

**A Note for the 5th Bills Committee on the
Dangerous Drugs, ICAC and Police Force (Amendment) Bill 1999
to be held at 9:00a.m. on 15.3.2000**

Assessment on the scope of "serious arrestable offence"

PURPOSE

The purpose of this note is to inform Members of the Administration's assessment on the scope of "serious arrestable offence".

BACKGROUND

2 At the 2nd Bills Committee meeting held on 19 January 2000, Members asked how large the scope of "serious arrestable offence" was and, how many people were arrested or convicted for "serious arrestable offence" in the past few years. Members' concern was that the threshold of "serious arrestable offence", in particular in relation to permanent storage of DNA information in the DNA database, might be too low.

DETAILS

Scope of "serious arrestable offence"

3 In our proposals, one of the prerequisites of taking a sample, be it intimate or non-intimate, from a person is that the person is suspected of having been involved in a serious arrestable offence. This proposal was made by the Law Reform Commission (LRC) in its Report on Arrest. The LRC's recommendation was, in turn, an adoption of the then practice under

the UK's Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (PACE).

4 A "serious arrestable offence" in the proposed amendments to the Police Force Ordinance (Cap. 232) means an offence for which a person may under or by virtue of any law be sentenced to imprisonment for a term not less than five years. The term is proposed to be similarly defined in the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance (Cap. 134) and the ICAC Ordinance (Cap. 204) in so far as dangerous drugs offences and offences under section 10 of the ICAC Ordinance are concerned respectively. This proposal, clearly defined by level of punishment, is in line with the LRC's recommendation which says, "whether a situation amounted to an arrestable or serious arrestable offence should be kept as simple as possible, so that the distinction could easily be made by the Police when deciding how to proceed."

5 In considering whether the threshold of our proposed definition of "serious arrestable offence" is too low, members may wish to draw experience from overseas countries. Offences for which DNA profiles can be taken in the United Kingdom, Canada and Australia are set out in Table 1 below:

Table 1

	<i>Offences for which DNA profiles can be taken</i>
United Kingdom (Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984)	<u>Any recordable offence</u> , irrespective of level of punishment, committed after the Act came into force, and any offence committed before that time if it is in Schedule 1 to the Act (sexual and violence offences) and is still in prison or was detained under the Mental Health Act. Recordable offences are those offences for which convictions may be recorded in national police records.
Canada	Effectively all those offences involving <u>violence and sexual assault</u>
Australia	<u>Any criminal offence</u> , irrespective of level of punishment

6 In the light of the thresholds for taking DNA profiles adopted by overseas countries, we consider that our proposed definition has taken the right balance between the protection of individual's privacy and the enhancement of capabilities of law enforcement agencies in tackling crimes.

7 A list of "serious arrestable offence" is at Annex I. In 10 broad categories, these offences include those relating to –

- violent crimes against person (such as indecent assault, murder, wounding, criminal intimidation, etc.);
- violent crime against property (e.g. robbery with pistol-like object, blackmail, etc.)
- burglary and theft;
- fraud and forgery (such as deception, forgery and coinage);
- sexual offences;
- serious narcotics offences;
- offences against lawful authority (such as perjury, treason, etc.);
- serious immigration offences;
- preventive crime (such as possession of arms and ammunition); and
- miscellaneous crimes (serious corruption crimes, criminal damage, offences against public order, serious gambling offences, etc.)

Number of people arrested for "serious arrestable offence"

8 The number of people arrested by the Police for "serious arrestable offence" for the period from 1994 to 1999 and the total number of arrested people are shown in Table 2. It can be seen that, on average, about 74.1% (or 33,700) of the people arrested within a year in the past six-year period were involved in "serious arrestable offence".

Table 2

		1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
(I)	All persons arrested for crime by HKPF in the period	49,784	53,098	47,157	41,714	40,422	40,745
(II)	Persons in (I), arrested for crime with specified maximum penalty was 5 years or more (including life imprisonment)*	38,080 (76% of (I))	40,731 (77% of (I))	35,058 (74% of (I))	30,125 (72% of (I))	29,152 (72% of (I))	28,992 (71% of (I))

* Irrespective whether or not they were sentenced to five years or more of imprisonment.

