

**Replies to initial written questions raised by Finance Committee Members in
examining the Estimates of Expenditure 2003-04**

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

SB001

Question Serial
No.

0107

Head: 151 Government Secretariat: Security Bureau

Subhead(No. & title):

23, 27, 28, 30, 31, 35, 37, 42, 45, 48, 70, 100,
121, 122, 166, 168, 170, 176

Programme: (1) Internal Security

(2) Immigration Control

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Security

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question :

Regarding consultancy studies for policy making and assessment (if any) commissioned by the above bureau and departments, please provide details in the following format:

(1) Please provide the following details on the consultancy studies for which financial provision has been allocated respectively in 2001-02 and 2002-03:

Name of consultants (if available)	Description	Consultancy fees	Progress on consultancy studies (planning/ in progress / completed)	The Administration's follow-up action on the study reports and the progress made	Reasons for no follow-up action on the study reports and whether other measures are available to deal with the subjects under study

(2) Please provide the following details on the consultancy studies for which financial provision has not been allocated respectively in 2001-02 and 2002-03, though consultancy studies have been made during the year:

Name of consultants (if available)	Description	Consultancy fees	Progress on consultancy studies (planning/ in progress / completed)	The Administration's follow-up action on the study reports and the progress made	Reasons for no follow-up action on the study reports and whether other measures are available to deal with the subjects under study

(3) Has financial provision been allocated for commissioning consultancy studies in 2003-04? If yes, please provide the following details:

Name of consultants (if available)	Description	Consultancy fees	Status of consultancy studies (planning/ in progress / completed)

Asked by: Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply:

In 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04, the total cost of provision for consultancy studies on the formulation and assessment of policies of the Security Bureau, as entailed by the Bureau and its departments, are \$2.5334 m (of which \$1.6161 m is the provision allocated for consultancy fees and the remaining \$0.9173 m is not allocated for consultancy fees), \$3.5363 m (of which \$2.6163 m is the provision allocated for consultancy fees and the remaining \$0.715 m is not allocated for consultancy fees) and \$2.9272 m respectively. The breakdown is as follows:

(1) Consultancy studies for which financial provision has been allocated in 2001-02:

Name of consultants (if available)	Description	Consultancy fees	Progress on consultancy studies (planning/ in progress / completed)	The Administration's follow-up action on the study reports and the progress made	Reasons for no follow-up action on the study reports and whether other measures are available to deal with the subjects under study
Head 30: Correctional Services Department					
Correctional Service Canada and Chinese University of Hong Kong	To develop an integrated system for evaluating the security and re-offending risks as well as rehabilitative needs of offenders with a view to enhancing the overall management and rehabilitation of offenders	\$82,000	In progress	Not applicable	Not applicable
Head 45: Fire Services Department					
Environmental Resources Management Hong Kong Ltd.	Study on the regulation of the storage and conveyance of dangerous goods other than Category 1 dangerous goods	\$575,000	Completed	The Fire Services Department is studying the findings and recommendations and formulating appropriate proposals to amend the subsidiary legislation of the Dangerous Goods	Follow-up action taken

				Ordinance.	
Crow Maunsell Management Consultants Limited	Comprehensive study on further development of paramedic ambulance service (PAS) in Hong Kong	\$959,100	Completed	The Fire Services Department has studied the findings and recommendations and formulated an implementation plan to provide full PAS by the first quarter of 2005.	Follow-up action taken
Total:		\$1,616,100			

Consultancy studies for which financial provision has been allocated in 2002-03:

Name of consultants (if available)	Description	Consultancy fees	Progress on consultancy studies (planning/ in progress / completed)	The Administration's follow-up action on the study reports and the progress made	Reasons for no follow-up action on the study reports and whether other measures are available to deal with the subjects under study
Head 30: Correctional Services Department					
Correctional Service Canada and Chinese University of Hong Kong	To develop an integrated system for evaluating the security and re-offending risks as well as rehabilitative needs of offenders with a view to enhancing the overall management and rehabilitation of offenders (continuation of a study of the same name in 2001-02)	\$480,000	In progress	Not applicable	Not applicable
Head 45: Fire Services Department					
Environmental Resources Management Hong Kong Ltd.	Review on the draft code of practice for "electronic gases"	\$100,000	Completed	The Fire Services Department is studying the findings and recommendations and formulating appropriate proposals to revise the code of practice for "electronic gases".	Follow-up action taken
Head 122: Hong Kong Police Force					
Pricewaterhouse Coopers	Consultancy study aimed at assisting the	\$397,000	Completed	The recommendations	Not applicable

	Police in designing and organising Forcewide culture change programmes and reviewing and formulating quality service strategy.			of the consultancy study have been taken into account and adopted in the relevant programmes.	
Head 151: Government Secretariat: Security Bureau					
Youth Studies Net, City University of Hong Kong	Study on measures adopted by overseas countries in handling unruly children below the minimum age of criminal responsibility and mischievous juveniles above the minimum age, so as to facilitate the Administration to identify effective means in dealing with and rehabilitating misbehaving children and young persons in Hong Kong after the minimum age has been raised.	\$516,000	In progress	Study to be completed in mid-2003.	Pending submission of report by consultancy.
Prof. Yuet-wah Cheung and Dr. James Ch'ien (The Chinese University of Hong Kong)	A longitudinal study on chronic drug abusers (continuation of a study of the same name in 2001-02)	\$263,312	In progress	Study in progress	Not applicable
Dr. Karen Laidler, Dr. Jeffrey Day and Mr. David Hodson (The University of Hong Kong)	Initiation, continuation and impact of drug use among females (continuation of a study of the same name in 2001-02)	\$150,000	In progress	Study in progress	Not applicable
Dr. Joseph Lau (The Chinese University of Hong Kong)	Cross-boundary substance abuse problem among youths in Hong Kong	\$260,000	In progress	Study in progress	Not applicable
Dr. Chiu-wan Lam and Dr. Kam-weng Boey (The University of Hong Kong)	Study of substance abuse in the context of underground rave culture	\$120,000	In progress	Study in progress	Not applicable
Dr. Ronald Chen (The University of Hong Kong)	Study on the cognitive impairment and other harmful effects from ecstasy and ketamine abuse in Hong Kong Chinese	\$170,000	In progress	Study in progress	Not applicable
Dr. Shung-pun	Development of	\$160,000	In progress	Study in progress	Not applicable

Leung (Castle Peak Hospital), Dr. Chee-wing Wong (Kwai Chung Hospital), Ms. Cherry Lee (SARDA) and Ms. Annissa Lui (Hong Kong Lutheran Social Service)	procedures for the screening and assessment of poly-drug users as a reference tool for frontline social workers in handling cases, so as to facilitate the appropriate screening of drug abusers seeking treatment and referrals for relevant treatment.				
Total:		\$2,616,312			

(2) Consultancy studies for which no financial provision has been allocated in 2001-02:

Name of consultants (if available)	Description	Consultancy fees	Progress on consultancy studies (planning/ in progress / completed)	The Administration's follow-up action on the study reports and the progress made	Reasons for no follow-up action on the study reports and whether other measures are available to deal with the subjects under study
Head 151: Government Secretariat: Security Bureau					
Dr. Ben Cheung (Kwai Chung Hospital)	A study on the motivational strategy for engaging early drug abusers	\$50,000	Completed	Study report has been submitted to the Narcotics Division of the Security Bureau and Action Committee Against Narcotics for reference to facilitate the formulation of drug treatment strategies.	Not applicable
Dr. Karen Laidler, Dr. Jeffrey Day and Mr. David Hodson (The University of Hong Kong)	A study on the psychotropic substance abuse problem in Hong Kong	\$50,000	Completed	Study report has been submitted to the Narcotics Division of the Security Bureau, Action Committee Against Narcotics and Task Force on Psychotropic Substance Abuse for reference to facilitate the formulation of strategies against psychotropic substance abuse.	Not applicable
Dr. Joseph Lau (The Chinese	The 2000 survey of drug use among	\$230,000	Completed	Study report has been submitted to	Not applicable

University of Hong Kong)	students			the Narcotics Division of the Security Bureau, Action Committee Against Narcotics and Task Force on Psychotropic Substance Abuse for reference to facilitate the formulation of strategies on preventive education and publicity.	
Prof. Tai-shing Lau and Prof. Char-nie Chen (The Chinese University of Hong Kong)	Review of Central Registry of Drug Abuse	\$89,100	Completed	Study report has been submitted to the Narcotics Division of the Security Bureau and Action Committee Against Narcotics for reference. The recommendations in the report have been implemented progressively to enhance the effectiveness of the Central Registry of Drug Abuse in monitoring the drug abuse situation.	Not applicable
Dr. Ben Cheung (Kwai Chung Hospital), Mr. David Cheung (Caritas Wong Yiu Nam Centre), Dr. Shung-pun Leung (Castle Peak Hospital), Dr. Chak-man Yu (Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital) and Dr. Benjamin Lai (psychiatrist in private practice)	A study on the treatment and rehabilitation services for psychotropic substance abusers	\$38,162	Completed	Study report has been submitted to the Narcotics Division of the Security Bureau, Action Committee Against Narcotics and Task Force on Psychotropic Substance Abuse for reference to facilitate the formulation of treatment and rehabilitation strategies relating to psychotropic substance abuse.	Not applicable
Prof. Yuet-wah Cheung and Dr.	A longitudinal study on chronic drug	\$360,000	In progress	Study in progress	Not applicable

James Ch'ien (The Chinese University of Hong Kong)	abusers				
Dr. Karen Laidler, Dr. Jeffrey Day and Mr. David Hodson (The University of Hong Kong)	Initiation, continuation and impact of drug use among females	\$100,000	In progress	Study in progress	Not applicable
Total:		\$917,262			

Consultancy studies for which no financial provision has been allocated in 2002-03:

Name of consultants (if available)	Description	Consultancy fees	Progress on consultancy studies (planning/ in progress / completed)	The Administration's follow-up action on the study reports and the progress made	Reasons for no follow-up action on the study reports and whether other measures are available to deal with the subjects under study
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Head 30: Correctional Services Department

Nil	To develop preventive and treatment programmes for offenders with problems of psychotropic substance abuse	\$200,000	Tenders being invited	Not applicable	Not applicable
Department of Sports Science and Physical Education, The Chinese University of Hong Kong	To develop a set of revised physical requirement standard that eliminates the weight and height factors for the pre-employment physical fitness test.	\$115,000	Completed	The recommendations of the study will be implemented in all future recruitment exercises.	Not applicable

Head 45: Fire Services Department

Crow Maunsell Management Consultants Limited	Study on the roles and functions of frontline officers in the Ambulance Command	\$400,000	In progress	Not applicable	Not applicable
Total:		\$715,000			

(3) Consultancy studies for which financial provision has been allocated in 2003-04:

Name of consultants (if available)	Description	Consultancy fees	Status of consultancy studies (planning/ in progress / completed)
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Head 30: Correctional Services Department

Correctional Service Canada and Chinese University of Hong Kong	To develop an integrated system for evaluating the security and re-offending risks as well as rehabilitative needs of offenders with a view to enhancing the overall management and rehabilitation of offenders (continuation of a study of the same name in 2001-02)	\$560,000	In progress
Nil	To develop preventive and treatment programmes for offenders with problems of psychotropic substance abuse (continuation of a study of the same name in 2002-03)	\$500,000	Tender being invited
Head 122: Hong Kong Police Force			
To be confirmed	Consultancy study aimed at assisting the Police in designing and organising Forcewide culture change programmes and reviewing and formulating quality service strategy.	\$801,000	Planning
Head 151: Government Secretariat: Security Bureau			
Dr. Karen Laidler, Dr. Jeffrey Day and Mr. David Hodson (The University of Hong Kong)	Initiation, continuation and impact of drug use among females (continuation of a study of the same name in 2002-03)	\$50,000	In progress
Dr. Joseph Lau (The Chinese University of Hong Kong)	Cross-boundary substance abuse problem among youths in Hong Kong (continuation of a study of the same name in 2002-03)	\$88,150	In progress
Dr. Chiu-wan Lam and Dr. Kam-weng Boey (The University of Hong Kong)	Study of substance abuse in the context of underground rave culture (continuation of a study of the same name in 2002-03)	\$88,065	In progress
Dr. Ronald Chen (The University of Hong Kong)	Study on the cognitive impairment and other harmful effects from ecstasy and ketamine abuse in Hong Kong Chinese (continuation of a study of the same name in 2002-03)	\$200,000	In progress
Dr. Shung-pun Leung (Castle Peak Hospital), Dr. Chee-wing Wong (Kwai Chung Hospital), Ms. Cherry Lee (SARDA) and Ms. Annissa Lui (Hong Kong Lutheran Social Service)	Development of procedures for the screening and assessment of poly-drug users as a reference tool for frontline social workers in handling cases, so as to facilitate the appropriate screening of drug abusers seeking treatment and referrals for relevant treatment. (continuation of a study of the same name in 2002-03)	\$40,000	In progress
To be confirmed	provision for studies on drug abuse problems	around \$600,000	Planning

Total:	\$2,927,215
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In the 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04 financial years, the departments under the following heads have not commissioned or planned to conduct this type of studies: Head 23- Auxiliary Medical Service, Head 27- Civil Aid Department, Head 28- Civil Aviation Department, Head 31- Customs and Excise Department, Head 35- Government Secretariat: Beijing Office, Head 37- Department of Health, Head 42- Electrical and Mechanical Services Department, Head 48- Government Laboratory, Head 70- Immigration Department, Head 100- Marine Department, Head 121- Independent Police Complaints Council, Head 166- Government Flying Service, Head 168- Hong Kong Observatory, Head 170- Social Welfare Department, Head 176- Subventions: Miscellaneous.

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Name in block letters TONG Hin-ming, Timothy

Post Title Permanent Secretary for Security (Acting)

Date 20.3.2003

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

SB002

Question Serial No.

0135

Head:151 Government Secretariat: Security Subhead(No. & title):
Bureau

Programme: (2) Internal Security

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Security

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question :

Regarding the implementation of Article 23 of the Basic Law,

- (a) how much public funds were used in 2002-03 for the production of Announcements of Public Interest (APIs) on Article 23 of the Basic Law? Please give details of the number of these APIs, their content and times of broadcast;
- (b) how much public funds have been reserved in 2003-04 for the production of these APIs? Please give details of the expected number, content and times of broadcast; and
- (c) will the Administration consider ceasing the production and broadcast of these APIs in view of the serious fiscal deficit and the public's objection?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply:

- (a) From the commencement of the consultation period in September 2002 to the publication of the blue bill in February this year, the Government produced four tapes for use in television and radio announcements on the arrangement for distributing leaflet on the consultation paper and the Bill. The expenditure involved was about \$160,000. These publicity arrangements were in line with those of other consultation work of the Government.

An Announcement of Public Interest (API) with the topic of “Implementation the Basic Law to protect national security” was aired beginning 13 February. The production cost was about \$250,000.

Three other APIs highlighting the freedom of religion, freedom of speech and the freedom of information were also produced. The cost was about \$750,000. The objective is to explain to the public that the Basic Law has provided guarantees for human rights and freedom, which cannot be overridden by any other legal provisions.

It has been arranged to broadcast these four APIs on television and radio for around 990 and 1870 times respectively from 13 February to April.

- (b) We have not reserved any funds for the production of relevant APIs in 2003-04.
- (c) Since the publication of the consultation paper on the implementation of Article 23 of the Basic Law on 24 September 2002, the SAR Government had sought to explain the legislative proposals to the public through various channels, including issuing press releases; giving responses to media reports; publishing articles in the newspapers; attending interviews hosted by the press, television and radio stations; attending forums and seminars; broadcasting APIs on television and radio; and producing leaflets and pamphlets.

After the gazetting of the National Security (Legislative Provisions) Bill on 14 February, the Government has a duty to continue its publicity campaign to further enhance public awareness of the protection for human rights and freedom under the Basic Law as well as the contents of the Bill, including broadcasting APIs on television and radio, and producing leaflets.

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Post Title Permanent Secretary for
Security (Acting)

Date 19.3.2003

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Reply Serial No.

SB003

Question Serial
No.

0220

Head: 151- Government Secretariat: Security Bureau

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: (1) Director of Bureau's Office

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Security

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Will the Government inform this Council whether Programme (1), that is, financial provision for the Office of the Secretary for Security, is a new provision under the Security Bureau or a provision split off from other items?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

The financial provision for the Office of the Secretary for Security is not a new item of expenditure. Instead, it is obtained through redeployment of resources of the Security Bureau and its departments.

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Name in block letters TONG Hin-ming, Timothy

Post Title Permanent Secretary for
Security (Acting)

Date 20.3.2003

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

SB004

Question Serial
No.

0375

Head: 151- Government Secretariat: Security Bureau

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: (3) Immigration Control

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Security

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question : What are the details of the various initiatives regarding the enhancement of the throughput capacity of the Lo Wu and Lok Ma Chau Control Points? How much provision has been allocated for implementing such initiatives?

Asked by : Hon. Howard Young

Reply :

At the Lo Wu Control Point, a major improvement project will start in mid-2003 to widen the passageway, double the holding capacity of the Departure Hall and provide 14 additional immigration counters. Works will be conducted in phases and are expected to complete by February 2005. Meanwhile, two minor works projects have just been completed respectively to relocate the Police Reporting Centre to widen the passageway to the Departure Hall, and to replace 46 side-facing counters. About \$126M has been allocated for implementing these three projects.

2. At the Lok Ma Chau Control Point, Phase II of the Improvement Project has been underway and is scheduled for completion by September 2003. The project will improve both passenger and vehicular handling facilities. Works include extending and renovating the passenger clearance hall, increasing the number of immigration counters, renovating the vehicular kiosks, improving the drop-off and pick-up facilities and installing fixed vehicle x-ray systems. Provision for this project amounts to \$1,200M approximately.

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Name in block letters _____ Timothy Tong

Post Title _____ Permanent Secretary for Security
(Ag)

Date _____ 19 March 2003

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

SB005

Question Serial
No.

0393

Head: 151 Government Secretariat

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: (2) Internal Security

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Security

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Regarding the implementation of Article 23 of the Basic Law, please give details of the provision for it and the work to be undertaken, and will it lead to an increase in the estimated expenditure?

Asked by: Hon. SZETO Wah

Reply:

Regarding the implementation of Article 23 of the Basic Law, we have not made provision for any expenditure or item in 2003-04.

Signature _____

Name in block letters TONG Hin-ming, Timothy

Post Title Permanent Secretary for
Security (Acting)

Date 19.3.2003

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

SB006

Question Serial
No.

