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Marine Police Central Command System

The Panel on Security ("the Panel") has not discussed the subject of the Marine Police Central Command System ("CCS") per se. In the context of discussing the funding proposal for the Versatile Maritime Policing Response Strategy ("VMPR") at the Panel meeting on 15 April 2005, members noted that VMPR comprised two major components, viz. CCS and a fleet of small and versatile craft. The types of craft included two Barge Operating Platforms, 17 Medium Patrol Launches and 23 Divisional Fast Patrol Craft. According to the Administration, CCS served to monitor the offshore waters and coordinate all marine operations. The system made use of the existing land-based radar of the Marine Department, as well as seven sets of day/night cameras mounted at existing off-shore radar sites. Together, the radar system and the day/night cameras enabled the Marine Police to monitor the situation at sea. Where necessary, such as upon receipt of reports of crime, emergencies or maritime accidents, Marine Police would be able to mount coordinated operation or response, and mobilize police craft to take necessary actions. Members raised no objection to the funding proposal. The estimated capital cost of CCS in 2005 was around \$99.8 million and the funding proposal was approved by the Finance Committee at its meeting on 10 June 2005.

2. The Panel will discuss the Administration's proposal to replace the Marine Police CCS and its seven electro-optical sensors as well as the procurement of new electro-optical sensors at the meeting on 15 February 2019.