9 This should not, however, be taken as the number of people whose intimate or non-intimate samples may be taken in a year because the taking of a sample –

- (a) requires the authorization by an officer of the rank of Superintendent or above;
- (b) requires that the "authorizing officer" has reasonable grounds for suspecting the involvement of the person concerned in a "serious arrestable offence";
- (c) requires that the "authorizing officer" has reasonable grounds for believing that the sample will tend to confirm or disprove the involvement of the person concerned; and
- (d) requires, where the sample is an intimate sample, the consent of the person concerned and the approval by a magistrate.

10 None of the above pre-requisites may be taken for granted and the number of samples required to be taken per year will therefore be certainly

less than the number of people arrested for "serious arrestable offence". Moreover, the number of samples to be taken is expected to decline with years as a result of recidivism. For example, the total number of persons arrested from 1994 to 1999 of sexual and violence crimes was about 32,400 of which only 10,550 were new offenders. So, the number of samples to be taken is likely to drop by two-third after a few years of the implementation of the proposed legislative amendments.

Number of people convicted of "serious arrestable offence"

11 The number of people principally convicted of a "serious arrestable offence" for the period from 1994 to 1998 is provided in Table 3⁺. On average, 83% (or 21,000) of all the people convicted of crime by the courts within a year in the five-year period from 1994 to 1998 were principally convicted of a "serious arrestable offence".

Table 3

		1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
(A)	All defendants convicted of crime and were sentenced in the period	25,660	28,738	29,323	22,491	20,434
(B)	Defendants in (A), principally convicted of crime for which the specified maximum penalty was 5 years or more (including life imprisonment)*	21,485 (84% of (A))	24,144 (84% of (A))	24,200 (83% of (A))	18,548 (82% of (A))	16,705 (82% of (A))

* Irrespective whether or not they were sentenced to five years or more of imprisonment.

12 In principle, about 62% (21,000 / 33,700) of people arrested for "serious arrestable offence" in a year may eventually be so convicted and have their DNA information stored in the DNA database. However, as

+ We do not have the number of convicted persons in 1999.

explained in paragraph 9, the figure is likely to drop in the future years as a significant portion of the convicts are expected to be repeat offenders whose DNA information was already in the database. In view of the resources constraint, instead of taking sample from each and every suspect convicted of "serious arrestable offence", our plan is to focus on the most serious violent and potentially repeat offences which are of most concern to Government. We expect that the number of suspects whose samples will be taken each year ranges approximately from 4,000 to 5,000.

13 At the 3rd Bills Committee meeting, Members has requested for a detailed breakdown on the number and nature of cases involving serious arrestable offence recorded in the last two years. The requested figures for 1998 and 1999 are attached in Annex IA.