0394

Head: 151—Government Secretariat: Security Bureau Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: (1) Director of Bureau's Office
(2) Internal Security

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Security

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question :

Regarding Subhead 000, please provide details of the following:

- (a) the duties and responsibilities of the directorate post to be created, and the estimated expenditure for it;
- (b) the ranks and job descriptions of the four posts to be created in the Director of Bureau's Office in the coming year, and the reasons for the creation of these posts; and
- (c) the ranks and job descriptions of the 13 permanent posts to be created in the coming year, and the reasons for the creation of these posts?

Asked by: Hon. SZETO Wah

Reply:

- (a) The Security Bureau (SB) plans to create a post of Administrative Officer Staff Grade (C) in 2003-04 to be taken up by an Administrative Assistant to the Secretary for Security, who will provide administrative support to the Secretary. The annual emolument for the post is estimated to be \$1.404 m.
- (b) In addition to the post of Administrative Officer Staff Grade (C) mentioned in part (a), SB will create a Personal Assistant post, a Personal Secretary I post and a Chauffeur post in 2003-04 for the establishment of the Director of Bureau's Office.

The above 3 posts will play a supportive role to support the daily work of the Secretary.

- (c) The ranks of 4 of the 13 permanent posts to be created by SB in 2003-04 and the reasons for their creation are provided in parts (a) and (b). The ranks of the remaining 9 posts are Senior Systems Manager (1 post), Systems Manager (2 posts), Analyst/Programmer I (3 posts) and Analyst/Programmer II (3 posts).

At present, the above 9 posts are under the establishment of the Information Technology Services Department (ITSD) responsible for assisting SB and 6 government departments (including the Auxilliary Medical Service, Civil Aid Service, Correctional Services Department, Fire Services Department, Government Flying Service and Independent Police Complaints Council) in the development of information technology initiatives and the implementation of policies pertaining to the E-government Strategy. To be more effective and flexible in the utilization of resources and management of information technology matters, the 9 posts will be transferred from ITSD to SB in 2003-04 for the establishment of an Information Technology Management Unit which will be responsible for the information technology management of SB and the 6 departments mentioned above. Correspondingly, ITSD will delete these 9 posts.

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	Permanent Secretary for Security
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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

SB007

Question Serial
No.

0855

Head: 151-Government Secretariat: Security Bureau Subhead(No. & title): 000 Operational Expenses

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Security

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question :In 2003-04, four posts will be created for the establishment of the Director of Bureau's Office. Please provide details of the ranks of the posts to be created and the remuneration involved. In addition, nine posts will be transferred from the Information Technology Services Department to the Security Bureau in 2003-04 to support the establishment of the Information Technology Management Unit. What are the reasons for that? What is the estimated expenditure?

Asked by: Hon. NG Margaret

Reply: To establish the Director of Bureau's Office, the Security Bureau (SB) will create 4 posts in 2003-04, including 1 Administrative Officer Staff Grade (C), 1 Personal Assistant, 1 Personal Secretary I and 1 Chauffeur. The annual salary costs incurred are estimated to be \$2.513 m.

In addition, 9 posts will be transferred from the Information Technology Services Department (ITSD) to SB in 2003-04 for the establishment of the Information Technology Management Unit. The above 9 posts, presently under the establishment of ITSD, will assist in the development of information technology strategies and implementation of e-government strategy policies for SB and 6 government departments, including the Auxiliary Medical Service, the Civil Aid Service, the Correctional Services Department, the Fire Services Department, the Government Flying Service and the Independent Police Complaints Council. To allow for more effective and flexible utilisation of resources and to provide information management services for the Bureau and the 6 departments concerned, it is necessary to transfer these posts to SB. It is estimated that the annual salary costs incurred will be \$4.948 m. ITSD will delete the 9 permanent posts accordingly.

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Post Title _____

Date _____

TONG HIN-MING,
TIMOTHY

Permanent Secretary for
Security (Acting)

20.3.2003

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

SB008

Question Serial
No.

0920

Head: 151-Government Secretariat: Security Bureau Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: (2) Internal Security

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Security

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question : (a) Please give details on the staffing and resources required by the inter-departmental working group responsible for the review on matters relating to interception of communications in 2002-03 and the estimated staffing and resources for 2003-04.

(b) When was the inter-departmental working group formed and when will it complete the review?

Asked by : Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply : (a) The inter-departmental Working Group on Interception of Communications is supported by existing staff of the Security Bureau who also undertake other responsibilities in the Bureau. Since the expenditure on the review was fully covered within the overall provision for the Security Bureau, we do not have a breakdown of the resources used in 2002-03 and the estimated expenditure to be incurred in 2003-04 for the review.

(b) The inter-departmental Working Group was formed in late 1999. The review is expected to be completed by the end of 2003.

Signature : _____

Name in block letters : Mr Timothy TONG

Post Title : Permanent Secretary for

Security (Acting)

Date : 19.3.2003

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

SB009

Question Serial
No.

1287

Head: 151-Government Secretariat: Security Bureau Subhead(No. & title): 000 Operational Expenses

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Security

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question : Please provide the number of non-civil service contract staff employed and the level of expenditure involved in 2002-03. Are there any plans to employ more or less non-civil service contract staff in 2003-04? If so, what are the reasons? And what will be the number of staff and the level of expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. LEE Cheuk-yan

Reply: In 2002-03, a total of 45 non-civil service contract staff have been employed by the Security Bureau. Of them, 18 are full-time non-civil service contract staff and 27 are hourly-rated part-time non-civil service contract staff. The expenditure involved is \$2,515,000.

As some of the short-term special duties had been fulfilled in 2002-03, we will reduce the number of full-time non-civil service contract staff by 7 in 2003-04, and the expenditure involved is \$745,100.

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Name in block letters TONG Hin-ming, Timothy

Post Title Permanent Secretary for
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Date 20.3.2003

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

SB010

Question Serial
No.

1343

Head: 151 Security Bureau

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: (2) Internal Security

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Security

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question :

Under Programme (2): Internal Security, the implementation of Article 23 of the Basic Law is listed as an item requiring special attention. Will the government itemise the expenditure for the task in the 2002-03 and 2003-04 financial year, including staff salaries and related expenditure (such as printing costs, web page design, advertisement fee, etc.), and the legislative timetable.

Asked by : Hon. Cyd Ho

Reply :

We have included provisions for a supernumerary Administrative Officer Staff Grade 'C' post from January to July 2003. The officer is responsible for the collation and preparation of legislative proposals to implement Article 23 of the Basic Law, and to follow up deliberations of the Legislative Council Bills Committee. The salary for the post for the period is about \$700,000. Related research and supporting duties are undertaken by staff of the Security Bureau and Department of Justice, within their existing resources.

Apart from work relating to the publication of the consultation document on the proposals to implement Article 23, explanatory leaflets and extra copies of the National Security (Legislative Provisions) Bill for distribution to the general public in 2002-03, we have not included any provisions for the implementation of Article 23 in 2003-04. The relevant expenditure items in 2002-03 are —

Item	Amount
Webpage design and updating	about \$50,000
Production of documents and publicity materials (including consultation document, explanatory leaflets, extra copies of the Bill, etc.)	about \$1.7 million
Television and radio announcements of public interest	about \$1.2 million

The Government is aiming to have the National Security (Legislative Provisions) Bill enacted before the end of the current legislative year.

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Name in block letters TIMOTHY TONG

Acting Permanent
Post Title Secretary for Security

Date 20 March 2003

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Reply Serial No.

SB011

Question Serial
No.

1344

Head: 151 – Government Secretariat: Security Subhead(No. & title):
Bureau

Programme: (2) Internal Security

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Security

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question : In Programme (2) Internal Security, Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2003-04 include formulation of legislative proposals to provide additional safeguards against interference with the privacy of detainees. Please provide further information such as details of the legislative proposals and the legislative timetable.

Asked by : Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply : Detailed legislative proposals are still under consideration. Proposals include specifying in the relevant legislation the existing administrative measures in handling detainees, such as the length of period of detention, the detainees' right to inform a friend or relative and their right to consult a lawyer. The objective of the legislative proposals is to provide additional safeguards against unlawful or arbitrary interference with the privacy of detainees.

We hope that we may consult the relevant Legislative Council Panel on the legislative proposals in the 2003-04 legislative session.

Signature : _____

Name in block letters : Mr Timothy TONG

Post Title : Permanent Secretary for

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Date : 19.3.2003

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

SB012

Question Serial
No.

1345

Head: 151 – Government Secretariat: Security Bureau Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: (3) Immigration Control

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Security

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question : CYD-098

How many immigration appeal cases have been processed by the Security Bureau in year 2001 and 2002? Please provide the requested statistics showing the nature of appeal cases and the appeal result.

Asked by : Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply :

In 2001 and 2002, the Security Bureau respectively processed or assisted in the processing of 4,452 and 2,371 petitions, objections or appeals against the decisions of the Director of Immigration. The nature of these cases and their outcome are listed in the tables below:

2001

Nature of case	Outcome			Under processing	Total
	Unsuccessful	Successful	Withdrawn		
Dependence	57	21	13	40	131
Employment/ Investment	15	2	3	13	33
Extension of Stay	5	2	3	11	21
Student visa	0	1	0	0	1
Mainland resident seeking Residence	5	3	2	5	15
Mainland children seeking permission to study in HK	0	0	0	1	1
Unconditional Stay	0	0	1	0	1
Removal Order	3431	3	7	112	3553
Right of Abode	24	1	21	53	99
Certificate of Entitlement	55	1	17	405	478
HKSAR Passport	64	0	9	46	119
	3656	34	76	686	4452

2002

Nature of case	Outcome			Under processing	Total
	Unsuccessful	Successful	Withdrawn		
Dependence	24	11	6	23	64
Employment/ Investment	7	3	0	7	17
Extension of Stay	5	4	1	5	15
Mainland resident seeking Residence	2	2	1	2	7
Mainland children seeking permission to study in HK	1	0	0	0	1
Removal Order	1464	23	1	25	1513
Right of Abode	36	1	25	48	110
Certificate of Entitlement	207	10	34	271	583
HKSAR Passport	17	0	34	10	61
	1763	54	102	391	2371

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Name in block letters Timothy Tong

Post Title Permanent Secretary for Security(Ag.)

Date 20.3.2003

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

SB013

Question Serial
No.

1346

Head: 151-Government Secretariat: Security Bureau Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: (3) Immigration Control

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Security

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question : Under Programme (3) Immigration Control, matters requiring special attention in 2003-04 include introducing a bill to cater for the implementation of "co-location" of immigration and customs facilities. Will the government provide information on the timetable for the implementation of the above project and the level of expenditure involved, including staff costs and other related expenses?

Asked by: Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply: We are actively discussing the implementation of "co-location" arrangement, which is unprecedented in Hong Kong, with Mainland experts. The two sides have already reached consensus and understanding on major principles and implementation plans. We are discussing various implementation details such as the layout plan, inspection facilities and coordination of ancillary facilities with the relevant Mainland authorities. We strive to submit the relevant funding and legislative proposals to the Legislative Council within this year. Regarding the implementation timetable, upon commissioning of the new control point for the Shenzhen Western Corridor to be completed in the latter half of 2005, there will be "co-location" arrangement for both passenger and cargo clearance. Experts of the two sides are further discussing the timetable for implementing "co-location" arrangement for passenger clearance at Huanggang.

To implement "co-location", capital funds will be required mainly for undertaking the necessary construction and refurbishment works inside the "Hong Kong Management Area". These works will include the provision of passenger hall for the Hong Kong side, vehicular clearance kiosks, ancillary transport facilities, fences segregating the management areas of the two sides, etc. The estimated costs have to be further worked out by the experts. The recurrent expenditure, including staff costs, will be subject to the above-mentioned implementation details to be confirmed. In addition, since the "Hong Kong Management Area" will make use of the land on the Shenzhen side, we have to further discuss the relevant financial arrangements with the Shenzhen side.

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TIMOTHY

Post Title Permanent Secretary for

Security (Acting)

Date 20.3.2003

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

SB014

Question Serial
No.

1542

Head: 151 Security Bureau

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: (1) Director of Bureau's Office

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Security

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question :

Following the implementation of the Accountability System, a new Programme (1) Director of Bureau's Office with relevant estimated expenses is introduced for all policy bureaux in their budgets for the year 2003-04, with a view to ensuring the smooth operation of the offices of the Bureau Directors.

- (1) With regard to the estimated expenses of the offices of the Policy Bureau Directors, please provide a detailed breakdown by (a) purpose (including the planning, co-ordination and implementation of all arrangements for the Secretary's public, media and community functions); (b) items (salaries and establishment, allowances, job-related allowances and departmental expenses);
- (2) Please provide a comparison between the expenditure breakdown listed in (1) and the actual expenditure required for the smooth operation of the offices of the Bureau Directors before the implementation of the Accountability System. If the amount of expenses for specific items shows an increase, please give the reasons.
- (3) Has the Administration assessed whether the estimated expenditure of the offices of the Bureau Directors is appropriate? What principles have been adopted in assessing its appropriateness?

Asked by: Hon. LEE Chu-ming, Martin

Reply:

- (1) The estimated expenses of the Office of the Secretary for Security (S for S) cover the salaries and allowances of the S for S and staff in her Office. As the day-to-day business of the S for S and staff in her Office covers a wide spectrum of official duties, it is difficult to provide a breakdown of their estimated salaries and allowances by various types of official duties. Nevertheless, the breakdown of the estimated expenses by the nature of expenditure and establishment of the Office can be provided as follows:

The estimated expenses for 2003-04 cover

S for S's salary	\$3,232,000
Staff salary, (including Administrative Assistant, Personal Assistant, Chauffeur, and Personal Secretary I)	\$1,995,000
Staff allowances	\$512,000
Job-related allowances	\$6,000

- (2) As there were no offices of Bureau Directors before the implementation of the Accountability System and the S for S's responsibilities are different from before, it is difficult to provide a comparison of the expenditure.
- (3) In order that the Office of the S for S may accomplish its tasks with the least resources, we consider the estimated expenditure of the Office for 2003-04 appropriate.

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Post Title Permanent Secretary for
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Date 20.3.2003

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

SB015

Question Serial
No.

0182

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: 12202 - Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Regarding technology and cyber crimes :-

- (a) What was the Hong Kong Police Force's detection rate in respect of the above crimes in 2002-03?
- (b) What are the Hong Kong Police Force's plans in preventing, combating and educating the public in respect of the above crimes in 2003-04? Please elaborate. What is the estimated expenditure involved?
- (c) How will police officers' operational capability to tackle technology crimes be enhanced? How many investigation officers whose capability in this respect were enhanced in 2002-03? What are the estimated figures for 2003-04? What is the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. SIN Chung-kai

Reply:

- (a) In 2002, there were 272 cases related to technology and cyber crimes (about 60% involved illegal computer hacking). The detection rate was 21%.
- (b) In 2003-04, on preventing such crimes and educating the public the Police will give technology crime prevention talks to public institutions, schools and organisations, participate in information technology security exhibitions, educate the public on crime prevention and disseminate information through the Police homepage on technology crimes and precautionary measures. The homepage is linked to the websites of Education Department, Information Technology Services Department and Hong Kong Junior Chamber of Commerce which provide information on cyber ethics and IT security.

On combating technology crimes, the Technology Crime Division of Commercial Crime Bureau is responsible for handling complicated and serious technology crimes. Each region also has its own task force to deal with minor technology crimes. The Police have upgraded their facilities needed for investigating such crimes. In September 2002, the Hong Kong Police Computer Forensics Laboratory was set up. This means that Hong Kong Police's capability in handling technology crime evidence has been upgraded to international standards. The Police continue to share experience with the information technology industry and academic institutions, develop technology on collecting evidence for technology crimes and organize professional training to upgrade their investigation capability. In addition, the

Police maintain close liaison with local and overseas law enforcement agencies in exchanging intelligence and professional know-how.

The expenditure for tackling technology and cyber crimes is included in the expenditure for Commercial Crime Bureau. Therefore, a breakdown is not available.

- (c) On upgrading police officers' enforcement capability, the Technology Crime Division provides technology crime investigators with in-house courses and sends its officers to take a professional course on computer forensics offered by the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. The officers are also sent to attend professional training organized by overseas law enforcement agencies or local IT industry. In 2002-03, the expenditure related to these training was about \$400,000. In 2003-04, the Police plan to provide about 100 investigators with various training. The estimated expenditure is about \$440,000.

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Name in block letters TSANG Yam-pui

Post Title Commissioner of Police

Date 19 March 2003

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial
No.

SB016

Question Serial
No.

0192

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: 12201 - Maintenance of Law and Order in the Community

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Please elaborate on the Police efforts on streamlining and reducing non-constabulary and non-core work in 2003-04 and the implications on expenditure.

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

Cases that are clearly the prime responsibility of other Government Departments and those of a minor nature where there is no risk to life, property, or public order, will be treated as "No Police Response Reports".

Briefly, no patrol officer will be deployed to attend the scene. The members of public would be referred to the appropriate Government Departments for assistance or follow up action. In cases where clarification of the nature of the event/incident is required, patrol officer will still be sent to the scene.

In addition, the Police will provide training to other Government Departments so that their staff can efficiently handle those cases which require our assistance but are beyond the scope of our work.

As the police officers are relieved from the above non-constabulary and non-core work, they can be more effectively and efficiently deployed to the frontline policing and core functions. It is anticipated that the efficiency of policing and core work will be greatly enhanced at no additional cost.

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Post Title Commissioner of Police

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

SB017

Question Serial
No.

0193

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: 12201 - Maintenance of Law and Order in the Community

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

In respect of the conduct of a full review of the survey strategy, how many surveys were conducted in 2002-03? Please give details. Has there been any review on the effectiveness of the various types of surveys? How many surveys have been planned to be conducted in 2003-04? What is the estimated expenditure?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

The Police conducted a Customer Satisfaction Survey in 2002-03. The survey was conducted by Poon Kam Kai Institute of Management of the Hong Kong University under the Public Opinion Programme.

The Survey was conducted between 21 and 30 October 2002 and 847 people were successful interviewed. The target respondents were witnesses or victims aged 18 or above and who had encounters with the Police between July and September 2002.

The survey showed that 80% of the respondents gave an overall rating of "very satisfied" or "satisfied" in their encounter with the Police, an increase of 4% compared to the results of 2000 (from 76% in 2000 to 80% in 2002).

The Police are reviewing the survey results and have no plans for similar surveys in 2003-04 for the time being.

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Post Title Commissioner of Police

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

SB018

Question Serial
No.

