	\$5,860	\$14,474
2015-16 (7)	Beijing, Guangzhou, Taiwan, Rwanda, Kuala Lumpur	3-25		\$42,780	\$67,835	\$110,615

* Including subsistence allowance reimbursed to visiting staff under the Civil Service Regulations.

The expenses incurred in 2013-14 are revised figures.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**SV-SB03****(Question Serial No. SV0019)**Head: (122) Hong Kong Police ForceSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not specifiedProgramme:Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police (LO Wai-chung)Director of Bureau: Secretary for SecurityQuestion:

Regarding Security Bureau's reply in SB022, please provide this Committee with supplementary information on the places of overseas training received by police officers, the numbers of officers and expenditures in the past 5 years.

(Time of discussion in the meeting: 11:45 a.m. on 8 April 2016)

Asked by: Hon Kenneth LEUNGReply:

The information on the training received by police officers in places outside Hong Kong in the past 5 years is set out in the following table:

Year	Place	Number of officers	Expenditure
2011-12	Mainland China, Australia, Canada, Germany, Indonesia, Italy, Malaysia, Mongolia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Singapore, Sweden, Thailand, United Kingdom, United States, Vietnam	577	About \$8.69 million
2012-13	Mainland China, Australia, Canada, Finland, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Malaysia, Netherlands, Singapore, Thailand, United Kingdom, United States, Vietnam	622	About \$7.78 million

2013-14	Mainland China, Australia, Canada, Denmark, France, Indonesia, Malaysia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Singapore, Thailand, United Kingdom, United States, Vietnam	581	About \$7.34 million
2014-15	Mainland China, Australia, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Indonesia, Israel, Italy, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, United Kingdom, United States	557	About \$8.06 million
2015-16	Mainland China, Macao, Australia, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Indonesia, Italy, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Singapore, Thailand, United Kingdom, United States, Vietnam	630	About \$9.23 million

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**S-SB01****(Question Serial No. S0062)**Head: (151) Government Secretariat: Security BureauSubhead (No. & title): Not specifiedProgramme: (1) Director of Bureau's OfficeControlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Security (Joshua LAW)Director of Bureau: Secretary for SecurityQuestion:

Would the Security Bureau please list in the table below (item by item, as in the past) expenditure details of each duty visit made by the Secretary for Security, the Under Secretary for Security and the Political Assistant to the Secretary for Security in the past 3 years (2013-14 to 2015-16), including the date of visit, place of visit, number of entourage members, purpose of visit, expenses on hotel accommodation, air tickets and meals, and total expenditure for each visit. Please list the amounts of sponsorships received and names of the sponsors (if any)?

Date of visit	Places visited	Number of entourage members	Purpose of visit	Hotel accommodation expenses	Air ticket expenses	Meal expenses	Total expenditure

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen (Member Question No.)Reply:

The requested information is provided as follows:

Date of visit (Number of visits)	Place of visit	No. of entourage members in Security Bureau	Purpose of visit	Hotel accommodation expenses (i)	Air ticket expenses (ii)	Meals and other expenses (iii)	Total expenditure [#] (i) + (ii) + (iii)
2013-14 (4 visits)	London, Berlin	3	Official visits, meetings, study	About \$37,000	About \$165,000	About \$30,000	About \$232,000
	Beijing,	3					
	Hubei	1					

Date of visit (Number of visits)	Place of visit	No. of entourage members in Security Bureau	Purpose of visit	Hotel accommodation expenses (i)	Air ticket expenses (ii)	Meals and other expenses (iii)	Total expenditure [#] (i) + (ii) + (iii)
	Guangzhou*, Shenzhen*	3	trips etc.				
2014-15 (4 visits)	Wellington, Canberra, Melbourne	3		About \$18,000	About \$110,000	About \$26,000	About \$154,000
	Taipei	0					
	Guangzhou	2					
	Guangzhou*, Shenzhen*	3					
2015-16 (10 visits)	Beijing (4 visits in total)	0**		About \$37,000	About \$193,000	About \$51,000	About \$281,000
		0**					
		0					
		3					
	Zhuhai	1					
	Urmqi*, Kashi*, Chengdu*, Lhasa*, Xigaze*	2					
	Shanghai, Qingdao	0					
	Toronto, Vancouver	3					
	Guangzhou	3					
	Macao	1					

The subsistence allowance is granted to officers on duty visits in accordance with the Civil Service Regulations and covers the expenses on hotel accommodation, meals and other expenses. If the hotel accommodation or/and the transportation is arranged by the concerned receiving parties, the subsistence allowance to be granted will be adjusted in accordance with the guideline set out in Civil Service Regulations.