ADVICE SOUGHT

14 Members are invited to note the content of this paper.

Security Bureau
13 March 2000

**A Detailed List of Serious Arrestable Criminal Offences,
Categorized by Major Type of Crime**

<u>Offence Type/Description</u>	<u>Law of HK Chapter</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Maximum Penalty for Imprisonment</u> (no. of years)
(A) <u>Violent Crimes Against Person</u>			
<u>Rape</u> Rape	200	118	life
<u>Indecent assault</u> Indecent assault on female	200	122(1)	10
Indecent assault on female under 16	200	122(2)	10
Indecent assault on female defective	200	122(4)	10
Indecent assault on male	200	122(1)	10
Indecent assault on male under 16	200	122(2)	10
<u>Murder & manslaughter</u> Murder	212	2	life
Manslaughter	212	7	life
Infanticide	212	47C	life
Genocide	212	9A	life
<u>Attempted murder</u> Administering poison or wounding with intent to murder	212	10	life
Destroying or damaging building with intent to murder	212	11	life
Setting fire to or casting away ship with intent to murder	212	12	life
Attempting to administer poison, or shooting, or attempt to shoot or drown, etc. with intent to murder	212	13	life
Attempted infanticide	212	47C	life
Attempting to commit murder by means not specified	212	14	life
<u>Wounding</u> Wounding with intent	212	17	life
Shooting with intent	212	17(B)	life
Administering poison, etc., so as to endanger life or inflict grievous bodily harm	212	22	10
Causing bodily injury by gunpowder, etc.	212	28	life
Causing gunpowder to explode, etc., or throwing corrosive fluid, with intent to do grievous bodily harm	212	29	life
Placing gunpowder near building, etc., with intent to do bodily injury	212	30	14
Placing wood, stone etc. on a railway with intent to endanger passengers (felony)	212	32(1)	14
Casting stone etc. upon a railway carriage with intent to endanger the safety of any person therein	212	32(2)	14
Causing explosion likely to endanger life or property	200	53	life
Attempting to cause explosion, or making or keeping explosive with intent to endanger life or property	200	54	20
<u>Serious assault</u> Making or possession of explosive	200	55	14
Impeding person endeavouring to save himself or another from shipwreck	212	16	life
Attempting to choke, etc., in order to commit indictable offence	212	20	life
Using chloroform, etc., in order to commit indictable offence	212	21	life
Assaulting a magistrate etc. on account of his preserving wreck	212	35	7
<u>Kidnapping & child stealing</u> Forcible taking or detention of person, with intent to sell him	212	42	life
Stealing child under 14 years	212	43	7
<u>Cruelty to child</u> III -treatment or neglect by those in charge of child or young person	212	27	10

<u>Offence Type/Description</u>	<u>Law of HK Chapter</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Maximum Penalty for Imprisonment (no. of years)</u>
<u>Criminal intimidation</u>			
Acts of intimidation prohibited	200	24	5
Assaults with intent to cause certain acts to be done or omitted	200	25	5
(B) <u>Violent Crimes Against Property</u>			
<u>Robbery with genuine firearms</u>			
Robbery -involving genuine firearm	210	10	life
<u>Robbery with pistol like object</u>			
Robbery with pistol like object	210	10	life
<u>Other robberies</u>			
Other robbery	210	10	life
Assault with intent to rob	210	10	life
Piracy with violence	200	19	life
Piratical acts	200	20	life
<u>Aggravated burglary</u>			
Aggravated burglary	210	12	life
<u>Blackmail</u>			
Demanding with menaces	210	23(1)	14
Possession of blackmail letter of writing	210	23(4)	10
<u>Arson</u>			
Arson	200	60(3)	life
(C) <u>Burglary and Theft</u>			
<u>Burglary with breaking</u>			
Burglary (with breaking)	210	11	14
<u>Burglary without breaking</u>			
Other burglaries	210	11	14
<u>Theft (snatching)</u>			
Snatching	210	9	10
<u>Theft (pickpocketing)</u>			
Pickpocketing	210	9	10
<u>Theft (shop theft)</u>			
Theft from shops and stalls(Shoptheft)	210	9	10
<u>Theft from vehicle</u>			
Theft from vehicle	210	9	10
<u>Taking conveyance without authority</u>			
Theft of motor vehicle/vessel/aircraft	210	9	10
Unauthorized taking of motor vehicle/vessel/aircraft, etc	210	14	7
<u>Abstracting of electricity</u>			
Abstracting of electricity	210	15	5
<u>Theft from construction site</u>			
Theft from construction sites	210	9	10
<u>Other miscellaneous thefts</u>			
Theft of bicycle	210	9	10
Theft by finding	210	9	10
Other thefts	210	9	10
Theft (from parking meters)(money box)	210	9	10
Opening handbags	210	9	10
Thefts (by employee) (embezzlement)	210	9	10