0194

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: 12202 - Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

What was the total expenditure for the crime prevention publicity programmes in 2002? Will there be an increase in 2003-04? Has the effectiveness of these publicity programmes been reviewed?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

In 2002-03, the total expenditure for crime prevention publicity programmes was about 1.7 m.

For the time being, the Police has no plans to reduce the publicity programmes for 2003-04.

Crime Prevention Bureau reviews and amends territory-wide and district crime prevention publicity programmes on a monthly basis and organizes crime prevention and anti-crime activities in consultation with Home Affairs Bureau and District Fight Crime Committees.

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Name in block letters TSANG Yam-pui

Post Title Commissioner of Police

Date 19 March 2003

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

SB019

Question Serial
No.

0195

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: 12202 - Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

What was the actual expenditure for upgrading the existing intelligence processing computer system in 2002? Please provide details for the upgrading in 2003-04 and give the expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

The Police have plans to upgrade the criminal intelligence system to speed up and simplify the function of information build-up and retrieval, to enhance the capability to analyze criminal intelligence and to fully upgrade the efficiency of all intelligence units. An allocation of some \$66 m was approved in 2000 and the upgrading, in phases, has started. The actual expenditure for 2002-03 was around \$1.1 m and the estimated expenditure for 2003-04 is about \$11 m.

Name in block letters TSANG Yam-pui

Post Title Commissioner of Police

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

SB020

Question Serial
No.

0196

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: 12202 - Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Did the number of syndicated frauds increase in 2002-03? What were the amount of money involved and the number of persons arrested? What are the plans and publicity programmes to combat this crime category in 2003-04?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

Syndicated frauds are, mainly, model agency frauds, Loco London Gold frauds, pyramid selling frauds and use of faked bank instruments.

In 2002, there were 73 syndicated frauds involving over \$15 m with 86 people arrested. Compared with the 2001 figures, there was an increase of two cases. The loss was reduced by over \$31 m and the number of arrests down by 18.

A task force has been formed under the Commercial Crime Bureau to deal with such frauds, gather intelligence and closely monitor the situations. The task force also co-ordinates the Regional efforts in investigation.

In 2003-04, the Police will, through the mass media such as television, educate the public to raise their awareness of such frauds, and give lecture to secondary school students and distribute publicity leaflets to the local communities.

Name in block letters TSANG Yam-pui

Post Title Commissioner of Police

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

SB021

Question Serial
No.

0197

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: 12202 - Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Please provide the following information in respect of juvenile crimes :-

- (a) Did the rate of juvenile crimes indicate an upward trend in 2002-03? Please provide a breakdown by types of crime. Has the effectiveness of the fight against juvenile crimes been reviewed?
- (b) The Secondary School Liaison Programme was launched in 2002. Was it effective in combating juvenile crimes? Will the work in this area be fostered in 2003-04?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

- (a) In 2002 the Police arrested 5 335 juvenile offenders aged between 7 and 15, representing 13.5% of the total arrests, a drop of 9.7% in comparison to the figure in 2001.

In 2002, 63.7% of the juvenile crimes were shop thefts, miscellaneous thefts, wounding and serious assaults. A minority involved robberies (8.8%), triad offences (3.2%) and serious narcotics offences (1.0%).

The Police regularly report to the Fight Crime Committees on the fight against juvenile crimes and the progress achieved. Within the Force, there are also regular territory-wide reviews and adjustments of the policies adopted. On the regional, district and divisional levels, the work against juvenile crimes are frequently reviewed.

- (b) The Police launched the Secondary School Liaison Officers Programme in August 2001 with the objective to disseminate juvenile crimes prevention messages and instill positive values through seminars and group discussions to secondary students with the police officers acting as role models. A multi-agency approach is also adopted to provide appropriate assistance to the students. If deemed necessary, problem students will be referred to non-governmental organisations to take part in the activities offered in an attempt to put them back to the right track. The Secondary School Liaison Officers establish and maintain close liaison with the school management, school social workers, parents and non-governmental organisations in a joint effort to take preventive initiatives targeted at susceptible youths. This scheme is part of a long-term action strategy, the effects of which may not be noticeable in the short term. This is a strategy to assist teachers and parents to teach youngsters the importance of positive values

and moral standards and in turn minimise the youngsters' vulnerability to crime.

The Police conducted a questionnaire survey in the second half of 2002. Of the 520 school principals who responded, 447 (86%) pointed out that the scheme brings benefits to both the school and the students.

In 2003-04, the Police will continue to :-

- enhance liaison with schools, school social workers, parents, Social Welfare Department and Education and Manpower Bureau;
- strengthen the communication network between Secondary School Liaison Officers and Discipline Masters of the schools; and
- direct the Secondary School Liaison Officers to maintain regular contacts with the schools to share with them police experience and knowledge in this area so that they can provide assistance for youths at risk more confidently, professionally and effectively.

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Post Title Commissioner of Police

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

SB022

Question Serial
No.

0198

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: 12202 - Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Please provide details on improving the witness and victim support schemes in 2003-04. What is the estimated expenditure?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

The Police provide support and protection to the witnesses and victims whose personal safety is being threatened. When required, the witnesses are protected and comprehensive assistance offered including services to address their psychological and emotional problems.

The Police and the Social Welfare Department have launched a Witness Support Programme to offer assistance to witnesses who are children or who are mentally incapacitated. The services offered have been enhanced with 10 volunteers recruited in October last year. The Police are also represented in the Social Welfare Department's Support the Victim Group which offers counselling, protection and legal services to victims of domestic and sex violence.

In addition, the Police provide a reference card for the case witnesses and victims with the telephone number of the officer in charge of the case on it so that they can make enquiries or ask for assistance if needed.

The above work falls under the Programme of "Prevention and Detection of Crime" and no specific breakdown of the estimated expenditure in this area is available.

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

SB023

Question Serial
No.

0199

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: 12202 - Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

What were the publicity activities on preventing street crimes in 2002-03 and what were the results? What is the estimated expenditure of the above programme in 2003-04? Please elaborate.

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

The publicity campaign on preventing street crimes in 2002-03 was targeted at street deception. The activities were:

- Nearly 3 m publicity leaflets and posters with themes including the prevention of juvenile crimes, personal safety, schoolchildren safety and street deception, were distributed.
- On the prevention of street deception, the Police broadcasted anti-deception advice at crime blackspots and launched publicity in the form of radio and television programmes, for example the 8 programmes on "Anti-Street Deception" on RTHK's "Programme For Elderly" starting from November 2002. In order to raise the awareness of the senior citizens and their family members of various types of deception cases, the Police joined hands with the Social Welfare Department and non-governmental welfare organisations to release publicity among the senior citizens and organise a number of talks.
- Also, the Police Regions launch publicity activities from time to time in respect of law and order problems unique to their regions.

The Police publicity has achieved results. Street deception dropped by 30% in the second half of 2002, in comparison to the first half of the year. Of the 207 people arrested for street deception in 2002, 96 were taken to court and 89 were convicted and given sentences ranging from 2 months to 54 months.

Street crimes fall under the Programme of "Prevention and Detection of Crime" and no specific breakdown of the estimated expenditure in this area is available.

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

SB024

Question Serial
No.

0200

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: 12203 - Reduction of Traffic Accidents

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

What are the measures to raise the Police capability in traffic accident investigation in 2003-04?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

The Police will raise the overall capability in traffic accident investigation in 2003-04 mainly through training.

In 2003-04, the following training courses will be offered:

- Traffic Accident Investigation Course
- Drink Drive Evidential Equipment Operators Course
- Breath Screening Equipment Operators Course and
- Vehicle Construction and Maintenance Course

In addition, the Police will continue to work with the Transport Department and the Government Laboratory to investigate the causes of drug drive accidents to study the feasibility of introducing legislation and suitable testing and analyzing equipment for law enforcement and investigation purposes.

The Police will continue, as in past years, review all relevant policies and procedures to enhance the efficiency in traffic accident investigation.

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Reply Serial No.

SB025

Question Serial
No.

0201

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: 12203 - Reduction of Traffic Accidents

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

The summonses issued in respect of primary offences rose by more than 2,000 cases in 2002, as compared to that of 2001. Why?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

Statistics showed that the summonses issued in respect of primary offences rose by 1 960 cases in 2002, as compared to that of 2001.

The increase is chiefly due to the increase in speeding summonses issued which in turn is attributed to stepped-up action against speeding on expressways. Summonses, instead of fixed penalty tickets, were issued as such prosecution usually took the form of "non-stopper traffic enforcement" for the safety of other road users and law enforcement officers.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

SB026

Question Serial
No.

0202

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: 12203 - Reduction of Traffic Accidents

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

In respect of the work on road safety, please provide the following information :-

- (a) The actual expenditure incurred on major road safety campaigns organised in 2002. Please provide details and give the estimated expenditure for the 55 events to be organised in 2003.
- (b) The road safety legislation will be reviewed in 2003-04. Please elaborate.

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

- (a)
 - ☛ The actual expenditure incurred on major road safety campaigns was about \$1.1 m in 2002-03.
 - ☛ The estimates for 2003-04 is similar to the expenditure in 2002-03 being \$ 1.1 m. The activities to be launched include :-
 - Various activities for kindergartens, primary schools and secondary schools, for example road safety talents show, slogan competition, debates, painting competitions and recital competitions.
 - Carnivals in various districts;
 - Road Safety Town Open Day;
 - Road Safety Talks for professional drivers and motorcyclists and election of Model Drivers to promote Smart Driving;
 - Road Safety seminars and competition for senior citizens;
 - Road Safety Promotion Day and cycling safety activities.
- (b) The Police maintain close liaison and coordinate work with the Environment, Transport and Works Bureau and the Transport Department to review road safety legislation. The laws now under examination include those relating to vehicles for conveying schoolchildren with a view to boosting the safety of the school buses and the safety of the seats.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

SB027

Question Serial
No.

0203

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: 12204 - Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

How many anti-terrorism exercises were conducted in 2002? What measures will be taken in 2003-04 to enhance operational readiness and investigation capability to respond to terrorist attacks?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

In 2002, two anti-terrorism exercises were conducted:

	Duration	Type	<u>Government Departments Involved</u>
1.	16 and 18 April 2002	NBC Agent Attack (Coordinated by Security Bureau)	- Security Bureau - Hong Kong Police Force - Fire Services Department - Department of Health - Hospital Authority - Correctional Services Department - Marine Department - Government Flying Service - Civil Aid Service
2.	6, 10 and 11 December 2002	Terrorist attack and hostage held at Hong Kong International Airport (Coordinated by Hong Kong Police Force)	- Hong Kong Police Force - Airport Authority, Hong Kong - Civil Aviation Department - Fire Services Department

			- Immigration Department
			- Customs and Excise Department

In 2003-04 the Police will continue to maintain close liaison with overseas law enforcement agencies to enhance intelligence exchange and to critically assess the threat of terrorism in order to determine and adopt appropriate prevention and security initiatives. The Police has in place a set of anti-terrorism mechanism to declare various levels of alert dependent on the intensity of the threat.

The Police are going to distribute anti-terrorism leaflets to organisations, shop operators and members of the public to urge them to heighten alert and step up security. Timely updates are released to the public through the mass media and the internet.

The Police will continue to brief frontline commanders and patrol officers of the latest developments. Operational guidelines are issued to police officers to raise their level of vigilance against the threat of terrorism.

The Police will continue to review security measures for key facilities and sensitive locations from time to time.

The Police will continue to conduct regular exercises to test and review the operational plans for various types of terrorist activities and major incidents. In addition to the regular security tests at the Hong Kong International Airport, a large-scale inter-department anti-terrorism exercise is planned for the latter half of this year.

On the enforcement of the United Nations (Anti-Terrorism Measures) Ordinance enacted in July last year, the Organised Crime and Triad Bureau has set up a task force for tracking and interception of “money laundering” transactions and fund raising activities of the terrorists.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

SB028

Question Serial
No.

0204

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: 12204 - Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

How many cases of syndicated production and sale of forged identity cards were detected and neutralized in 2002-03? Is there an upward trend?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

The Police seizure of forged Hong Kong identity cards in 2002 did not associate with crime syndicates. The forged identity cards were seized on individuals.

The Police seized 529 forged identity cards in 2002, representing a slight increase over 2001 (497) but a decrease over 2000 (610). This crime category shows no obvious upward trend.

The Police and other law enforcement agencies will continue their stringent law enforcement action against illegal employment. The majority of the people arrested recently are two-way-permit and Chinese passport holders.

The Police did not uncover any cases of syndicated production and sale of forged identity cards.

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

SB029

Question Serial
No.

0205

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: 12204 - Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

What is the cost of procuring new vessels for the Marine Police in 2003-04? What is the estimated expenditure on the upgrading of technology and facility of Marine Police?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

Details of the expenditure for the procurement of new vessels for the Marine Police in 2003-04 are as follows :-

2 Keka class police patrol launches worth \$95.252 m are expected to be delivered in March and April 2004

6 patrol boats for use in shallow waters in Deep Bay worth \$1.401 m are expected to be delivered in July 2003

\$1.25 m has been reserved for the improvement and upgrading of equipment of Marine Police crafts.

The Marine Region is conducting a full-scale review for the future policing development and operational needs with a view to introducing a state-of-the-art maritime monitoring system, and using more advanced and efficient vessels to achieve optimum efficiency and to maximize savings in manpower.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

SB030

Question Serial
No.

0206

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: 12204 - Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Please provide details and advise the number of cases in respect of the detection and neutralization of organised smuggling in 2002-03. Is there any plan to combat this type of crime in 2003-04?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

In 2002, the Police seized \$45,300,000 worth of smuggled goods. 12 cases related to organised smuggling activities were detected. The details are as follows:

1 case of smuggling of cigarettes, 2 people were arrested and goods worth \$130,000 seized.

8 cases of smuggling of electrical appliances and computer parts, 55 people were arrested and goods worth \$20,250,000 seized.

3 cases of smuggling of livestock and foodstuff, 13 people were arrested and goods worth \$2,000,000 seized.

In early 2003, the Police Marine Region had merged its Anti-Smuggling Task Force with Small Boat Unit. This enables greater operational flexibility in tackling organized sea-borne smuggling. Meanwhile, the Hong Kong Police will maintain close liaison with Customs and Excise Department and Mainland law enforcement agencies in exchanging intelligence to continue the fight against smuggling.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Reply Serial No.

SB031

Question Serial
No.

0552

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: 12204 – Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

In “Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2003-04”, it is stated that the Force will “continue to enhance the Force’s readiness and capability in the prevention, response and investigation regarding terrorist attacks”. Please give details on the Police efforts to enhance the capability in the prevention, response and investigation regarding terrorist activities and the estimated total expenditure.

Asked by: Hon. LI Ka-cheung, Eric

Reply:

In 2003-04 the Police will continue to maintain close liaison with overseas law enforcement agencies to enhance intelligence exchange and to critically assess the threat of terrorism in order to determine and adopt appropriate prevention and security initiatives. The Police has in place a set of anti-terrorism mechanism to declare various levels of alert dependent on the intensity of the threat. The Police will continue to review security measures for key facilities and sensitive locations from time to time.

The Police will continue to brief frontline commanders and patrol officers of the latest development. Operational guidelines are issued to police officers to raise their level of vigilance against the threat of terrorism.

The Police will enforce training of its specialist units including more opportunities for experience-sharing and know-how exchange with overseas law enforcement agencies.

The Police will continue to conduct regular exercises to test and review the operational plans for various types of terrorist activities and major incidents. In addition to the regular security tests at the Hong Kong International Airport, large-scale inter-department anti-terrorism exercises are planned for the latter half of this year.

The Police are going to distribute anti-terrorism leaflets to organisations, shop operators and members of the public to urge them to heighten alert and step up security. Timely updates are released to the public through the mass media and the internet.

On the enforcement of the United Nations (Anti-Terrorism Measures) Ordinance enacted in July last year, the Organised Crime and Triad Bureau has set up a task force for tracking and interception of “money laundering” transactions and fund raising activities of the terrorists.

Since anti-terrorism falls under the Programme of “Operations”, no specific breakdown of the expenditure in this area is available.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

SB032

Question Serial
No.

0625

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: 12202 - Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Please give an account of the work on the prevention of domestic violence and the expenditure incurred in the coming year.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Man-kwong

Reply:

In 2003-04, the Police will continue to co-operate with the Social Welfare Department, other Government departments and non-governmental organisations to help with the publicity and education work on the prevention of domestic violence.

The above work falls under the Programme "Prevention & Detection of Crime". Figures on the expenditure in this area are not available.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

SB033

Question Serial
No.

0626

Head : 703 – Buildings
711 – Housing

Subhead : 3050LP, 3052LP, 3131LP, 3159LP,
3212LP, 3229LP, 3234LP, 3236LP,
3241LP, B271LP, 3180LP, 3235LP,
3179LP, 3004GX, 3101GX

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Architectural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question : Please give an account of the non-recurrent expenditure and the projects for the construction, alteration and maintenance of police stations and buildings per year for the past five years. What are the estimated expenditure and projects for the coming year?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Man-kwong

Reply : The expenditure items are given below :-

	<u>98/99</u>	<u>99/00</u>	<u>00/01</u>	<u>01/02</u>	<u>02/03</u>	<u>03/04</u>
	(Actual)	(Actual)	(Actual)	(Actual)	(Revised Estimate)	(Estimate)
	\$M	\$M	\$M	\$M	\$M	\$M
(a) New Construction	9.164	22.322	146.482	197.063	394.620	612.000
(b) Building Alteration/ Improvement Works	58.435	97.064	203.855	171.094	183.660	162.918
(c) Non-routine Maintenance Works	184.868	163.605	128.681	124.881	262.700	60.000

Note

(a) This includes the expenditure of the following projects :-

(i) Projects approved by Finance Committee (FC) in or after 98/99 :-

Year of FC Approval	Project	Expenditure					
		<u>98/99</u> (Actual) \$M	<u>99/00</u> (Actual) \$M	<u>00/01</u> (Actual) \$M	<u>01/02</u> (Actual) \$M	<u>02/03</u> (Revised Estimate) \$M	<u>03/04</u> (Estimate) \$M
98/99	3236LP – Redevelopment of Police Headquarters, Arsenal Street, Wan Chai (Arsenal Yard Phase 3 development) – stage 1	-	13.959	10.818	1.354	0.020	-
99/00	3229LP – Provision of a tactical training complex at the Police Training School	-	2.938	74.469	31.486	4.000	2.000
00/01	3234LP – Redevelopment of Police Headquarters, Arsenal Street, Wan Chai (Arsenal Yard Phase 3	-	-	60.680	159.309	350.000	500.000

	development) – stage 2						
01/02	B271LP – Reprovisioning of the Police Dog Unit and Force Search Unit from the Burma Lines Site to Sha Ling	-	-	-	4.278	30.000	40.000
02/03	3241LP – New Territories South Regional Headquarters and Operational Base at Tsuen Wan	-	-	-	-	10.000	70.000
Total		-	16.897	145.967	196.427	394.020	612.000

(ii) Projects approved by FC before 98/99 -

Year of FC Approval	Project	Expenditure					
		98/99 (Actual) \$M	99/00 (Actual) \$M	00/01 (Actual) \$M	01/02 (Actual) \$M	02/03 (Revised Estimate) \$M	03/04 (Estimate) \$M
85/86	3131LP – New police headquarters complex – phase I works	0.357	0.166	0.001	-	-	-
89/90	3050LP – New depot for Police Tactical Unit – remaining works	0.162	-	0.211	-	-	-
91/92	3159LP – New police headquarters complex phase II	3.676	2.909	0.023	0.636	0.600	-
93/94	3212LP – Provision of indoor firing ranges at Ngau Tau Kok	0.164	0.926	0.222	-	-	-
94/95	3052LP – New Marine Police Regional Headquarters	4.805	1.424	0.058	-	-	-
Total		9.164	5.425	0.515	0.636	0.600	-

- (b) This includes minor works items under the block vote 3101GX, 3180LP - Improvement to Wan Chai, Kwun Tong and Ta Kwu Ling Police Stations and 3235LP - Improvement to Police Stations and Operational Facilities.
- (c) This includes minor works items under the block vote 3004GX and 3179LP - Renovation Works - Caine House.

