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Dear Miss MA,

**Panel on Security
Follow-up to the Special Meeting on 29 January 2019**

During the discussion of the item “Crime Situation in 2018” at the special meeting of the Legislative Council Panel on Security on 29 January 2019, Members requested the Police to provide further information. Having collated the relevant information, the information provided by the Police is at Annex for Members’ reference.

Yours sincerely,

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(a) Breakdown of deception cases by nature, percentage and the amount of loss involved

In 2018, the Hong Kong Police Force (“HKPF”) received 8 372 deception cases (Note) which were mainly of the following nature:

| Nature of cases | Number of cases (Percentage of total) | Amount of loss (\$ million) |
|------------------------------|--|--|
| Internet Deception | 6 354 (75.9%) | 2,610.4 |
| Online Business Fraud | 2 717 (32.5%) | 55.5 |
| Social Media Deception | 2 064 (24.7%) | 495.7 |
| Email Scam | 894 (10.7%) | 1,716.9 |
| Internet Miscellaneous Fraud | 676 (8.1%) | 341.8 |
| e-Banking Fraud | 3 (< 0.1%) | 0.5 |
| Telephone Deception | 615 (7.3%) | 60.95 |
| Street Deception | 29 (0.3%) | 3.73 |

Note: Given that deception cases involve different modus operandi and various media, some cases may be categorised in more than one category in the above table.

(b) Prosecution and conviction figures for sexual crimes against children

In 2018, HKPF received a total of 456 cases of “sexual abuse against children”. “Sexual abuse against children” refers to such sexual crimes as rape, indecent assault and unlawful sexual intercourse involving a victim who is under 17 years of age, irrespective of the nature of relationship between the victim and the offender, as well as crimes involving an offender who has blood relationship with the victim as specified under other legislation, such as incest. The Government does not maintain the prosecution and conviction figures for the above cases.

(c) Breakdown of Mainland visitors arrested for crimes by types of crime committed

In 2018, a total of 1 631 Mainland visitors were arrested for crimes in Hong Kong. A breakdown of the types of crime committed is as follows:

| Crimes involved | Number of Mainland visitors arrested (person) |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| Shop Theft | 384 |
| Serious Immigration Offences | 240 |
| Forgery and Coinage | 139 |
| Miscellaneous Thefts | 102 |
| Deception | 78 |
| Wounding and Serious Assault | 66 |
| Disorder/Fighting in Public Place | 55 |
| Keeping Vice Establishments | 43 |
| Possession of Arms and Ammunition | 41 |
| Pickpocketing | 39 |
| Criminal Damage | 24 |
| Loitering | 21 |
| Others (Note) | 399 |
| Total | 1 631 |

Note: "Others" include over 20 types of crime such as burglary, criminal intimidation, serious drug offences, serious gambling offences and indecent assault. For each type of crime, less than 20 Mainland visitors were arrested.

(d) Number of off-duty police officers arrested for having committed offences

In 2018, a total of 38 regular police officers were arrested by HKPF. Among them, 31 were arrested for offences committed when they were off duty, while the rest were arrested for offences committed when they were on duty.