<u>Offence Type/Description</u>	<u>Law of HK Chapter</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Maximum Penalty for Imprisonment</u> (no. of years)
Theft from ship and wharf	210	9	10
Theft of dog	210	9	10
Theft of mail bags or postal packets	210	9	10
Other theft by employee, servant, etc.	210	9	10
Theft from other automatic machines	210	9	10
Theft (of parking meters)	210	9	10
Removal of articles from places open to public	210	13	5
<u>Handling stolen goods</u>			
Handling stolen goods	210	24	14
(D) <u>Fraud and Forgery</u>			
<u>Deception</u>			
Obtaining property by deception	210	17	10
Obtaining pecuniary advantage by deception	210	18	10
Obtaining services by deception	210	18A	10
Evasion of liability by deception	210	18B	10
Procuring false entry in certain records	210	18D	10
<u>Business fraud</u>			
False accounting	210	19	10
False statements by company directors etc.	210	21	10
Suppression, etc. of documents	210	22(1)	10
Procuration of the execution of a valuable security by deception	210	20(2). 22(2)	10
Offences against Banking Ordinance	155	All	7
Offences against Company Ordinance	32	All	7
Offences against Insurance Ordinance	41	All	5
Offences against Commodities Trading Ordinance	250	All	7
Offences against Protection of Investor Ordinance	335	All	7
Offences against Bankruptcy Ordinance	6	All	5
<u>Forgery and coinage</u>			
Making and possessing equipment for making a false instrument	200	76	14
Making or having in possession paper or implements for forgery	200	77	7
Making false entry in bank book	200	85	life
Bank clerk making out false dividend warrant	200	86	7
Uttering, delivering or acting under false copy or certificate of record or process of court	200	87	7
Making false entry in register of births, etc.	200	88	life
Making false entry in copy of register sent to registrar	200	89	life
Counterfeiting notes and coins	200	98	14
Impairing or lightening gold or silver coin with intent	200	98	14
Colouring counterfeit coin or metal, with intent to make it pass for gold or silver coin	200	97	life
Buying, etc., counterfeit gold or silver coin for less than its denomination	200	99	14
Passing etc. counterfeit notes and coins	200	99	14
Importing and exporting counterfeit notes and coins	200	105	10
Custody or control of counterfeit notes and coins	200	100	14
Making or custody or control of counterfeiting materials and implements	200	101	14
Forgery (making a false instrument)	200	71	14
Copying a false instrument	200	72	14
Using a false instrument	200	73	14
Using a copy of false instrument	200	74	14
Possessing a false instrument	200	75	14
(E) <u>Sexual Offence</u>			
<u>Unlawful sexual intercourse</u>			
Intercourse with girl under 13	200	123	life
Intercourse with girl under 16	200	124	5
Intercourse with female defective	200	125	10

<u>Offence Type/Description</u>	<u>Law of HK Chapter</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Maximum Penalty for Imprisonment (no. of years)</u>
<u>Keeping vice establishments</u>			
Keeping vice establishment	200	139	10
<u>Procuration, abduction of female</u>			
Procurement of woman by threats	200	119	14
Procurement of woman by false pretences	200	120	5
Administering drugs to obtain or facilitate intercourse	200	121	14
Abduction of unmarried girl under 16	200	126	10
Abduction of unmarried girl under 18	200	127	7
Abduction of defective	200	128	10
Trafficking to or from H.K. in women	200	129	10
Control over woman	200	130	14
Causing prostitution of woman	200	131	10
Procurement of woman under 21	200	132	5
Procurement of defective	200	133	10
Detention of woman	200	134	14
Causing or encouraging prostitution of, intercourse with, or indecent assault on, girl under 16	200	135	10
Causing or encouraging prostitution of defective	200	136	10
Person living on earnings of prostitution	200	137	10
<u>Unnatural offences</u>			
Non-consensual buggery	200	118A	life
Assault with intent to commit buggery	200	118B	10
Homosexual buggery with or by man under 21	200	118C	life
Buggery with girl under 21	200	118D	life
Buggery with defective	200	118E	10
Homosexual buggery committed otherwise than in private	200	118F	5
Bestiality	200	118L	10
<u>Other offences against public morality</u>			
Incest	200	47-48	14
Bigamy	212	45	7
Permitting girl under 13 to resort to or be on premises or vessel for intercourse	200	140	life
Permitting young person to resort to or be on premises or vessel for prostitution or intercourse	200	141	14
Permitting defective to resort to or be on premises or vessel for prostitution or intercourse	200	142	10
Indecent conduct towards child under 16	200	146	10
(F) <u>Serious Narcotics Offences</u>			
<u>Manufacturing of dangerous drugs</u>			
Manufacturing of dangerous drugs	134	6	life
<u>Trafficking in dangerous drugs</u>			
Trafficking in dangerous drugs	134	4(1)(a)	life
Offering to traffick in dangerous drugs	134	4(1)(b)	life
Preparatory act for trafficking in dangerous drugs	134	4(1)(c)	life
Trafficking in purported dangerous drugs	134	4A	7
<u>Possession of dangerous drugs (indictable offence)</u>			
Possession of dangerous drugs (indictable offence)	134	8(1)(a), 8(2)(a)	7
<u>Other serious narcotics offences</u>			
Supplying etc. of dangerous drugs	134	5	15
Cultivation, etc. of cannabis plants and opium poppy	134	9	15
Possession of cannabis plant	134	9(3)	15
Possession of dangerous drug in transit	134	14(1)	10
Assisting another to retain the benefit of drug trafficking	405	25(1)	14