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Post Title _____ Director of Architectural Services

Date _____ 20 March 2003

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

SB034

Question Serial
No.

0627

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: 12201 - 12204

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Why is there a sharp increase in the job-related allowances under Sub-head 000? What are they for? And the number of people involved and their respective ranks?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Man-kwong

Reply:

As the government departments have re-categorized the allowances and job-related allowances in the 2003-04 estimates, this factor should be taken into consideration when comparing expenditure of the allowance and job-related allowances in 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04.

The 2002-03 Revised Estimate in accordance with the new categorization are provided below :-

	<u>Provision under the old categorization</u>		<u>Provision under the new categorization</u>	
	2002-03 (Revised Estimate) (\$ m)	<u>Conversion</u> (\$ m)	2002-03 (Revised Estimate) (\$ m)	2003-04 (Estimate) (\$ m)
Allowance	298.1	230.0 68.1 *)	230.0	211.7
Job-related allowances	<u>4.4</u>	<u>4.4</u>)	<u>72.5</u>	<u>71.5</u>
	<u>302.5</u>	<u>302.5</u>	<u>302.5</u>	<u>283.2</u>

From the above, it can be seen that the 2003-04 Estimates on allowances and job-related allowances are not greater than but rather less than that of 2002-03.

The nature of the job-related allowances, the number of claimants and their respective ranks are as follows :-

Number of claimants

(January 2003)

	Junior Police <u>Officers</u>	Inspectorate <u>Officers</u>	Civilian <u>Officers</u>	<u>Total</u>	Nature
*Detective Allowance	4 689	799	-	5 488	Paid to officers performing detective duties for travelling and miscellaneous expenses
*Special Duties Unit Allowance	77	11	-	88	Paid to Special Duties Unit officers undergoing strenuous physical training and performing extremely dangerous duties
*Extra Duties Allowance for the Disciplined Services					
- Marine	1 908	143	-	2 051	Paid to marine police officers, who have acquired the certificates of competency in deck or launch mechanic streams, performing marine launch navigation duties
- Driving	2 704	32	-	2 736	Paid to police officers performing extra operational driving duties from time to time
- Diving	37	2	-	39	Paid to members of Diving Team of Special Duties Unit performing extra diving duties
- Dog Handling	92	-	-	92	Paid to the junior police officers performing extra dog handling or dog training duties
*Remote Station Allowance	-	3	-	3	Paid to police officers who are required to live on the outlying islands on operational needs
Extraneous Duties Allowance					
- Cash Handling	-	-	2	2	Paid to civilian officers performing extra cash handling duties
- Driving	-	-	13	13	Paid to civilian officers performing extra driving duties from time to time
- Dialect	-	-	59	59	Paid to Police Translators performing Chinese dialect interpretation duties
Hardship Allowance (Dangerous and Obnoxious Duties)	-	-	157	157	Paid to civilian officers performing dangerous and obnoxious duties
Shift Duties Allowance	-	-	115	115	Paid to civilian officers working irregular hours
Total	<u>9 507</u>	<u>990</u>	<u>346</u>	<u>10 843</u>	

* In 2003-04, these allowances are re-categorized under Job-related Allowances instead of Allowance.

It is estimated that the number of officers who are eligible for Job-related Allowances in 2003-04 will be similar to that of 2002-03.

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

SB035

Question Serial
No.

0738

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: 12201 – Maintenance of Law and Order in the Community
12202 – Prevention and Detection of Crime
12203 – Reduction of Traffic Accidents
12204 – Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

In respect of the deletion of 286 non-directorate posts in the Force in the coming financial year, will the Administration inform this Council:

- 1) How many of them are front-line enforcement officers?
- 2) What is the number of front-line enforcement officers cut in each Police District?
- 3) After the deletion, how can the maintenance of law and order be ensured?

Asked by: Hon. EU Yuet-mee, Audrey

Reply:

There will be a net deletion of 286 non-directorate posts by the Police Force in 2003-04 including 265 police officer posts. The rest involves civilian staff.

The 265 police officer posts deleted are training posts or supporting posts. The Police can effect savings through out-sourcing, streamlining work procedures and reorganising support services.

There will be no reduction in the number of frontline police officers in 2003-04. The deletion will not affect the maintenance of law and order.

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

SB036

Question Serial
No.

0802

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: 12204 - Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Specifically, what anti-terrorism measures will be taken in the coming year under Programme (2) and what is the expenditure?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply:

In 2003-04 the Police will continue to maintain close liaison with overseas law enforcement agencies to enhance intelligence exchange and to critically assess the threat of terrorism in order to determine and adopt appropriate prevention and security initiatives. The Police has in place a set of anti-terrorism mechanism to declare various levels of alert dependent on the intensity of the threat.

The Police will continue to review security measures for key facilities and sensitive locations from time to time.

The Police will continue to brief frontline commanders and patrol officers of the latest developments. Operational guidelines are issued to police officers to raise their level of vigilance against the threat of terrorism.

The Police will enforce training of its specialist units including more opportunities for experience-sharing and know-how exchange with overseas law enforcement agencies.

The Police will continue to conduct regular exercises to test and review the operational plans for various types of terrorist activities and major incidents. In addition to the regular security tests at the Hong Kong International Airport, large-scale inter-department anti-terrorism exercises are planned for the latter half of this year.

The Police are going to distribute anti-terrorism leaflets to organisations, shop operators and members of the public to urge them to heighten alert and step up security. Timely updates are released to the public through the mass media and the internet.

On the enforcement of the United Nations (Anti-Terrorism Measures) Ordinance enacted in July last year, the Organised Crime and Triad Bureau has set up a task force for tracking and interception of "money laundering" transactions and fund raising activities of the terrorists.

Since anti-terrorism falls under the Programme of "Operations", no specific breakdown of the expenditure in this area is available.

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Reply Serial No.

SB037

Question Serial
No.

0803

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: 12201 - Maintenance of Law and Order in the Community

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Under Programme (1), the Hong Kong Police Force has commissioned one Customer Satisfaction Survey, what is the expenditure involved? When will the results be announced?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply:

In 2002, the expenditure involved in commissioning the University of Hong Kong to conduct a Customer Satisfaction Survey was \$395,000.

The results of the survey will be published in the Force publication *Offbeat* on 2.4.2003. The media can get the information through the Information Services Department.

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Reply Serial No.

SB038

Question Serial
No.

0804

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: 12202 - Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

What were the number of DNA samples collected and the expenditure incurred in the past two years?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply:

The ordinance on collecting DNA samples came into effect on 1.7.2001. As at 31.12.2002, the Police collected DNA samples from 2 377 suspects. DNA samples were also collected from 2 204 convicted persons and other people in the same period. In 2001-02 and 2002-03, the Police spent about \$500,000 on the procurement of the tools and equipment needed for collecting these samples.

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Reply Serial No.

SB039

Question Serial
No.

0814

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: 12203 - Reduction of Traffic Accidents

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

In 2002, how many traffic accidents causing death or serious injuries involved drink driving? Will additional resources be provided for handling serious traffic accidents in the coming year?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kin-ye, Miriam

Reply:

In 2002, 23 of the traffic accidents causing death or serious injuries involved drink driving.

Although no additional resources will be provided for handling serious traffic accidents, the Police will continue to enhance traffic accident investigation capability through training in 2003-04. The following courses will be offered to traffic police officers :-

- ◆ Traffic Accident Investigation Course
- ◆ Drink Driving Evidential Equipment Operators Course
- ◆ Breath Screening Equipment Operators Course and
- ◆ Vehicle Construction and Maintenance Course

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Reply Serial No.

SB040

Question Serial
No.

0815

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: 12203 - Reduction of Traffic Accidents

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

In 2002, the Police will continue to roll out the new automated computer case processing system with full scale implementation in 2003. What is this system?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kin-ye, Miriam

Reply:

This system includes "Automated Non-stopper Traffic Enforcement Computer System" and the Police/Transport Department jointly developed Red Light Camera and Speed Enforcement Systems.

"Automated Non-stopper Traffic Enforcement Computer System" is used for investigating and prosecuting vehicles not intercepted and the particulars of the drivers are not known at the time of the incident. With this system, most of the prosecution procedures are automated, including identifying the car owners through the Transport Department's computer system and issuing notifications and applying for summonses. The system is also capable of processing other cases where the particulars of the drivers are not known at the time of the incident, including non-stopper red light jumping and speeding cases recorded on films. This system is very effective and time-saving. It mainly serves as a back-end system of the Red Light Camera and Speed Enforcement Systems.

The Red Light Camera and Speed Enforcement Systems, which use digital cameras to film offending vehicles and their registration numbers, will go into operation in mid-2003.

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Reply Serial No.

SB041

Question Serial
No.

0816

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: 12203 - Reduction of Traffic Accidents

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

The number of fixed penalty tickets issued in 2002 was fewer than that issued in 2001? Why?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kin-ye, Miriam

Reply:

The number of fixed penalty tickets issued in 2002 dropped compared to that in 2001. The main reason is that the Police, in executing the "Selective Traffic Enforcement Policy", focused on traffic offences which may cause traffic accidents and illegal parking causing serious obstruction. In fact, this policy has been in force since years ago. Under this policy, front-line law enforcement officers would, after considering the circumstances, issue verbal warning instead of prosecution in respect of minor traffic offences which do not involve road safety and serious obstruction. In 2002, 241 304 verbal warnings were issued, an increase of 58% over that in 2001.

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Reply Serial No.

SB042

Question Serial
No.

0817

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: 12203 - Reduction of Traffic Accidents

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

In matters requiring special attention in 2003-04, it is stated that the Police will upgrade the service and facilities of Road Safety Towns and Road Safety Bus. Please elaborate.

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kin-yee, Miriam

Reply:

(a) A new Road Safety Bus

Initially, the Police plan to replace the existing Road Safety Bus with a new one in 2003-04. The project was completed ahead of schedule and a new bus went into operation in January 2003. This new bus is a single-deck bus with a low ramp for easy access for the handicapped. The compartment is a mock-up of a road with the following facilities:

- Exhibition gallery
- Activity gallery for puzzles and quizzes
- Computer kiosk for road safety information
- Access to road safety homepage
- Road safety games and stories, lecture and video display areas, and
- Mannequins of a driver and passengers and traffic lights at a pedestrian crossing

A Plasma TV and a LED Display Board are mounted on the outside of the Bus and the graphics on the body of the bus gives wide publicity to road safety messages.

Interactive learning and role-playing will greatly enhance the visitors' interests and give them long-to-be-cherished memories of road safety messages.

(b) Road Safety Town

To cope with the advancement in technology, computer information kiosks are being planned for the four Road Safety Towns. The kiosks will provide;

- Road safety information
- Access to road safety homepage, and
- Road safety games and stories

The Road Safety Town which was open exclusively to schools previously is now open to other organisations as well as families over the weekend in a bid to enhance road safety family education.

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Reply Serial No.

SB043

Question Serial
No.

0919

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

The Hong Kong Police Force commissioned a consultancy to assist in designing and organising Forcewide culture change programmes, for which \$500,000 was spent in 2001-02. What was the expenditure in 2002-03 and what is the estimated expenditure for 2003-04? Please provide the areas/items of study for 2002-03 and 2003-04 in detail.

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

No actual expenditure has been made out of the \$500,000 allocation in 2001-02.

In 2002-03, a total of \$397,000 was provided for the consultancy study aimed at assisting the Police in designing and organising Forcewide culture change programmes and reviewing and formulating quality service strategy.

Areas/Items of Study include :-

- ☛ Review and formulate programme management;
- ☛ Review organizational structure; and
- ☛ Strengthen and refine project management.

In 2003-04, \$801,000 has been reserved for consultancy study aimed at assisting the Police in designing and organising Forcewide culture change programmes and reviewing and formulating quality service strategy.

Area/Items of Study include :-

- ☛ Formulate and implement Knowledge Management and the relevant culture change;
- ☛ Improve the workflow to enhance efficiency, economy and effectiveness; and
- ☛ Review the "Survey Strategy" to ensure the effectiveness of the existing strategy in collecting views from both the internal and external customers as an efficient mechanism for providing quality service.

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SB044

Question Serial
No.

0922

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: 12201 - Maintenance of Law and Order in the Community

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

- (a) How many identity card checks and searches were conducted by the Police on members of the public in 2002? How do the figures compare with those of 2001 and 2000?
- (b) Why were there more raids in 2002 than 2001? Please list by type of crimes the number of raids conducted and the percentage of change compared with that of the previous year.

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

- (a) The records of identity card checks and searches conducted on members of the public are stored in the Enhanced Police Operational Nominal Index Computer System (EPONICS). The system does not have separate records of the above. In 2002, 1 878 028 identity card checks and searches were conducted on members of the public, representing a decrease of 9.39% and 28.61% respectively when compared with those of 2001 (2 072 711) and 2000 (2 630 600).
- (b) Raids are operations against target premises relating to dangerous drugs, illegal gambling and vice activities.

The year under review has seen enhanced cooperation with the enforcement authorities in the Mainland and overseas. The Force have also joined forces with other local enforcement departments in intelligence collection as well as dangerous drugs, illegal gambling and vice raids. These operations were very effective. On illegal gambling, the Police have stepped up enforcement action against illegal soccer betting. The combination of these factors has resulted in the increase in police raids on target premises.

As we do not keep separate records of the breakdown of the number of raids by category of crimes, we are unable to give the details.

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SB045

Question Serial
No.

0923

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: 12201 - Maintenance of Law and Order in the Community

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Please state the current population, Police Force establishment and strength and the projected establishment in 2003-04 of the divisions under Hong Kong Island Region, Kowloon East Region, Kowloon West Region, New Territories North Region and New Territories South Region, in particular a breakdown of uniformed police officers and crime officers.

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

The figures for the estimated population of each of the above Police District and the Police Force establishment and strength by Police District for 2003, and the projected establishment for 2003-04 with a breakdown of uniformed police officers and crime officers are attached.

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Establishment and Strength of Disciplined Staff By District

Region/District	2003 Estimated Population	Current Situation (1.3.2003)				Projected Establishment	
		Establishment		Strength		2003-04	
		Uniform Branch	Crime	Uniform Branch	Crime	Uniform Branch	Crime
Hong Kong Island Region							
Central District	103 241	649	99	650	102	654	99
<i>Eastern District</i>	607 599	612	140	605	143	612	140
<i>Wanchai District</i>	159 149	509	131	508	126	510	131
<i>Western District</i>	412 211	608	106	599	115	611	106
<i>Hong Kong Island Regional HQs</i>	-	915	224	982	227	926	224
Sub-Total:	1 282 200	3 293	700	3 344	713	3 313	700
Kowloon East Region							
Kwun Tong District	646 781	515	131	514	132	516	131
<i>Mass Transit Railway District</i>	-	303	-	309	-	308	-
<i>Sau Mau Ping District</i>	326 755	479	124	485	119	482	124
<i>Wong Tai Sin District</i>	518 966	698	137	693	137	694	137
<i>Kowloon East Regional HQs</i>	-	758	170	889	170	764	170
Sub-Total:	1 492 502	2 753	562	2 890	558	2 764	562
Kowloon West Region							
Kowloon City District	367 056	674	136	613	131	675	136
<i>Mongkok District</i>	167 711	441	159	432	158	451	159
<i>Shamshuipo District</i>	398 660	697	177	656	179	700	177
<i>Yau Tsim District</i>	135 674	734	201	683	195	752	201
<i>Kowloon West Regional HQs</i>	-	1 033	313	1 085	315	1 039	313
Sub-Total:	1 069 101	3 579	986	3 469	978	3 617	986
New Territories North Region							
Border District	35 960	1 089	46	989	44	1 120	46
<i>Tai Po District</i>	573 140	566	147	593	137	569	147
<i>Tuen Mun District</i>	551 600	551	147	568	145	548	147
<i>Yuen Long District</i>	514 200	608	183	633	166	611	183
<i>New Territories North Regional HQs</i>	-	1 082	208	1 161	200	1 117	208
Sub-Total:	1 674 900	3 896	731	3 944	692	3 965	731
New Territories South Region							
Airport District	-	345	29	316	29	349	29
<i>Kwai Tsing District</i>	420 968	512	110	493	103	512	110
<i>Lantau District</i>	103 800	250	43	245	41	254	43
<i>Sha Tin District</i>	657 820	716	146	679	145	716	146
<i>Tsuen Wan District</i>	357 046	614	154	592	154	617	152
<i>New Territories South Regional HQs</i>	-	860	207	940	196	870	207
Sub-Total:	1 539 634	3 297	689	3 265	668	3 318	687
Total	7 058 337	20 486		20 521		20 643	

Notes:

Staff under Other Formations (e.g. PTU Companies) and Training Reserves have been deployed to Police Districts to perform front-line duties. This accounts for the fact that the strength of Police Districts exceeds their establishment.

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Reply Serial No.

SB046

Question Serial
No.

