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Ms Maisie LAM  
Clerk to Panel on Welfare Services  
Legislative Council Complex  
1 Legislative Council Road  
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Dear Ms LAM,

**Legislative Council Panel on Welfare Services  
Follow-up to Meeting on 8 March 2021**

At the meeting of the Panel on Welfare Services on 8 March 2021, the Government was requested to provide information on:

- (a) the enforcement actions taken in 2019 and 2020 against domestic violence and sexual violence cases, including the numbers of prosecution instituted and successful prosecution made; and
  - (b) the feedback received from service users on the preventive, supportive and specialised services to combat domestic violence.
2. We provide the requested information as follows-
- (a) The Security Bureau and the Hong Kong Police Force set out the numbers of prosecutions and convictions related to domestic violence (crime) cases with sentences in 2019 and 2020 in Annex A, and the numbers of prosecutions and convictions related to rape, indecent assault and unlawful sexual intercourse with sentences during the same period in Annex B.
  - (b) The preventive, supportive and specialised services provided by the

Social Welfare Department (SWD) and non-governmental organisations for victims of domestic violence and their families achieved the Outcome Standards under the Service Performance Monitoring System of SWD in 2019-20. The Outcome Standards include the service users' satisfaction with the service units in improving support network, capability in managing family problems, etc. SWD will continue to monitor the service performance of the service units concerned and collect feedback from service users to measure service effectiveness and improve the quality of services.

Yours sincerely,



(Huggin TANG)

for Secretary for Labour and Welfare

c.c. Secretary for Security  
Director of Social Welfare  
Commissioner of the Police

(Attn: Miss Tiffany WONG)  
(Attn: Ms Dora LEE)  
(Attn: Ms CHEUNG Po Yuet, Moon)

**Annex A**

**The numbers of prosecutions and convictions related to Domestic Violence (Crime) cases with sentences (Note 1) in 2019 and 2020**

	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
Total number of cases (Note 2)	1 115	1 139
Number of persons arrested	944	971
Number of persons prosecuted	321	226
Number of persons convicted	98	79
Immediate imprisonment	36	21
Probation order	19	14
Community service order	6	8
Suspended jail sentence	18	18
Bound over/ Conditional discharge	0	0
Others (Note 3)	19	18

Note 1: The figures should not be compared directly, since the year of prosecution and the year of conviction of any case related to the above figures may be different.

Note 2: Each case may involve more than one person arrested or prosecuted.

Note 3: “Others” includes detention in a training centre, detention centre, drug addiction treatment centre, hospital order and fine.

**Annex B**

**The numbers of prosecutions (Note 1) and convictions related to Sexual Violence cases with sentences (Note 2) in 2019 and 2020**

	Rape		Indecent Assault		Unlawful Sexual Intercourse	
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020
Total number of cases (Note 3)	50	64	982	682	107	132
Number of persons arrested	46	59	700	480	86	101
Number of persons prosecuted	13	5	285	90	30	8
Number of persons convicted	8	1	205	74	22	6
Immediate imprisonment	6	0	109	47	4	2
Probation order	0	0	43	14	11	3
Community service order	1	0	30	7	3	0
Fine	0	0	14	1	0	1
Others (Note 4)	1	1	9	5	4	0

Note 1: For rape cases received by the Police, the eventual charges laid depend on the case circumstances and the evidence obtained. Besides “rape” under section 118 of the Crimes Ordinance (Cap 200), other possible charges include “intercourse with girl under 16” under section 124 of the Crimes Ordinance and “indecent assault” under section 122 of the Crimes Ordinance. Similarly, for indecent assault cases received by the Police, the eventual charges laid depend on the case circumstances and the evidence obtained.

Besides “indecent assault” under section 122 of the Crimes Ordinance (Cap 200), other possible charges include “indecent conduct towards child under 16” under section 146 of the Crimes Ordinance and “common assault” under common law. The number of convictions is updated up to March 2021.

Note 2: The figures should not be compared directly, since the year of prosecution and the year of conviction of any case related to the above figures may be different.

Note 3: Each case may involve more than one person arrested or prosecuted.

Note 4: “Others” includes detention in a training centre, detention centre, drug addiction treatment centre and hospital order, etc.