(G) Offences Against Lawful Authority

<u>Offence Type/Description</u>	<u>Law of HK Chapter</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Maximum Penalty for Imprisonment (no. of years)</u>
<u>Perjury</u>			
Perjury	200	31	7
False statement on oath made otherwise than a judicial proceeding	200	32	7
False statement etc., with reference to marriage	200	34	7
False statement etc., as to births or deaths	200	35	7
Contradictory statement on oath	200	39	7
Using false affidavit	200	40	7
Misleading or giving false information to immigration officer	115	42(1)	14
<u>Other offences against lawful authority</u>			
Impersonating any other person	200	91	7
Treason	200	2	life
Treasonable offences	200	3	life
Assaults on the Queen	200	5	7
Incitement to mutiny	200	6	life
Unlawful oaths to commit capital offences	200	15	life
Other unlawful oaths to commit offences	200	16	7
Unlawful drilling	200	18	7
<u>(H) Serious Immigration Offences</u>			
<u>Aiding and abetting of illegal immigrants</u>			
Assisting unauthorized entrant to remain in Hong Kong/aiding & abetting illegal entrants	115	37DA	10
<u>Using ID card relating to another</u>			
Using ID card belonging to others	177	7A(1A)	10
Transfer of ID card	177	7AA(1)	10
<u>Other serious immigration offences</u>			
Offences by crew etc., of ship carrying unauthorized entrants	115	37C,O	Life
Arranging passage to Hong Kong of unauthorized entrants	115	37D,P	Life
Unlawful alteration or forgery of document of identity	115	42(2)a	14
Use or possession of forged document of identity/forgery of a travel document	115	42(2)b,c, 42(3)	14
Conspiracy to possess a forged ID Card	177	7A(1)	10
Breach of deportation order, and landing from ship or aircraft in which removal is to be effected	115	43	7
Captain or owner of ship carrying illegal immigrants	115	38(4), 39(A)	7
<u>(I) Preventive Crime</u>			
<u>Possession of arms and ammunition</u>			
Possession of firearm and/or ammunition or other arms without licence	238	13	14
Dealing in firearm and/or ammunition or other arms without licence/conspiracy to deal in arms and ammunition without a licence	238	14	10
Giving/Possession/Obtaining of arms or ammunition to unlicensed person/obtaining arms or ammunition by false pretences	238	15	5
Trepassing with arms or ammunition or imitation firearm	238	19	14
Possession of an imitation firearm	238	20	7
Converting imitation firearm into a firearm	238	21	14
Dangerous or reckless use of firearm etc.	238	22	7
Possession of arms or ammunition with intent to endanger life	238	16	life
Resisting arrest with or committing offences while in possession of arms or ammunition	238	17	life
Carrying arms or ammunition or imitation firearm with criminal intent or to resist arrest	238	18	life
<u>(J) Miscellaneous Crimes</u>			
<u>Criminal damage</u>			
Destroying or damaging property	200	60(1,2)	life
Threats to destroy or damage property	200	61	10
Possessing anything with intent to destroy or damage property	200	62	10