0924

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: 12201 - Maintenance of Law and Order in the Community

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

- (a) Please state the current population of each Police district and the Police Force establishment and strength by Police district. Also, please state the projected establishment for 2003-04, in particular a breakdown of uniformed police officers and crime officers.
- (b) How much savings have been achieved on manpower and other resources up till now after the implementation in 2002-03 of the pilot scheme of amalgamation of front-line operations? And what is the impact on beat coverage? How long will the pilot scheme last and when will it be reviewed?

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

- (a) Please refer to the Annex for the estimated population of each Police district and the Police establishment and strength by Police district in 2003, and the projected establishment with a Force breakdown of uniformed police officers and crime officers for 2003-04.
- (b) In 2002-03, the Police implemented two schemes of amalgamation of front-line operations. Details are as follows :-

Eastern Police District Amalgamation Project

Under the Eastern Police District Amalgamation Project, North Point, Shau Kei Wan and Chai Wan Divisions have been amalgamated into two divisions. The pilot scheme of amalgamation, which began in September 2001 and completed in December the same year, was reviewed and found to be satisfactory. The amalgamation took effect on 1 April 2002.

After the amalgamation, the posts of 20 disciplined officers and 17 civilian officers among the internal support staff were deleted, while the posts of front-line police officers increased by 19. The beat coverage has been enhanced, with the number of patrolling beats raised from 38 to 43. This boosts the patrol sub-units in terms of manpower and supervision, thereby strengthening the Police front-line operations and allowing more flexibility in deployment.

The amalgamation has saved nearly \$8 m in salaries and emoluments a year. The Shau Kei Wan Police Station site has been released for the use by Traffic/Hong Kong Island. A report

centre there continues to serve the public.

Sha Tin Police District Amalgamation Project

Under the Sha Tin Police District Amalgamation Project, Siu Lek Yuen, Sha Tin, Tin Sum and Ma On Shan Divisions have been re-demarcated and amalgamated into three divisions. The pilot scheme of amalgamation, which began in December 2001 and completed in February 2002, was reviewed and found to be satisfactory. The amalgamation took effect on 1 April 2002.

After the amalgamation, the posts of 12 disciplined officers and 7 civilian officers among the internal support staff were deleted, while the posts of front-line police officers increased by 7. The beat coverage has been enhanced, with the number of patrolling beats raised from 74 to 76, in line with the developments in the District.

The amalgamation has saved over \$6 m in salaries and emoluments a year. The Siu Lek Yuen Police Station site has been released for the use by other operational units. A report centre has also been set up at the operational base to serve the public.

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Annex
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Marine Region	34 320	2 459	81	2 391	81	2 476	81
Other Formations	-	3 399	1 627	2 502	1 635	3 231	1 692
Leave Reserve under PHQ	-	41	88	345	-	41	88
Training Reserve in PTS	-	228	-	289	-	131	-
Sub-Total (Other Formations & Reserve)	-	3 668	1 715	3 136	1 635	3 403	1 780
Total	7 092 657	28 409		27 764		28 383	

Notes:

- Staff under Other Formations (e.g. PTU Companies) and Training Reserves have been deployed to Police Districts to perform front-line duties. This accounts for the fact that the strength of Police Districts exceeds their establishment.
- Officers on leave prior to retirement are included in the Leave Reserve under Police Headquarters (PHQ). This accounts for the fact that the strength of PHQ Leave Reserve exceeds its establishment.

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Reply Serial No.

SB047

Question Serial
No.

0925

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: 12202 - Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Please provide details of the establishment and strength by rank, actual and estimated expenditure of the Criminal Intelligence Bureau in 2002-03 and 2003-04.

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

The establishment and strength of the Criminal Intelligence Bureau in 2002-03 are as follows :-

<u>Disciplined Staff</u>	<u>Establishment</u>	<u>Strength</u>
Chief Superintendent	1	1
Senior Superintendent	1	1
Superintendent	5	5
Chief Inspector	14	15
Senior Inspector/Inspector	34	31
Station Sergeant	22	21
Sergeant	85	66
Police Constable	<u>151</u>	<u>164</u>
Sub-total:	<u>313</u>	<u>304</u>

<u>Civilian Staff</u>	<u>Establishment</u>	<u>Strength</u>
Executive Officer I	1	1
Chinese Language Officer II	1	1
Clerical Officer	1	1
Assistant Clerical Officer	3	3

Clerical Assistant	2	2
Personal Secretary II	6	5
Senior Typist	1	1
Typist	3	3
Supplies Assistant	2	2
Artisan	1	1
Confidential Assistant	<u>23</u>	<u>21</u>
Sub-total:	<u>44</u>	<u>41</u>
Total:	<u>357</u>	<u>345</u>
(Disciplined + Civilian Staff)		

The establishment will reduce to 353 in 2003-04. The posts of one Personal Secretary II, one Senior Typist and two Typists will be deleted.

The estimated and actual expenditure for Criminal Intelligence Bureau in 2002-03 is \$109 m.

The estimated expenditure for Criminal Intelligence Bureau in 2003-04 is \$104 m.

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SB048

Question Serial
No.

0926

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: 12202 - Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Please provide details of the establishment and strength by rank, actual and estimated expenditure of the Technology Crime Division and Technology Crime Initial Response Cadre in 2002-03 and 2003-04.

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

The establishment and strength of the Technology Crime Division in 2002-03 are as follows :-

<u>Disciplined Staff</u>	<u>Establishment</u>	<u>Strength</u>
Senior Superintendent	1	1
Superintendent	1	1
Chief Inspector	3	3
Senior Inspector/Inspector	11	11
Station Sergeant	4	1
Sergeant	13	12
Police Constable	<u>30</u>	<u>30</u>
Sub-total :	<u>63</u>	<u>59</u>

Civilian Staff

Assistant Clerical Officer	1	1
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Personal Secretary II	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
Sub-total :	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
Total:(Disciplined + Civilian Staff)	<u>65</u>	<u>61</u>

The 2002-03 establishment includes temporary posts and after review, will be reduced to 58 officers in 2003-04. The posts of one Chief Inspector, one Sergeant, four Police Constables and one Personal Secretary II will be deleted.

Since the expenditure of the Technology Crime Division falls under that of the Commercial Crime Bureau, no specific breakdown in this area is available.

The Technology Crime Initial Response Cadre is formed by properly trained front-line officers who in addition to their own duties, support and assist the Regional investigation units to gather evidence for technology crimes. The Cadre, not a unit on permanent establishment, has no recognised establishment and requires no additional manpower. In 2002-03, the number of officers was increased to 136. The Commercial Crimes Bureau plans to recruit some 30 members to the Cadre in 2003-04.

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Reply Serial No.

SB049

Question Serial
No.

0927

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: 12202 - Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

- (a) What is the establishment of Technical Services Division by rank and the total provision for 2003-04?
- (b) Please give the details of the technical services provided by the Technical Services Division in 2002-03.

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

- (a) A breakdown of the establishment of Technical Services Division by rank for 2003-04 is as follows :-

<u>Disciplined Staff</u>	<u>Establishment</u>
Chief Superintendent	1
Senior Superintendent	1
Superintendent	5
Chief Inspector	8
Senior Inspector/Inspector	21
Station Sergeant	16
Sergeant	23
Police Constable	39
Sub-total :	<u>114</u>

Civilian Staff

Confidential Assistant	9
Police Communications Officer	2
Assistant Clerical Officer	1
Personal Secretary I	1
Personal Secretary II	2
Clerical Assistant	1
Technical Officer	1
Workman II	1
Sub-total :	<u>18</u>
Total:(Disciplined + Civilian Staff)	<u>132</u>

Total provision for Technical Services Division for 2003-04 excluding Rewards and Special Services Fees is \$43.26 m.

- (b) The main role of Technical Services Division is to assist other formations in investigating crimes and gathering evidence by providing them with technical services. Disclosure of details of the technical services provided by the Division is not in the interest of the public as it will reveal the Police Force's law enforcement capabilities to the criminals, who may be able to elude justice.

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Reply Serial No.

SB050

Question Serial
No.

0928

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: 12202 - Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Please state the number of operations carried out by the Organized Crime and Triad Bureau in 2002, the number of persons arrested and the number of cases of successful prosecution.

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

The following is a summary of the statistics in respect of the Organised Crime and Triad Bureau :-

	<u>2002</u>
(a) Number of operations	860
(b) Number of people arrested	522
(c) Number of people successfully prosecuted	77

(Note: The number of people successfully prosecuted is given instead of the number of cases because not all of the people arrested in a single case were successfully prosecuted.)

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Reply Serial No.

SB051

Question Serial
No.

0929

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: 12204 – Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

- (a) Please state the numbers and types of exercises conducted for major incidents, disasters or counter-terrorist activities in 2002-03 and the formations and departments participating in these exercises and the costs involved.
- (b) Please state the numbers and types of exercises expected to be conducted for major incidents, disasters or counter-terrorist activities in 2003-04 and the formations and departments participating in these exercises and the estimated expenditure.

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

- (a) A total of 20 exercises were conducted for major incidents, disasters or counter-terrorist activities in 2002-03 with an expenditure of \$390,000. The details are as follows :-

	Date	Type	Participating Departments
1.	3 April 2002	Major Incident (Emergency on Tsing Ma Bridge) (Co-ordinated by Transport Department)	Transport Department Fire Services Department Hong Kong Police Force Airport Authority, Hong Kong
2.	16 & 18 April 2002	Major Incident (Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Agent) (Co-ordinated by Security Bureau)	Security Bureau Hong Kong Police Force Fire Services Department Department of Health Hospital Authority Correctional Services Department Marine Department Government Flying Service Civil Aid Service
3.	23 to 25 April 2002	Disaster (Sea Search and Rescue) (Co-ordinated by Civil Aviation Department)	Civil Aid Service Hong Kong Police Force Government Flying Service Fire Services Department Marine Department Hong Kong Garrison

			United States Navy
4.	19 May 2002	Major Incident (Armed Robbery – Mass Transit Railway System) (Co-ordinated by Hong Kong Police Force)	Hong Kong Police Force Mass Transit Railway Corporation
5.	22 & 28 May 2002	Major Incident (Internal Security Regulation put to test) (Co-ordinated by Hong Kong Police Force)	Hong Kong Police Force
6.	24 June 2002	Major Incident (Emergency Evacuation) (Co-ordinated by Hospital Authority)	Hong Kong Police Force Hospital Authority
7.	5 July 2002	Disaster (Hill Fire) (Co-ordinated by Fire Services Department)	Hong Kong Police Force Fire Services Department Transport Department
8.	30 & 31 July 2002	Major Incident (Hostage Held – Operation Exigent) (Co-ordinated by Hong Kong Police Force)	Hong Kong Police Force Kowloon and Canton Railway Corporation
9.	7 August 2002	Major Incident (Passenger Terminal Emergency) (Co-ordinated by Hong Kong Police Force)	Hong Kong Police Force Customs and Excise Department Immigration Department Fire Services Department
10.	26 September 2002	Major Incident (Emergency at Hei Ling Chau Correctional Institution) (Co-ordinated by Correctional Services Department)	Correctional Services Department Hong Kong Police Force Fire Services Department
11.	3 October 2002	Disaster (Hill Fire) (Co-ordinated by Fire Services Department)	Hong Kong Police Force Fire Services Department Government Flying Service Civil Aid Service Auxiliary Medical Service Home Affairs Department Social Welfare Department Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department
12.	22 October 2002	Major Incident (Serious Crime – Mass Transit Railway) (Co-ordinated by Hong Kong Police Force)	Hong Kong Police Force Fire Services Department Transport Department Mass Transit Railway Corporation
13.	29 October 2002	Disaster (Emergency Evacuation)	Fire Services Department Hong Kong Police Force Leisure and Cultural Services

		(Co-ordinated by Leisure and Cultural Services Department and Fire Services Department)	Department
14.	31 October 2002	Major Incident (Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Agent) (Co-ordinated by Hong Kong Police Force)	Hong Kong Police Force Fire Services Department
15.	6 & 7 November 2002	Major Incident (Oil Spill at Sea) (Co-ordinated by Marine Department)	Marine Department Hong Kong Police Force Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department Environmental Protection Department Civil Aid Service Fire Services Department Government Flying Service Home Affairs Department Water Supplies Department Leisure and Cultural Services Department Information Services Department
16.	22 November 2002	Disaster (Airplane Crash) (Co-ordinated by Airport Authority, Hong Kong)	Airport Authority, Hong Kong Hong Kong Police Force Fire Services Department Auxiliary Medical Service Home Affairs Department
17.	28 November 2002	Disaster (Sea Search and Rescue) (Co-ordinated by Marine Department)	Marine Department Hong Kong Police Force Fire Services Department Government Flying Service Civil Aid Service
18.	3 December 2002	Disaster (Fire) (Co-ordinated by Fire Services Department and Transport Department)	Hong Kong Police Force Fire Services Department Transport Department New Hong Kong Tunnel Company
19.	6, 10 & 11 December 2002	Counter Terrorism (Terrorist Attack and Hostage Held) (Co-ordinated by Hong Kong Police Force)	Hong Kong Police Force Airport Authority, Hong Kong Civil Aviation Department Fire Services Department Immigration Department Customs and Excise Department
20.	17 December 2002	Major Incident (Ocean-liner On Fire At Sea) (Co-ordinated by Marine Department)	Marine Department Hong Kong Police Force Immigration Department Customs and Excise Department Fire Services Department

(b) The following exercises for major incidents, disasters or counter-terrorist activities are expected to be conducted in 2003-04 with an estimated expenditure of \$420,000 :-

Type	No. of Times	Participating Police
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		Formations/Government Departments
Counter Terrorism (Terrorist Attack and Hostage Held)	3	All Police Counter Terrorist Units Civil Aviation Department Airport Authority, Hong Kong Fire Services Department Hospital Authority
Major Incident (Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Agent) (Ocean-liner On fire At Sea) (Serious Crime–Operation Exigent) (Emergency Evacuation) (Armed Robbery – Mass Transit Railway)	6	Hong Kong Police Force Transport Department Information Services Department Highways Department Hospital Authority Department of Health Fire Services Department Marine Department Immigration Department Customs and Excise Department Security Bureau Leisure and Cultural Services Department Airport Authority, Hong Kong Civil Aid Service
Disaster (Emergency Evacuation) (Airplane Crash) (Fire)	3	Hong Kong Police Force Airport Authority, Hong Kong Civil Aviation Department Hospital Authority Fire Services Department Government Flying Service Social Welfare Department Home Affairs Department Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department Leisure and Cultural Services Department Water Supplies Department Food and Environmental Hygiene Department Civil Aid Service Environmental Protection Department Information Services Department
Search and Rescue (Sea Search and Rescue)	2	Hong Kong Police Force Civil Aviation Department Marine Department Fire Services Department Government Flying Service Immigration Department Hong Kong Observatory
Total	14	

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Reply Serial No.

SB052

Question Serial
No.

1127

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: 12202 - Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

- (a) In 2002-03, what measures were taken to prevent and combat narcotics offences? What was the expenditure incurred?
- (b) In 2003-04, what measures will be taken to prevent and combat narcotics offences? What is the financial commitment involved?

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

- (a) The Police have taken the following measures to prevent and combat narcotics offences :-
- actively gather intelligence to uncover the activities of drug traffickers;
 - mount targeted operations to neutralize drug trafficking syndicates;
 - enhance cooperation with the Mainland and other countries to combat transnational drug activities;
 - mount territory-wide operations against venues and black spots where narcotic drugs were trafficked and psychotropic drugs were abused;
 - curtail proceeds from drug trafficking by prosecuting local and overseas money laundering and freeze and confiscate the assets acquired by drug trafficking; and
 - disseminate anti-drug messages among the youngsters.

The above work falls under the Programme of "Prevention and Detection of Crime" and no specific breakdown is available.

- (b) In 2003-04, the Police will continue the above anti-drug initiatives with particular emphasis on the curtailment on the abuse of psychotropic drugs among youngsters.

The above work falls under the Programme of "Prevention and Detection of Crime" and no specific breakdown is available.

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Reply Serial No.

SB053

Question Serial
No.

1128

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: 12202 - Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

- (a) What were the results for the review of video interview? How many sets of equipment are available at present? Where are they? Will there be any supplementary provision of funding in this area in 2003-04?
- (b) What were the results for the review of One-way Viewer Identification Parade Suites? How many sets of equipment are available at present? Where are they? Will there be any supplementary provision of funding in this area in 2003-04?

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

- (a) The 2001 review on video interview shows that the investigating officers welcome the use of the video interview rooms and find the existing facilities satisfactory. The video interview programme also has won the support of the courts and the Department of Justice in general. The success rate of the admission of the video interview by the courts as evidence has been on the rise over the past few years. Thus the Police are considering to extend the use of video interview to certain magistracy cases to enhance the transparency of the interview process between the Police and the arrested.

There are 69 video interview rooms within the Force. The crime units at Police Headquarters, regions and divisions are equipped with video interview facilities. The 70th video interview room at Cheung Chau Police Station is at the planning stage.

In 2003-04, no additional funds will be required for any new video interview rooms.

- (b) In 2001-02, the Police upgraded the audio-visual systems for One-way Viewer Identification Parade Suites to facilitate their operation. All new suites are installed with the new systems. The 2003 review indicates that overall, the operation of the facilities has been satisfactory.

There are 22 One-way Viewer Identification Parade Suites within the Force. Apart from the Border District, each Police district has at least one suite.

In 2003-04, no additional funds will be required for any new suites.

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Reply Serial No.

SB054

Question Serial
No.

1129

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: 12204 - Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

- (a) What are the numbers of officers on establishment of the operations formations responsible for intercepting communications and gathering information in 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04?
- (b) What are the actual and estimated expenditure for intercepting communications and gathering information by operations formations in 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04?
- (c) What is the number of messages intercepted and estimated to be intercepted by operations formations in intercepting communications and gathering information in 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04? Amongst them, how many are intercepted under Section 33 of the Telecommunication Ordinance and Section 13 of the Post Office Ordinance respectively? Are performance indicators set for the interception of communications?

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

For operational and security reasons, I am unable to comment on the work relating to interception of communications.

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Reply Serial No.

SB055

Question Serial
No.

1130

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force Subhead(No. & title): 103 – Rewards and special services

Programme: 12204 - Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Please give the allocation of funds under this subhead for 2001-02 and 2002-03 in the form of the following table :-

	Combating Serious Crimes	Combating Narcotics Offences	Other Security Purposes	Total
Payments to institutions overseas for providing information useful to investigation				
Payments to people overseas for providing information useful to investigation				
Payments to local institutions for providing information useful to investigation				
Payments to local people for providing information useful to investigation				
Payments for police rewards offered for information useful to detection				
Sundries				
Total				

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

Disclosing the allocation of funds under this subhead would compromise confidential police operations and this is neither appropriate nor in the interest of the public. Therefore, relevant particulars will not be provided.