* Transportation were arranged by the concerned receiving parties.

** Hotel accommodation and transportation were arranged by the concerned receiving parties.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**S-SB02****(Question Serial No. S0073)**Head: (122) Hong Kong Police ForceSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not specifiedProgramme:Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police (LO Wai-chung)Director of Bureau: Secretary for SecurityQuestion:

Further to the information provided in Reply SB147 on the numbers of persons arrested in public assemblies and processions, please list in a table the numbers of persons arrested for violating the law in processions and public assemblies with a breakdown by prosecution of offences and successful conviction in the past 3 years.

Asked by: Hon KWOK Wai-keungReply:

The numbers of persons arrested and prosecuted for alleged illegal acts related to public order events (POEs) in the past 3 years are as follows:

Year	Number of persons arrested for alleged illegal acts related to POEs in the year	Number of persons prosecuted for alleged illegal acts related to POEs in the year*
2013	84	43
2014	1 726	262
2015	149	71

* The offences with prosecutions instituted include unlawful assembly, fighting in public place, possession of offensive weapon, common assault and assaulting of police officer, etc.

The Police Force does not maintain breakdown statistics by prosecution of offences and successful conviction.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

S-SB03

(Question Serial No. S0049)

Head: (45) Fire Services Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses

Programme: (1) Fire Service

Controlling Officer: Director of Fire Services (LAI Man-hin)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Regarding the major fire which broke out at Shau Kei Wan Typhoon Shelter during the Mid-Autumn Festival last year (2015), would the Fire Services Department (FSD) inform this Committee of the following:

1. When will the relevant report be completed;
2. Whether the responsibilities of various parties will be established; and
3. Whether the FSD's equipment (such as fireboats) and the arrangements for its resources and manpower will be reviewed so as to protect public safety?

Asked by: Hon Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN Ka-lok

Reply:

- 1 & 2. Regarding the cause and the investigation of the No.3 alarm vessel fire at Shau Kei Wan Typhoon Shelter on 27 September 2015, the Director of Marine is empowered to conduct investigation into a collision or fire on local vessels pursuant to the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) Ordinance (Cap.548). In this connection, the Fire Services Department (FSD) has been maintaining close liaison with the Marine Department (MD) for sharing observations and findings in relation to the fire-fighting and rescue operation in this incident with a view to facilitating the MD's investigation into the cause of the fire. A detailed investigation report is being prepared by the MD.
3. The FSD reviews from time to time its overall marine fire-fighting and rescue strategies in Hong Kong as well as the related equipment, and conducts risk assessment for different water areas, taking into account factors including the distribution of vessels, utilisation of shipping channels, existence of high risk facilities at sea and along coastal areas, etc., in deciding the location of fireboat

stations and deployment of fire vessels (e.g. fireboats and fire speedboats). The FSD noted that the total number of emergency incidents in the eastern waters of Hong Kong (including the waters in Sai Kung, east Lei Yue Mun, Tolo Harbour/Tai Po, northeast and southeast Hong Kong) had shown a rising trend in recent years, and the marine traffic is expected to become busier day by day. In this regard, the FSD, upon detailed examination of existing resources, has proposed to procure an additional major fireboat and a fast rescue vessel for stationing in Sai Kung waters, so as to enhance the overall efficiency of its fire-fighting, ambulance and emergency search and rescue operations in these waters. The vessels are scheduled for commissioning in 2018. The FSD will apply for manpower resources for manning the new fireboat and fast rescue vessel under the existing mechanism in due course.

The FSD will continue to closely monitor the demand for marine emergency service, and will review the relevant fire-fighting and rescue resources from time to time to meet operational needs.

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