<u>Offence Type/Description</u>	<u>Law of HK Chapter</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Maximum Penalty for Imprisonment</u> (no. of years)
<u>Other offences against person</u>			
Conspiring or soliciting etc. to commit murder	212	5	life
Sending letter threatening to murder	212	15	10
Causing death by reckless driving	374	36	5
Abandonment of child aged under 2	212	26	10
Torture by a public official	427		life
Aiding & abetting another to commit suicide	212	33B	14
<u>Offences against public order</u>			
Against order of prohibition of quasi-military organisation	245	5	10
Unlawful public meeting and processions	245	6,7,8,9	5
Unlawful public meeting and processions	245	13-15	5
Unlawful public meeting and processions	245	17,17A	5
Unlawful assembly	245	18	5
Taking part in riot	245	19	10
Destroying or demolishing motor vehicle, tram car, building, etc. in a riot	245	20	14
Damaging motor vehicle, building, machinery, etc. in a riot	245	21	10
Proposing violence at public gatherings	245	26	5
Bomb hoaxes	245	28	5
<u>Unlawful society offences</u>			
Being an office-bearer of an unlawful society	151	19	15
Being a member of triad society	151	20(2)	7
Acting as a member of triad society	151	20(2)	7
Attending a meeting of triad society	151	20(2)	7
Possessing triad society documents	151	20(2)	7
Professing or claiming to be a triad member	151	20(2)	7
Persons allowing unlawful society on premises	151	21	5
Inciting, etc. a person to become a member of an unlawful society	151	22	5
Procuring subscription or aiding for an unlawful society	151	23	5
<u>Money lending</u>			
Lending money at excess interest rate	163	24	10
<u>Serious gambling offences</u>			
Operating or managing an unlawful gambling establishment	148	5	7
Bookmaking	148	7	7
Promotion of lotteries	148	9	7
Providing money for unlawful gambling or for an unlawful lottery	148	14	7
Owner permitting/letting premises for use as an unlawful gambling establishment	148	15	7
Cheating at gambling	148	16	10
<u>Conspiracy</u>			
Conspiracy to rob	210	10	life
Conspiracy to steal	210	9	10
Conspiracy to traffick dangerous drugs	134	4	life
Conspiracy to commit burglary	210	11(1)(a)	14
<u>Other crime</u>			
Procuring abortion of another woman by administering drug or using instrument	212	46(B)	life
Woman procuring her own abortion by administering drug or using instrument	212	46(A)	7
Child destruction	212	47B	life
Trading, etc., with pirates	200	21	10
Offering bribe(to police officer) - any advantage	201	4(1)	7
Offering bribe(to police officer) - getting assistance in regards to contracts	201	5(1)	10
Offering bribe(to police officer) - procuring withdrawal of tenders	201	6(1)	10
Offering bribe(to police officer) - in relation to auctions	201	7(1)	7
Bribery of public servant/police officer by persons having dealings with pub, bodies	201	8(1.2)	7

<u>Offence Type/Description</u>	<u>Law of HK Chapter</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Maximum Penalty for Imprisonment (no. of years)</u>
Offering advantage to any agent	201	9(2)	7
Soliciting or accepting bribe - any advantage/conspiracy to accept advantage	201	4(2)	7
Soliciting or accepting bribe - giving assistance in regards to contracts	201	5(2)	10
Soliciting or accepting bribe - procuring withdrawal of tenders	201	6(2)	10
Soliciting or accepting bribe - in relation to auctions	201	7(2)	7
Soliciting or accepting advantage by agent	201	9(1)	7
Possession of unexplained property	201	10	10
Other bribery offences	201	Others	7
Assisting offenders of arrestable offence	221	90	10
Access to computer with criminal or dishonest intent	200	161	5
Dealing with property known or believed to represent proceeds of indictable offence	455	25(1)	14
Possession of articles specifically designed or adapted for making copies of a particular copyright work	528	118(4)(d)	8
Possession of an article used to or intended to be used to make infringing copies of any copyright work	528	118(8)	8