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SB056

Question Serial
No.

1131

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: 12204 - Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Can the Administration make public the overall expenditure and related statistics on the operations for intercepting communications? If not, why not?

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

For operational and security reasons, I am unable to comment on the work relating to interception of communications.

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SB057

Question Serial
No.

1232

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: 12201 - 12204

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Provisions for all programmes are affected by "salary increments for staff" and deletion of posts. Will the Administration inform this Council :-

- (a) How many employees are involved in the payment of salary increments and what are their respective ranks? What is the estimated expenditure for 2003-04?
- (b) When a department has to absorb the additional expenditure from salary increments, how can it, with resources constraints, provide equivalent or even better service?
- (c) How much has been saved from the salary cut in the civil service in 2002-03? Can this offset part of the expenditure in (a)?
- (d) What are the respective ranks of the posts deleted? How much savings can be achieved?

Asked by: Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply:

- (a) The record from payroll system shows that amongst the 33 221 officers working for the Police Force, 9 952 have not yet reached the maximum salary point of their ranks as at 30.11.2002. As long as they remain in the civil service, they will be awarded increments upon recommendation. The estimated expenditure for the officers of various ranks is around \$50 m.
- (b) In the light of resources saving, the Police Force is striving for cost-effectiveness and improvement in the delivery of our services through re-engineering, re-organizing, re-prioritizing and market forces.
- (c) The Police Force saved about \$117m due to civil service pay cut in 2002-03 and the amount has been deducted from the revised estimates for 2002-03. Part of the savings has been offset by the expenditure incurred in paragraph (a).
- (d) There will be a net deletion of 286 non-directorate posts by the Police Force in 2003-04 and savings of around \$74 m will be achieved. A breakdown by rank of the posts deleted is as follows :-

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Number of Posts Deleted</u>
Disciplined Staff	
Superintendent	2
Chief Inspector	4
Senior Inspector/Inspector	17
Station Sergeant/Sergeant	29
Police Constable	<u>213</u>
Sub-total	265
Civilian Staff	<u>21</u>
Total	<u>286</u>

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Reply Serial No.

SB058

Question Serial
No.

1292

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead(No. & title): 000 - Operational
Expenses

Programme: 12201 – Maintenance of Law and Order in the Community
12202 – Prevention and Detection of Crime
12203 – Reduction of Traffic Accidents
12204 – Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

What is the number of non-civil service contract staff employed in 2002-03 and the expenditure thus incurred? Is there any plan in 2003-04 to increase or decrease the number of non-civil service contract staff? If so, why? What is the number of staff and the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. LEE Cheuk-yan

Reply:

At the end of February 2003, the Force employed about 200 non-civil service contract staff and the expenditure incurred was around \$30 m.

The Force has no specific plan in 2003-04 to change the number of non-civil service contract staff. The number of non-civil service contract staff will be adjusted in accordance with operational needs. Renewal of contract of existing non-civil service contract staff upon expiry is depending on the actual needs of their posts and their performance and conduct, etc.

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Reply Serial No.

SB059

Question Serial
No.

1347

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: 12201 - Maintenance of Law and Order in the Community

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Under Programme (1) Maintenance of Law and Order in the Community, please provide the number of false reports the Police 999 received in 2001 and in 2002. What is the percentage of the false reports to the total number of 999 calls received? How many people were warned or prosecuted?

Asked by: Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply:

The number of nuisance calls received was 2 873 311 in 2001 and 2 778 527 in 2002 which represented 77% and 76% of the total 999 calls received respectively. In 2002, a special operation was mounted and 10 people were arrested for making nuisance 999 calls and charged for "Causing wasteful employment of police" and 8 were convicted.

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SB060

Question Serial
No.

1348

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force Subhead(No. & title): 207 – Expenses of witnesses, prisoners and deportees

Programme: 12202 - Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Under Programme (2) Prevention and Detection of Crime, the Police maintain close liaison and co-operation with the Mainland and other jurisdictions' law enforcement agencies, please provide the details on the liaison and co-operation by listing the matters discussed in order of dates, responsible officials involved on both sides, the outcome of the discussions and the follow-up actions by both sides in 2001 and 2002.

Asked by: Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply:

The Police maintain close liaison and cooperation with the Mainland public security authorities. The Commissioner of Police holds bilateral talks with top officials of the Public Security Bureau twice a year. Senior officers from crime units also meet with their Guangdong and Macao counterparts twice a year. The topics covered in these meetings include triads, narcotics, commercial crimes, technology crimes as well as intelligence and professional know-how exchanges. Contacts and cooperation in these areas at the working levels are usually arranged by the Liaison Bureau of the Force.

Contacts with overseas police authorities are mainly through Interpol and overseas police liaison officers in Hong Kong. The Police Liaison Bureau arranges for general liaison whilst operational units under Crime Wing contact their overseas counterparts direct on various crime categories. Projects for cooperation include the fight against transnational organised crimes, narcotics offences, frauds, technology crimes, money laundering and professional know-how exchanges.

In addition to regular meetings, the Hong Kong Police maintain contacts with overseas police authorities through various channels. As this involves a wide range of topics, it is difficult to give an exhaustive list or provide the relevant details.

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SB061

Question Serial
No.

1349

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force Subhead(No. & title): 207 – Expenses of witnesses, prisoners and deportees

Programme: 12201 - Maintenance of Law and Order in the Community
 12202 - Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Under Subhead 207, please provide the details on 2001-02 and 2002-03, including the number of people involved, the departing countries of the prisoners and the illegal immigrants and the nationality of the refugees as well as the places from where the witnesses came to Hong Kong.

Asked by: Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply:

In the past two years, provision under Subhead 207 was used mainly for the lodging and travelling expenses for witnesses from abroad and meals and necessary expenses for prisoners or deportees.

The number of witnesses and prisoners from abroad is as follows :-

Place of Origin	2001		2002	
	Witnesses from abroad	Prisoners from abroad	Witnesses from abroad	Prisoners from abroad
Mainland China	14	2	5	2
Macau SAR	2	1	6	0
UK	2	0	1	0
USA	5	1	2	3
Australia	3	0	2	0
Singapore	2	0	1	0
Thailand	3	0	0	0
The Philippines	2	0	0	0
Others	7	1	5	1

Total	40	5	22	6
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The number of illegal immigrants is as follows :-

	2001	2002
Mainland illegal immigrants	8 322	5 362
Vietnamese illegal immigrants	208	241
Total	8 530	5 603

Remark: *With the abolition of the “Port of First Asylum” policy by the Hong Kong Government in 1998, people from Vietnam entering Hong Kong illegally are classified as “Vietnamese illegal immigrants”.

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SB062

Question Serial
No.

1420

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: 12204 - Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

In 2002-03, what is the expenditure used for the temporary installation of CCTV in public places? Please give an account of the purpose and duration for each installation.

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

In 2002-03, the expenditure for the temporary installation of CCTVs in public places was mainly on renting telephone lines, which amounted to \$140,000. In the year under review, temporary CCTVs installations were set up for 12 crowd management operations. Amongst the operations, seven lasted for a day, four for two to five days, and the remaining one, 70 days, a special case when the ROA claimants prolonged their stay in Chater Garden.

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Reply Serial No.

SB063

Question Serial
No.

1421

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: 12204 - Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

For 2003-04, have you reserved any funding for the temporary or permanent installation of CCTVs. If so, please give an account of the manpower and equipment required.

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

In 2003-04, the estimated expenditure for installing temporary CCTVs is the cost for renting telephone lines amounting to \$100,000. No additional manpower or equipment is required. There are no immediate plans to install permanent CCTVs.

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Reply Serial No.

SB064

Question Serial
No.

1422

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead(No. & title): 103 - Rewards and special services

Programme: 12204 - Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Please provide a breakdown of the actual and estimated expenditure of this subhead by department or unit of the Police Force in 2002-03 and 2003-04.

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

Expenses paid under the Subhead of Rewards and Special Services involved police operations of confidential nature, including the fight against serious crimes, narcotics offences and security matters. The expenditure is subject to annual audit by the Audit Commission. Disclosing such expenses will reveal detailed operational arrangements of the Police Force and its capabilities to the criminals, who may be able to elude police operations and justice, thus jeopardizing public interests.

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Reply Serial No.

SB065

Question Serial
No.

1423

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead(No. & title): 103 - Rewards and special
services

Programme: 12204 - Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

What is the percentage for the expenditure under this subhead for Technical Services Division?

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

The expenditure for Technical Services Division (TSD) has been included in the vote under Subhead 103. TSD is not given any special vote and funds will be allocated to meet the expenditure incurred as required.

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Reply Serial No.

SB066

Question Serial
No.

1424

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead(No. & title): 103 - Rewards and special services

Programme: 12204 - Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Please list the ranks of those empowered to conduct and actually conducted surprise inspections for this subhead in 2001-02 and 2002-03 and state the number of such inspections. How many irregular cases have been detected during such inspections?

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

Surprise inspections of the Rewards and Special Services Fund sub-imprests carried out by Inspecting Officers in 2001-02 and 2002-03 are summarized as follows:

<u>Inspecting Officer</u>	<u>No. of Inspection</u> <u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u> (to date)
Commissioner of Police	8	8
Deputy Commissioner of Police (Operations)	10	10
Deputy Commissioner of Police (Management)	3	3
Director of Crime & Security	22	12
Assistant Commissioner of Police (Crime)	14	21
Assistant Commissioner of Police (Security)	3	2
Regional Commander (Hong Kong Island)	12	14
Regional Commander (Kowloon East)	15	15
Regional Commander (Kowloon West)	18	18
Regional Commander (New Territories North)	17	13
Regional Commander (New Territories South)	16	24
Regional Commander (Marine)	6	6

Senior Executive Officer (Internal Audit)	32	35
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No irregular cases have been detected during the inspections.

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Reply Serial No.

SB067

Question Serial
No.

1425

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead(No. & title): 103 - Rewards and special services

Programme: 12204 - Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

- (a) The actual expenditure in respect of rewards under this Subhead increased from over \$61 m in 2001-02 to \$85 m in 2002-03. Why? Does the number of payments increase, comparing the two years?
- (b) What are the provisions made under this Subhead for combating serious crimes and narcotic offences and for security in 2000-01, 2001-02 and 2002-03?
- (c) Please state the actual expenditure in respect of cases involving reward offers announced in 2000-01, 2001-02 and 2002-03.
- (d) Can statistics of the number of people receiving informer fee, the number of people receiving reward offers and the payments made in respect of reward offers be made public? If not, please give the reasons.

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

- (a) The estimated expenditure under subhead 103 in 2002-03 is \$85 m, a projection only. As at 15.3.2003, the actual expenditure was \$59.47 m. I cannot comment on the increase or decrease of expenditure on rewards and special services because of security and operational reasons.
- (b) The Police have no statistics on the expenditure of subhead 103 and therefore the required information cannot be provided.
- (c) The number of cases of reward offers and the amount offered are 33 and \$7.5 m for 2000-01, 32 and \$12.5 m for 2001-02 and 38 and \$15 m for 2002-03. As regards the actual payment for reward offers which serve the same purpose as informer fees, I cannot provide the details because of security and operational reasons.
- (d) The Police have no statistics for the number of recipients of rewards and therefore cannot provide the required information.

Expenses paid under Rewards and Special Services involve police operations of confidential nature, including the fight against serious crimes, narcotics offences and security matter. Disclosing such expenses will reveal detailed operational arrangements of the Police Force and its capabilities to the criminals, who may be able to elude justice, thus jeopardizing public interests.

Name in block letters TSANG Yam-pui

Post Title Commissioner of Police

Date 19 March 2003

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Reply Serial No.

SB068

Question Serial
No.

1426

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force Subhead(No. & title): 103 - Rewards and special services
Programme: 12204 - Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

- (a) What are the actual or estimated number of payments and expenditure for rewards in 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04? What is the number of payments for special services fees in the same period? What are rewards for? What are special services fees for? What is the difference between the two? Are they interchangeable forms of payments? Are reward offers included in rewards or special services fees or are they separate votes?
- (b) What are the actual number of people receiving rewards and the number of people receiving special services fees under this subhead in 2001-02 and 2002-03?
- (c) What are the number of cases involved under this subhead in 2001-02 and 2002-03? What were the offences involved?
- (d) What are the actual number of people receiving rewards offers, the expenditure and the number of cases involved under this subhead in 2001-02 and 2002-03? What are the one off highest and lowest reward offers made in these two years?

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

- (a) The number of payments for rewards was 1 345 in 2001-02 and around 1 300 in 2002-03. At present it is not possible to estimate the number of payments for 2003-04.
Under Subhead 103 – Rewards and Special Services, the actual payment in 2001-02 was \$61.44 m, \$59.47 m as at the 15th of March for the year 2002-03 and the amount for 2003-04 is estimated to be \$85 m.
- (b), (c) The Police do not have statistics for the number of recipients for rewards and the number of & (d) cases involving payments. Therefore the required information cannot be provided.

Expenses paid under Rewards and Special Services involve police operations of confidential nature, including the fight against serious crimes, narcotics offences and security matters. Disclosing such expenses will reveal detailed operational arrangements of the Police Force and its capabilities to the criminals, who may be able to elude justice, thus jeopardizing public interests.

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Reply Serial No.

SB069

Question Serial
No.

1427

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: 12204 – Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

- (a) Please give a breakdown of the establishment of officers in Security Wing by rank. What is the total provision for the Wing in 2002-03?
- (b) Has the Government any plans to increase manpower and other resources of the Security Wing in 2003-04? If yes, what are the estimated figures for the establishment and the total provision?

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

- (a) In 2002-03, Security Wing has an establishment of 411 officers. A breakdown by rank is shown in the table attached. The total provision for Security Wing is \$127.13 m for the year.
- (b) Presently, the Government has no specific plan to increase the manpower and resources of the Security Wing in 2003-04.

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Rank

No. of Post

Disciplined Staff

**2002-03
(as at 1.3.2003)**

Assistant Commissioner	1
Chief Superintendent	1
Senior Superintendent	3
Superintendent	9
Chief Inspector	22
Inspector/Senior Inspector	54
Station Sergeant	22
Sergeant	80
Police Constable	<u>131</u>
Sub-total	<u>323</u>

Civilian Staff

Senior Clerical Officer	1
Clerical Officer	2
Assistant Clerical Officer	9
Clerical Assistant	9
Office Assistant	2
Senior Confidential Assistant	3
Confidential Assistant	42
Executive Officer I	1
Senior Chinese Language Officer	1
Chinese Language Officer I	2
Personal Secretary I	1
Personal Secretary II	1
Supplies Supervisor II	1
Supplies Assistant	1
Workman II	<u>12</u>
Sub-total	<u>88</u>

TOTAL **411**

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

SB070

Question Serial
No.

1522

Head: 122 - Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: 12202 - Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

- (a) What is the amount of resources allocated for procuring equipment and providing manpower resources to collect and test DNA samples in 2003-04?
- (b) What is the number of samples collected in 2002-03?
- (c) What is the number of samples expected to be collected in 2003-04?

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

- (a) The Hong Kong Police Force has allocated \$600,000 for procuring equipment to collect DNA samples in 2003-04.

At present, 57 police constables are deployed full time to collect DNA samples at the crime scenes and from suspects. To cut down the number of officers deployed full time to this duty, the Police are studying the possibility of giving proper training to front-line police officers to take up DNA sample collection from suspects, in addition to their own duties. The details are still under review. No additional resources are required for this financial year.

- (b) In 2002, the Police collected 3 749 DNA samples from suspects, convicted persons and people who give samples of their own accord, and about 10 000 samples at the crime scenes.
- (c) It is estimated that in 2003 the Police will collect about 8 000 samples from suspects and other people, and about 10 000 samples at the crime scenes.

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Reply Serial No.

SB071

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Head : 70

Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme :

(4) Vietnamese migrants

0094

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

The estimated financial provision for Vietnamese migrants in 2003-04 is HK\$1.8m, representing a significant decrease of 86.2% over 2002-03. What is/are the reason(s)? Why is the provision reduced in 2003-04 only?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Wong-fat

Reply :

In 2002-03 and preceding years, financial provisions were made for the funding of both personal emoluments (PE) and repatriation expenses under this programme. Due to the scaling down of activities under the Vietnamese programme, financial provisions are only made for expenses related to repatriation in 2003-04, and are estimated to be \$1.8 million. All the 25 posts involved in the programme as at the end of 2002-03 will be deleted. The removal of the need to provide for PE accounts for the reduction in expenditure. Any further manpower requirement for handling Vietnamese matters will be absorbed by internal staff redeployment made possible by re-organising, re-prioritising and re-engineering the work of the Department.

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Reply Serial No.

SB072

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme : (5) Personal Documentation

0134

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Regarding the Smart Identity Card Project:

- (a) what is the expenditure involved in the net creation of 271 posts;
- (b) will all these posts be filled by new recruits; and
- (c) will the Administration consider re-deploying civil servants to the Smart Identity Card Project from other departments so as to reduce expenditure?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply :

- (a) The salary cost for the 271 posts amounts to \$97.3 million in 2003-04.
- (b) Most of the posts mentioned in (a) above are Immigration Service grade posts. The department will fill these posts by way of internal redeployment as far as possible. Additional staff will only be employed if internal redeployment cannot fill the posts required.
- (c) In view of the time-limited nature of the exercise, we originally planned to employ non-civil service contract staff for the Identity Card replacement exercise. However, arising from recent efficiency initiatives in other departments, a number of general grades officers are available for redeployment. Suitable members of such general grades staff from other departments will be redeployed to assist in the exercise. As they are redeployed from existing resources, this will help save expenses on employing contract staff.

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Reply Serial No.

SB074

Head : 70

Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme :

(1) Pre-entry Control

0222

Controlling Officer :

Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau :

Secretary for Security

Question :

It is estimated that the number of applications in respect of visit permits for Taiwan residents to be received and processed in 2003 will drop substantially. What is the reason? Is it expected that the some 20 000 applications will be made through iPermit service? If yes, how much expenditure will be saved? Is there any plan to encourage the remaining 60 000-plus Taiwan residents to avail themselves of the iPermit service?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

A main reason for the estimated drop in the number of applications in respect of conventional visit permits for Taiwan residents from 80,645 in 2002 to 60,800 in 2003 is that we expect an increasing number of visitors from Taiwan would switch to the iPermits which can be processed within minutes and require a lower fee of \$50. It should be noted that whilst the total number of applications received for conventional visit permits from Taiwan residents has dropped from 199,366 in 2001 to 80,645 in 2002 (i.e. a drop of 59.5%), a total of 126,655 iPermits were processed in 2002, the year in which the iPermit Scheme was introduced. Another reason is that more Taiwan visitors are expected to use their "Tai Bao Cheng" (台胞證) which allows them to transit Hong Kong without a separate entry permit for seven days.

The anticipated drop in workload relating to the processing of conventional visit permits for Taiwan residents in 2003 will lead to manpower savings equivalent to 0.5 Immigration Officer and 0.5 Clerical Assistant, or \$ 0.28m of annual salary cost.

iPermits and conventional visit permits serve different needs. Whereas the former will facilitate those visitors who wish to travel to Hong Kong within short notice, the latter are useful in particular to those with a need to visit Hong Kong more frequently as they bear a longer validity and can allow multiple entries. We will, therefore, not seek to encourage Taiwan residents to switch from conventional visit permits to iPermits or vice versa, but will ensure that they are aware of the array of facilities available through appropriate promotion.

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Reply Serial No.

SB075

Question Serial No.

0223

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (1) Pre-entry Control

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

While it is estimated that there will be a substantial increase in the number of applications for both entry and visit visas in 2003, why does the Administration still anticipate that there will be a decrease instead of increase in the number of petition/appeal/judicial review cases to be received? How can the Administration ensure that all the petition/appeal/judicial review cases can be processed within the same year?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

It is estimated that there will be a moderate increase in the number of applications for visit and entry visas in 2003. For visit visas (visit permits and iPermits inclusive), the workload is expected to remain stable, i.e. 222,100 applications in 2003 compared with 227,258 applications in 2002. For entry visa applications for employment, training, residence and education, a moderate increase of 13% is estimated for 2003. Over 99% of the petitions, appeals and judicial reviews concern residence and employment cases.

Despite an anticipated moderate increase in visa applications, there is a falling trend in the number of objections / petitions in the past few years, dropping from 500 in 2000 to 395 in 2001 and further to 210 in 2002. In line with this trend, the number of petitions, appeals, and judicial reviews in 2003 is expected to drop to 205. The Department can handle the workload within existing resources and process the cases in question within a reasonable time.

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SB076

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme :

0287

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Under the above subhead, job-related allowances in relation to the expenditure on personal emoluments are estimated to be \$1.997m in 2003-04, which is much higher than the actual & estimated expenditure in the previous two years. What is the basis of this estimate?

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Fu-wah

Reply :

In the 2003-04 Estimate, to better reflect their nature and purpose, various job-related allowances (e.g. detective allowance and rain storm black warning allowance) are grouped under "Job-related allowances" instead of under "Allowances" in the past. This new grouping accounts for the increase in "Job-related allowances" in 2003-04. When compared with the sum of "Allowances" and "Job-related allowances" for 2001-02 and 2002-03, the estimate for 2003-04 increases only marginally by 0.6% and 1.4% respectively.

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SB077

Head : 70 Subhead(No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme : (1) – (6)

0291

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

What is the distribution by programme of the additional 202 non-directorate posts? Please give a breakdown by rank.

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Fu-Wah

Reply :

The breakdown of the net creation of 202 posts by programme and by grade is as follows: -

Grade	PROGRAMME				Total
	(2) Control upon Entry	(3) Control after Entry	(4) Vietnamese migrants	(5) Personal Documentation	
Immigration Officer	+17	-26	-11	+92	+72
Immigration Assistant	+38	-12	-12	+15	+29
Executive Officer				+1	+1
Clerical Officer		+1	-1	+99	+99
Clerical Assistant		+1	-1	+2	+2
Personal Secretary		-1		+1	0
Analyst Programmer	+5			-1	+4
Computer Operator				-5	-5
Total	+60	-37	-25	+204	+202

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Reply Serial No.

SB078

Head: 70 Subhead.(No. & title): Question Serial No.
Programme: (3) Control after Entry 0345
Controlling Officer: Director of Immigration
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question

- (a) Please give details of the net deletion of 37 posts upon the conclusion of the judicial review cases related to the right of abode litigation and the expenditure saved as a result.
- (b) It is estimated that the number of operations to be conducted by the Immigration Task Force in 2003 will increase when compared with the actual number in 2002. Please provide information on the establishment of the Immigration Task Force in 2003-04, and whether such an establishment is sufficient to cope with the workload.

Asked by : Hon. LI Fung-ying

Reply :

- (a) With the conclusion of judicial review cases related to the right of abode litigation, 39 posts comprising 1 APIO, 2 CIO, 6 SIO, 17 IO, 2 CIA, 4 SIA, 6 IA and 1 PSII could be deleted. On the other hand, two clerical posts are required to assist in other areas of work. This results in a net deletion of 37 posts. The saving in salary cost realized is \$16 million.
- (b) The Immigration Task Force was set up in 1994 to combat illegal employment and currently has 95 members. There is no plan to change its establishment in 2003-04. Internal staff redeployment, made possible by re-organising, re-prioritising and re-engineering the work of the Department, is adopted to cope with the increasing workload. Where situations so warrant, joint operations with various law enforcement agencies will be arranged to enhance the effectiveness of the combating measures.

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Reply Serial No.

SB079

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme : (2) Control upon Entry

0348

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Regarding Programme (2) Control upon Entry, the provision for 2003-04 is \$3.3m (0.3%) higher than the revised estimate for 2002-03, mainly due to the creation of 60 posts for the implementation of the Lok Ma Chau expansion project and Phases I and II of the Updated Information Systems Strategy. Please provide information as to when the 60 posts will be created and whether they will be filled by internal redeployment or by employment of additional staff.

Asked by : Hon. LI Fung-ying

Reply :

Implementation of the Lok Ma Chau expansion project and the first two phases of the updated Information Systems Strategy project respectively require 26 and 34 new posts. In respect of timing, 13 of the 60 posts are scheduled to be created in April 2003, 26 in September 2003, 2 in October 2003 and 19 in March 2004. The Department will fill these posts by way of internal redeployment as far as possible. Additional staff will, however, be employed if internal redeployment cannot fill the posts needed.

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SB080

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme : (1) Pre-entry Control

0440

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

The estimate indicated that the number of APEC Business Travel Card – local applications received in 2002 has increased by 19% when compared with the year of 2001. However, it is estimated that the number of card received in 2003 will dramatically increase by 72%. What accounts for this increased estimate?

Asked by : Hon. YOUNG Howard

Reply :

At present, only eight APEC economies, viz Australia; Chile; Hong Kong, China; Korea; Malaysia; New Zealand; the Philippines and Chinese Taipei accept the use of APEC Business Travel Card (ABTC) to facilitate the entry of ABTC holders. It is expected that a few more APEC economies, including notably China, will join these eight economies in the near future. We anticipate such development to boost the demand for ABTC in Hong Kong and have accordingly reflected this in the estimate of the number of ABTC applications in 2003.

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Reply Serial No.

SB081

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme : (1) Pre-entry Control

0441

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

The estimate indicated that the number of HKSAR Travel Pass received in 2002 has increased by 4.4% when compared with the year of 2001. However, it is estimated that the number of cards received in 2003 will increase by 25%. What accounts for this estimate?

Asked by : Hon. YOUNG Howard

Reply :

We estimate a higher growth rate in 2003 since we have relaxed, with effect from July 2002, the eligibility criteria for the HKSAR Travel Pass. Following the relaxation, an overseas visitor would be eligible to apply for a pass if he/she has made no less than 3 visits to Hong Kong (as opposed to the previous requirement of no less than 5 visits) without any adverse immigration record during the 12 months preceding the application. The relaxation means more overseas visitors have become eligible under the Scheme. Indeed, the number of applications received in the second half of 2002 already showed a significant increase over that in its first half.

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SB082

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme : (1) Pre-entry Control

0442

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Since the introduction of the iPermit Scheme in March 2002 for Taiwan residents, there is a dramatic drop in the number of visit permit received from Taiwan residents which is 60% and 25% drop in 2002 and 2003 respectively as compared to 2001. Will the Administration inform this Committee whether government resources has been saved due to the introduction of the iPermit Scheme and how much provision will be allocated to promote the iPermit Scheme in the next fiscal year?

Asked by : Hon. YOUNG Howard

Reply :

As the introduction of the iPermit Scheme has reduced the workload for processing conventional visit permits, we have been able to achieve manpower savings equivalent to 2.75 Immigration Officers, 0.5 Assistant Clerical Officer and 3 Clerical Assistants (or \$ 1.7m of annual salary cost) in 2002, and redeploy the resources saved to other areas with increases in workload.

Promotion of the iPermit Scheme is mainly done through authorized airlines/agents in Taiwan. We have uploaded information on the Scheme on the Immigration Department's website and published leaflets introducing the Scheme. The resources involved are negligible.

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SB083

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme : (1) Pre-entry Control

0622

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

- (a) Will provision and manpower be allocated for next year to cater for the development of the population policy recently announced by the Chief Secretary for Administration? If yes, please give a breakdown of the figures. How many additional applications are expected to be processed annually?
- (b) How much provision and manpower will be allocated for next year to tie in with the measures proposed in the Budget to encourage people from the Mainland/overseas to attend schools in Hong Kong?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Man-kwong

Reply :

- (a) Under the Population Policy, the Immigration Department will be responsible for administering three new schemes, viz. Capital Investment Entrant Scheme, the new Admission Scheme for Mainland Talents and Professionals and the admission of Foreign Domestic Helpers as a labour importation scheme under the Employees Retraining Ordinance. For the Capital Investment Entrant Scheme and the new Admission Scheme for Mainland Talents and Professionals, the Department will absorb the workload from within its existing resources at the initial stage of implementation. As regards the admission of Foreign Domestic Helpers, it is estimated that some additional staff may be required. The actual staffing requirement will depend on the related operational procedures that are being worked out.
- (b) As the proposal of attracting young people to receive basic education in Hong Kong is being studied by the Administration, no provision is set aside for this purpose at this stage.

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Reply Serial No.

SB084

Head: 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme : (3) Control after Entry

0737

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Regarding the foreign domestic helpers who are underpaid and deployed to take up non-domestic duties, will the Administration inform this Committee of the strategy adopted to tackle and reduce these two problems? Will the Immigration Department step up its enforcement actions? If yes, what are the details? If no, why not?

Asked by : Hon. EU Yuet-mee, Audrey

Reply :

Underpayment of wages to employees including foreign domestic helpers ("FDHs") is an offence under the Employment Ordinance which is administered by the Labour Department. To combat the problem specifically related to the employment of FDHs, a Task Force comprising members of the Labour Department, the Immigration Department and the Hong Kong Police Force was established in January 2003. Through the work of the Task Force, inter-departmental co-operation has been strengthened and more effective measures to combat malpractices have been put in place. These include stepping up inspections of targetted employment agencies, encouraging the victims to testify against employers and employment agencies, expediting investigation and prosecution, and revoking the licence of the employment agencies found to be in breach. The Labour Department has also set up a new Employment Claims Investigation Unit to strengthen investigation and prosecution of wages offences including those related to FDHs.

Deployment of FDHs to perform non-domestic duties is an offence under the Immigration Ordinance and the Criminal Procedure Ordinance. To combat such malpractices, the Immigration Department proactively investigates complaints and frequently conducts on-site inspections in the light of information and intelligence collected. To better educate the community, a new series of TV and radio advertisements on "Don't Hire Illegal Workers" was launched in January 2003 to remind the public that it is an offence punishable with imprisonment to deploy FDHs to perform non-domestic duties.

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Date 20 March 2003

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Reply Serial No.

SB085

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme : (2) Control upon Entry

0762

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

The Immigration Department will develop the Automated Passenger Clearance and Automated Vehicle Clearance systems in 2003-04. What are the expected dates of implementation of the systems? And at which control point will the systems be implemented first?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Hon-chuen, Ambrose

Reply :

The Immigration Department plans to roll out the Automated Passenger Clearance (APC) and Automated Vehicle Clearance (AVC) Systems by end 2004 in phases. Our aim is to implement APC at Lo Wu Control Point first and then extend it to all other passenger control points in stages. AVC will be implemented at all 3 vehicular control points with Lok Ma Chau Control Point coming on stream first in December 2004.

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Reply Serial No.

SB086

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme : (1) Pre-entry control
 (3) Control after entry

1026

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

1. How many business visas were issued by the Immigration Department to people from Mainland China in the past year?
2. What are the measures adopted by the Administration to deter Mainlanders who made entry on business visas from taking up employment? What are the establishment and expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. LEE Cheuk-yan

Reply :

1. In 2002, 2,270,637 Mainland residents visited Hong Kong under Business Visit endorsement issued by Mainland authorities. These visitors were allowed entry into Hong Kong after going through normal immigration checks at our Boundary Control Points.
2. To deter visitors from taking up unapproved employment in Hong Kong, the following measures have been taken:
 - (a) The Immigration Department works closely with the Police and other departments to take enforcement actions against illegal workers.
 - (b) Publicity against illegal employment is launched through TV and radio broadcasts.
 - (c) The public is encouraged to report on illegal employment through the Immigration Department's hotline and faxline or send letters or electronic mails to provide the Department with relevant information.

- (d) Under the Immigration (Amendment) Ordinance 1999, controllers of construction sites are liable to prosecution if visitors are found taking up illegal employment in their sites.
- (e) The Immigration Department maintains close liaison with the Mainland authorities on intelligence exchange and close scrutiny of the abusers' future applications for visits to Hong Kong.

The Immigration Department has a Task Force which is responsible for, inter alia, taking enforcement actions against employment of illegal workers. It has an establishment of 95 and the annual salary cost amounts to \$27.8 million in 2003-04.

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Post Title _____ Director of Immigration

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SB087

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme : (1) Pre-entry control,
 (2) Control upon entry,
 (3) Control after entry

1147

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Please list the respective number of undesirable persons refused entry or removed before, upon or after entry in 2002 on the grounds that they were likely to pose a threat to the security, prosperity and well-being of Hong Kong. Based on what criteria did the Administration conclude that these persons were 'likely to pose a threat to the security, prosperity and well-being of Hong Kong?'

Asked by : Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply :

In 2002, 6,860 applications for entry visa / permit were not approved. The Immigration Department does not maintain statistics with breakdown by reason of refusal.

The number of passengers refused entry into Hong Kong upon arrival were 21,221 in 2002. The breakdown by reason of refusal is as follows :

Year	Reason of refusal			Total
	Genuineness of visit in doubt	Improperly documented	Use of forged travel document	
2002	12,763	6,633	1,825	21,221

The number of persons removed from Hong Kong under deportation orders and removal orders in 2002 is as follows:

Year	Persons removed under Deportation Orders	Persons removed under Removal Orders	Total
2002	620	1,068	1688

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SB088

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme : (1) Pre-entry control

1148

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

How many applications for change of status as described in programme (1) were received in 2002? How many of them were accepted and how many were rejected? Among the applications rejected, how many had led to appeals? How many appeals were successful and how many were unsuccessful? Please give a breakdown by place of origin of the applicants.

Asked by : Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply :

The Immigration Department received a total of 10,251 applications for change of status in 2002. Of these applications, 8,840 were approved and 575 were refused.

Amongst the 575 refusal cases, applicants in 32 cases had applied for judicial review or lodged objections / petitions against the refusal decision. Of these, 6 cases had been withdrawn as the applications were subsequently approved upon review by the Immigration Department. Seven cases were rejected whilst the remaining are being processed.

The breakdown of the 32 cases according to the nationality of the applicant is as follows:

Nationality	Cases			
	received	withdrawn	rejected	under process
Pakistani	11	4	2	5
Filippino	5	-	1	4
Indian	4	-	-	4
Nepalese	3	1	2	-
Indonesian	2	-	-	2
Vietnamese	2	-	-	2
Thai	1	-	1	-
Russian	1	-	-	1
South African	1	-	-	1
Canadian	1	-	1	-
German	1	1	-	-
Total	32	6	7	19

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SB089

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme : (2) Control upon entry

1168

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

- (a) Please give a breakdown by place of origin of the passengers and seamen who were refused entry in 2001 and 2002 respectively.
- (b) Of those who were refused entry over the past two years, how many were refused entry because of "genuineness of visit in doubt"? What were the "purposes of visit" furnished to the Government by these people?

Asked by : Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply :

- (a) Statistics on passengers and seamen refused entry into Hong Kong in 2001 and 2002 are as follows –

Year	Passengers refused entry	Seamen refused entry	Total
2001	19,489	1,797	21,286
2002	19,239	1,982	21,221

Statistics, broken down by the place of origin, on all visitors (including both passengers and seamen as separate breakdowns are not available) are as follows -

Year	Places of Origin						Total
	Africa	Asia & Pacific*	Europe	Mainland China	North America	South America	
2001	320	10,368	422	9,870	197	109	21,286
2002	338	9,019	263	11,371	134	96	21,221

(* "Asia & Pacific" here refers to countries in Asia and the Pacific region, as well as Australia and New Zealand, but excludes Mainland China.)

(b) Statistics on visitors refused entry on the ground of “genuineness of visit in doubt” are as follows –

Year	2001	2002
Number of Visitors Refused Entry	10,914	12,763

Usually these passengers claimed that they came to Hong Kong for sightseeing or visiting friends/ relatives.

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SB090

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme : (2) Control upon entry

1169

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

- (a) Please give a breakdown by reason and place of origin of the passengers refused entry in 2001 and 2002.
- (b) How many appeals arose from these cases of refused entry and what were the results?
- (c) What was the trend of entry refusal in the past three years since 2000? Please analyse the reasons. Was there any impact on manpower?

Asked by : Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply :

- (a) In 2001 and 2002, 21,286 and 21,221 passengers were respectively refused entry in Hong Kong. The breakdown by reason and place of origin is provided below :

2001

Places of Origin Reasons for Refusal	2001						
	Africa	Asia & Pacific*	Europe	Mainland	North America	South America	Total
Genuineness of visit in doubt	91	4,711	55	5,975	36	46	10,914
Improperly Documented	160	5,138	246	3,133	90	35	8,802
Use of Forged Travel Documents	69	519	121	762	71	28	1,570
Total	320	10,368	422	9,870	197	109	21,286

(* "Asia & Pacific" here refers to countries in Asia and the Pacific region, as well as Australia and New Zealand, but excludes Mainland China.)