**Persons Arrested for Serious Arrestable Offence
broken down into nature of cases
(For 1998 and 1999)**

<i>Crime</i>	<i>1998</i>	<i>1999</i>
<u>VIOLENT CRIME AGAINST PERSON</u>		
1 Rape	81	71
2 Indecent Assault	768	714
3 Murder & Manslaughter	66	72
4 Attempted Murder	3	7
5 Wounding	1164	1594
6 Serious Assault	4082	3968
7 Assault on Police	353	422
8 Kidnapping & Child Stealing	16	25
9 Cruelty to Child	113	189
10 Criminal Intimidation	600	793
<i>Sub-total</i>	<i>7246</i>	<i>7855</i>
<u>VIOLENT CRIME AGAINST PROPERTY</u>		
11 Robbery with Genuine Firearms	4	1
12 Robbery with Pistol Like Object	16	10
13 Other Robberies	1210	1195
14 Aggravated Burglary	3	3
15 Blackmail	582	695
16 Arson	146	110
<i>Sub-total</i>	<i>1961</i>	<i>2014</i>
<u>BURGLARY & THEFT</u>		
17 Burglary with Breaking	765	689
18 Burglary without Breaking	449	360
19 Theft (Snatching)	206	255
20 Theft (Pickpocketing)	293	351
21 Theft (Shop Theft)	6121	6208
22 Theft from Vehicle	553	598
23 Taking Conveyance without Authority	231	232
24 Abstracting of Electricity	99	109
25 Theft from Construction Site	149	153
26 Other Miscellaneous Thefts	4673	4873
27 Handling Stolen Goods	149	140
<i>Sub-total</i>	<i>13688</i>	<i>13968</i>
<u>FRAUD & FORGERY</u>		
28 Deception	1193	1369
29 Business Fraud	36	23
30 Forgery and Coinage	600	650
<i>Sub-total</i>	<i>1829</i>	<i>2042</i>

<i>Crime</i>	<i>1998</i>	<i>1999</i>
<u>SEXUAL OFFENCES</u>		
31 Unlawful Sexual Intercourse	259	253
32 Keeping Vice Establishments	779	441
33 Procuration, Abduction of Female	106	107
34 Unnatural Offences	38	20
35 Other Offences vs. Public Morality	17	10
<i>Sub-total</i>	<i>1199</i>	<i>831</i>
<u>SERIOUS NARCOTICS OFFENCES</u>		
36 Manufacturing of Dangerous Drugs	35	28
37 Trafficking in Dangerous Drugs	983	1033
38 Possession of Dangerous Drugs (indictable offence)	2353	1766
39 Other Serious Narcotics Offences	1	2
<i>Sub-total</i>	<i>3372</i>	<i>2829</i>
<u>OFFENCES VS. LAWFUL AUTHORITY</u>		
40 Mislead/Give False Information to Police	282	295
41 Perjury	21	20
42 Resisting Arrest	288	250
43 Escape and Rescue	17	15
44 Other Offences vs. Lawful Authority	134	94
<i>Sub-total</i>	<i>742</i>	<i>674</i>
<u>SERIOUS IMMIGRATION OFFENCES</u>		
45 Aiding and Abetting of I.I.	857	705
46 Using ID Card Relating to Another	348	326
47 Other Serious Immigration Offences	815	769
<i>Sub-total</i>	<i>2020</i>	<i>1800</i>
<u>MISCELLANEOUS CRIMES</u>		
48 Criminal Damage	1642	1797
49 Other Offence Against Person	108	159
50 Disorder/Fighting in Public Place	3329	3329
51 Offences Against Public Order	429	269
52 Unlawful Society Offences	656	756
53 Money Lending	50	43
54 Serious Gambling Offences	532	427
55 Conspiracy	157	396
56 Object Dropped from Height	196	194
57 Other Crime	193	206
<i>Sub-total</i>	<i>7292</i>	<i>7576</i>
<u>PREVENTIVE CRIME</u>		
58 Possession of Arms and Ammunition	71	76
59 Possession of Offensive Weapon	578	662
60 Going Equipped for Stealing	154	169
61 Possession of Unlawful Instrument	88	47
62 Tampering with Vehicle	55	70
63 Unlawful Pawning Offences	1	1
64 Loitering	126	131
<i>Sub-total</i>	<i>1073</i>	<i>1156</i>
<i>GRAND TOTAL</i>	<i>40 422</i>	<i>40 745</i>