2002

Places of Origin Reasons for Refusal	Africa	Asia & Pacific	Europe	Mainland	North America	South America	Total
Genuineness of visit in doubt	144	4,654	36	7,843	24	62	12,763
Improperly Documented	114	3,844	142	2,464	59	10	6,633
Use of Forged Travel Documents	80	521	85	1,064	51	24	1,825
Total	338	9,019	263	11,371	134	96	21,221

- (b) No objection was lodged pursuant to section 53 of the Immigration Ordinance (Cap. 115) nor any petition against the Director of Immigration's decision to refuse entry in 2001 and 2002.
- (c) The percentage of arrival passengers who were refused entry has remained low and stable over the past 3 years. Relevant statistics are as follows –

	2000	2001	2002
Passengers refused entry	20,791	21,286	21,221
Number of Arrival Passengers	72,034,542	74,869,468	81,122,205
Percentage of arrival passengers refused entry	0.0289%	0.0284%	0.0262%

The small number of refusal cases has not had any significant impact on manpower resources.

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SB091

Head : 70

Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme :

(2) Control upon entry

1170

Controlling Officer :

Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau :

Secretary for Security

Question :

The target of clearing passengers travelling by sea and land within the pledged waiting time was 98.7-98.8% in 2001 and 99-98.5% in 2002, representing either an increase or a similar level in both cases. Why has the target been lowered to 92.0% this year? Does the lowering of the target have anything to do with manpower and the automation of immigration control? Is there any performance indicator for the clearance of air passengers?

Asked by : Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply :

To clear 92% of the passengers within 30 minutes' waiting time is the target set by the Immigration Department for land and sea control points. In 2001 and 2002, the actual performance achieved at these control points were 98.7 - 98.8% and 98.5% - 99% respectively. There is no question of lowering of the target in the coming year. Starting from October 1998, the target for the Airport is to clear 92% of the passengers travelling by air within 15 minutes. In 2001 and 2002, the actual performance achieved were 98.2% and 99.3% respectively.

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SB092

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme : (2) Control upon entry

1171

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

- (a) Please list the respective establishment and strength of all boundary control points in 2002-03 and the estimated figures in 2003-04.
- (b) How many passenger clearance counters are there at Lok Ma Chau Control Point currently? How many passengers were cleared in 2002-03 and what was the daily average number of passengers cleared? What is the estimated daily average number of passengers to be cleared in 2003-04? What is the expected completion date of the Lok Ma Chau Control Point Expansion Project in 2003 and when will it come into operation? How many passenger and cargo clearance counters will there be by then?

Asked by : Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply :

- (a) The establishment and strength of the five land boundary control points in 2002-03 and their proposed establishment in 2003-04 are as follows:-

Control Point	As at 1.4.2002		As at 1.4.2003
	Establishment	Strength	Establishment
Lo Wu	733	727	728
Hung Hom	81	80	81
Lok Ma Chau	251	264	255
Man Kam To	140	115	120
Sha Tau Kok	61	69	61

- (b) At present, there are 35 passenger clearance counters at Lok Ma Chau Control Point (LMCCP). In 2002-03 (up to 28 February 2003), LMCCP processed a daily average of 48,805 passengers. In 2003-04, the forecast daily passenger traffic at LMCCP will be about 65,000. The Expansion Project at LMCCP is scheduled for completion by September 2003. By then, there will be 50 passenger clearance counters and 24 vehicle clearance kiosks.

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SB093

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme : (4) Vietnamese migrants

1233

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

It is mentioned in the document that there are still 226 Vietnamese migrants remaining in Hong Kong. Regarding this, will the Administration inform this Committee:

- (a) When does the Immigration Department expect all the remaining 226 Vietnamese migrants to leave Hong Kong? How much more public money is expected to be spent by the government before the departure of all these Vietnamese migrants?
- (b) How much does the United Nations still owe the Hong Kong Government in respect of the expenditure on Vietnamese migrants incurred to Hong Kong? If there are debts, what is the progress of debt recovery? What are the resources involved?

Asked by : Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply :

- (a) On 9 January 1998, Hong Kong terminated the "Port of First Asylum" Policy, all Vietnamese coming to Hong Kong by illegal means after that date are treated as illegal immigrants and subject to repatriation to Vietnam.

As at the end of December 2002, 226 Vietnamese Migrants (VMs)/Vietnamese Illegal Immigrants (VIIs) still remained in Hong Kong. They had not been repatriated due to reasons such as their serving prison sentences or awaiting re-entry clearance by the Vietnamese authority. Immigration Department will repatriate the VMs and VIIs once the relevant impediments have been removed. A provision of \$1.8M has been made to cover the repatriation expenses in 2003-04.

- (b) Before 1998, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) had made annual repayments to reimburse Hong Kong for the expenditure incurred on the maintenance of Vietnamese refugees/migrants. The last repayment, amounting to HK\$3.9 million, was received in February 1998. Since then, no repayment has been made and the outstanding sum from the UNHCR stands at HK\$1.162 billion.

The Administration has continued to pursue the repayment of the outstanding sum from the UNHCR and urge them to appeal to the international community for donations earmarked for reimbursement to Hong Kong.

The Administration will continue such efforts and absorb them within existing resources.

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SB094

Head : 70 Subhead: 000 Operating-expenditure

Question Serial No.

Programme :

1294

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Please provide the number of non-civil service contract staff employed and the level of expenditure involved in 2002-03. Are there any plans to employ more or less non-civil service contract staff in 2003-04? If so, what are the reasons? And what will be the number of staff and the level of expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. LEE Cheuk-yan

Reply :

In 2002-03, \$24 million was spent on the employment of non-civil service contract (NCSC) staff. As at 1 March 2003, 206 NCSC staff were employed by the Immigration Department. The number of NCSC staff to be employed in 2003-04 will depend on the service needs for short-term and project-based tasks that have to be undertaken in that period.

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SB095

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme : (3) Control after Entry

1325

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Among the applications for extension of stay processed in 2002 as mentioned in programme (3), what were the numbers of cases accepted and rejected? Of those rejected cases, how many had led to appeals? How many appeal cases were successful and how many were unsuccessful? Please give a breakdown by place of origin of the applicants. Did the authorities concerned adopt any measures to ensure that the appellants would not be repatriated during the appeal?

Asked by : Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply :

In 2002, the Immigration Department received 223,612 applications for extension of stay. Of these, 201,626 were approved and 16,404 were refused. One applicant sought a judicial review and another lodged a petition against the refusal decision. The former was dismissed by the court and the latter was withdrawn. The place of origin of both applicants was India. It should be noted that the lodging of an appeal does not give the person the legal right to remain in Hong Kong pending a decision, and each case has to be considered on its own merits.

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SB096

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme : (4) Vietnamese Migrants

1326

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Among the Vietnamese illegal immigrants examined in 2002 as described in programme (4), how many people were classified as non-refugees? How many of them had lodged an appeal? How many appeal cases were successful and how many were unsuccessful? Did the authorities concerned adopt any measures to ensure that the appellants would not be repatriated during the appeal?

Asked by : Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply :

On 9 January 1998, Hong Kong terminated the "Port of First Asylum" policy. All Vietnamese coming to Hong Kong by illegal means after that date are treated as illegal immigrants. They do not enjoy refugee status and are subject to repatriation to Vietnam. In 2002, 241 Vietnamese illegal immigrants were intercepted and examined for verification of identity for repatriation to Vietnam. No appeal was lodged in 2002 against the removal and deportation of Vietnamese illegal immigrants. It should be noted that the lodging of an appeal does not give the person the legal right to remain in Hong Kong pending a decision, and each case has to be considered on its own merits.

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SB097

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme : (4) Vietnamese Migrants

1410

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

In December 2001, there were still some 280 Vietnamese migrants / illegal immigrants in Hong Kong and the actual expenditure in handling these cases amounted to \$13m in 2002-03. Despite the fact that the number had dropped from the previous year's 400 to 280, only \$5m less was spent. In comparison, the number dropped to about 226 in December 2002 and the estimate for 2003-04 is reduced to only \$1.8m, representing a reduction of \$11m, i.e. more than 80% of the expenditure. What accounts for this?

Asked by : Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply :

In 2002-03 and preceding years, financial provisions were made for the funding of both personal emoluments (PE) and repatriation expenses under this programme. Due to the scaling down of activities under the Vietnamese programme, financial provisions are only made for expenses related to repatriation in 2003-04, and are estimated to be \$1.8 million. All the 25 posts involved in the programme as at the end of 2002-03 will be deleted. The removal of the need to provide for PE accounts for the reduction in expenditure. Any further manpower requirement for handling Vietnamese matters will be absorbed by internal staff redeployment made possible by re-organising, re-prioritising and re-engineering the work of the Department.

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SB098

Head : 70

Subhead(No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme :

(4) Vietnamese Migrants

1411

Controlling Officer :

Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau :

Secretary for Security

Question :

How many staff involved in handling the cases of Vietnamese migrants / illegal immigrants are expected to be released in 03-04? What other cases or duties will they be re-deployed to handle?

Asked by : Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply :

Due to the scaling down of activities under the Vietnamese programme, all the 25 posts involved in handling Vietnamese matter as at the end of 2002-03 will be deleted. The staff released will be redeployed within the Department to meet other service need. Any further manpower requirement for handling Vietnamese matters will be absorbed by internal staff redeployment made possible by re-organising, re-prioritising and re-engineering the work of the Department.

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SB099

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme : (5) Personal Documentation

1412

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Regarding the region-wide Identity Card replacement exercise to be rolled out soon, what is the estimated manpower required for its implementation in 2002-03 and 2003-04? How much of the manpower will be made available through re-deployment from other sections of the Immigration Department? If any, from which sections will they be re-deployed to cope with the work? How much of the manpower will be made available through re-deployment from other departments? If any, please provide details. How many staff are newly-employed and what is the estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply :

We plan to commence the territory-wide Identity Card replacement exercise in July 2003. A total of 226 Immigration Service staff and 626 civilian staff will be required for the exercise. The Department will fill the Immigration Service grade posts by way of internal redeployment. Additional staff will only be employed if internal redeployment cannot fill the posts needed. Specifically in the case of civilian staff, we originally planned to employ 559 contract staff for the exercise. It subsequently transpired that, arising from recent efficiency initiatives in other departments, a number of general grades officers would be available for redeployment. The decision has since been taken that, where appropriate, arrangements will be made for them to be redeployed to assist in the Identity Card replacement exercise. As they are redeployed from existing resources, this will help to reduce the number of contract staff required. The expenditure to be spent on employing contract staff will, however, depend on the number of posts that is eventually filled by internal redeployment.

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SB100

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme : (3) Control after entry

1504

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

In 2003-04, the Immigration Department will continue to take proactive actions against the engagement of foreign domestic helpers in non-domestic duties. In this connection, what are the respective numbers of employers and foreign domestic helpers prosecuted in the past year?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Hon-chuen, Ambrose

Reply :

In 2002, 83 foreign domestic helpers were prosecuted for taking up unapproved employment in Hong Kong while 31 employers were prosecuted for involvement in illegal employment of foreign domestic helpers.

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SB101

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme : (3) Control after entry

1505

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

In 2003-04, the Immigration Department will step up its enforcement actions against visitors who are illegally employed or have overstayed after entry. How many staff of the Immigration Department are responsible for the task? What is the expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Hon-chuen, Ambrose

Reply :

The Immigration Task Force, which was set up in 1994 to combat illegal employment, currently has 95 members. The Force is also responsible for, inter alia, taking enforcement actions against overstayers. The annual salary cost is \$27.8 million. There is no plan to change its establishment in 2003-04.

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SB102

Question Serial
No.

0179

Head: Head 45 – Fire Services Department

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: (1) Fire Service

Controlling Officer: Director of Fire Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question : The Fire Services Department (FSD) will “continue to develop an information technology plan for improving general operational and administrative efficiency.”

- a. What are the details of the plan?
- b. What kind of operational and administrative efficiency is expected to enhance?
- c. How much resources (including expenses on salaries) have been allocated by FSD in this respect and what are the estimated expenses for 2003-04?
- d. How much resources are estimated to be saved under this plan?

Asked by: Hon. SIN Chung-kai

Reply: (a) & (c) With the provision allocated by the Information Technology Services Department, the Fire Services Department has appointed a consultancy company in 2003-04 to formulate an information technology development strategy and direction for FSD for the next 5 years. The estimated expenditure for this consultancy study amounts to \$1.5 m and the study is expected to be completed in July this year.

(b) & (d) Since the consultancy study is in progress, concrete recommendations are not yet available. Hence, the Department is unable to assess the achievement to be brought about by the implementation of this plan at this stage.

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Name in block letters LAM CHUN MAN

Post Title Director of Fire Services

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SB103

Question Serial
No.

0224

Head: Head 45 – Fire Services Department

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: (1) Fire Service

Controlling Officer: Director of Fire Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question : Regarding the matters requiring special attention in 2003-04, it is mentioned that the Fire Services Department will commission a number of new facilities, including new fire stations and a new mobilizing system for deploying fire fighting and ambulance resources. However, it seems that the new facilities cannot greatly enhance the performance. This is especially true for the percentage of the fire calls met expeditiously in the planned target which has not been raised substantially. What are the reasons for that?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply: In 2003-04, the Department will commission two fire stations, i.e. Sha Tau Kok Fire Station and Braemar Hill Fire Station. The reprovisioned Sha Tau Kok Fire Station is provided with upgraded facilities, thereby enhancing the Department's fire fighting capabilities for the area. With the commissioning of the Braemar Hill Fire Station, the response time of fire appliances to the scene of incident in the area (including Tin Hau Temple Road, Cloud View Road, Braemar Hill Road, etc) will be shortened. In view that the number of fire calls of the area concerned only represents a small portion out of the total number of fire calls, the overall pledged performance of response time of fire services will not be significantly improved.

The Third Generation Mobilizing System (TGMS) is expected to commission in the first quarter of 2004 and it is mainly for replacing the existing system (i.e. the Second Generation Mobilizing System) which is aging and incurs rising maintenance costs. Equipped with enhanced functions and abilities as well as a larger capacity and without having the need to increase the number of staff manning the mobilizing consoles, the new system will enable the Department to bring up the performance to meet the target response time of mobilizing resources to the scene of incident. Moreover, it can also cope with the projected growth of emergency calls and the increasing complexity in mobilizing fire and ambulance resources.

In regard to the percentage of fire calls met within the graded response time, the performance would be affected by various factors, such as service demand, availability of resources and traffic condition, etc. The replacement of the mobilizing system alone will not significantly improve the response time performance.

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SB104

Question Serial
No.

0225

Head: Head - 45 Fire Services Department

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: (3) Ambulance Service

Controlling Officer: Director of Fire Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question : Please provide the following information on ambulance service enhancement in 2003-04:

- (a) What is the estimated expenditure of the ambulance aid motorcycles services? Is there any need for acquiring further equipment? If yes, please provide details?
- (b) What is the estimated expenditure of providing regular and specialized training for ambulance personnel in 2003-04?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

- Reply:
- (a) The estimated annual expenditure of the ambulance aid motorcycle services in 2003-04 is about \$20 m. All of the 31 ambulance aid motorcycles of the Department have now been able to provide paramedic ambulance service (PAS). Therefore, there is no need for acquiring additional equipment.
 - (b) The estimated expenditure of providing regular training for ambulance personnel in 2003-04 is about \$16 m. Regular training includes initial training for new recruits, supervisor and instructor training, Ambulance Special Rescue Squad training, use of defibrillator and so on.

The estimated expenditure of providing specialized training is \$16.7 m. It will be spent on training staff for the full provision of PAS to all ambulances.

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Post Title Director of Fire Services

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Question Serial
No.

0226

Head: Head 45 – Fire Services Department

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: (2) Fire Protection and Prevention

Controlling Officer: Director of Fire Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question : Regarding the fire protection and prevention work of the Fire Services Department, please explain:-

- (a) In 2003-04, it is estimated that the number of fire prevention talks and advisory services to be given is 19 400. Please give a breakdown of the organizations/persons that such services will be provided to, and clearly list the estimated expenditure.
- (b) In respect of the promotion of fire safety culture, what are the specific plan and estimated expenditure for 2003-04?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply: (a) In 2003-04, it is estimated that the number of fire prevention talks and advisory services to be given is 19 400 and the details are as follows:-

- (i) fire safety talks for primary and secondary schools, and various medical institutions including hospitals, clinics and homes for the elderly in the territory;
- (ii) different kinds of roving promotion activities at places with heavy pedestrian flow like housing estates, piazza and MTR stations; talks for fire safety ambassadors; and
- (iii) advisory services on fire safety for building incorporations, government departments, private institutions, community organizations and general public.

The above activities will be performed by the Community Relations Division (CRD) with the assistance of district operational personnel. The estimated expenditure of CRD for 2003-04 is around \$7.6m.

(b) In 2003-04, the Department plans to hold at least 1 600 fire drills, 2 200 fire prevention talks and exhibitions, and recruit an additional 9 000 fire safety ambassadors to promote fire safety culture. The above activities are all planned by CRD and conducted by district frontline personnel. In respect of the fire prevention publicity, the estimated expenditure for 2003-04 is \$2.5m. The activities include regular broadcasts of fire prevention messages on television and radio, a major fire prevention promotion activity to be held in November this year and different kinds of fire prevention promotion activities organized jointly with the district fire safety committees, such as fire station open days, roving exhibitions, carnivals, slogan competitions, quizzes, distribution of leaflets to the public, fire drills for buildings and talks, etc.

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Reply Serial No.

SB106

Question Serial
No.

0227

Head: Head 45 – Fire Services Department

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: (1) Fire Service

Controlling Officer: Director of Fire Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question : Please provide the following details in respect of fire service:

- (a) The Department will continue to develop an information technology plan in 2003-04. Has the Department assessed whether the plan will help to improve operational and administrative efficiency? What is the estimated expenditure for developing the plan?
- (b) After commissioning of new fire stations at Breamar Hill and Sha Tau Kok, what is the additional annual expenditure? Will it be necessary to employ additional staff?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

- (a) With the provision allocated by the Information Technology Services Department, Fire Services Department has commissioned a consultant to formulate an information technology development strategy and direction for FSD for the next 5 years. Since the consultancy study is still underway, hence no concrete recommendations have been made.
The Department is unable to assess the achievement that can be brought about by the implementation of this plan at this stage. The estimated expenditure for the consultancy study is \$1.5 m.
- (b) After commissioning the new Breamar Hill Fire Station and reprovisioning of the existing Sha Tau Kok Fire Station, the annual recurrent expenditure will increase by a total of about \$7.6 m. For manning these 2 fire stations, a total of 9 additional Senior/ Station Officer posts will be required. Other required posts of Principal Firemen, Senior Firemen and Firemen will be met by existing staff through internal re-deployment.

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SB107

Question Serial
No.

0228

Head: Head 45 - Fire Services Department

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: (1) Fire Service

Controlling Officer: Director of Fire Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question : As compared with last year, there was a marked decrease in the number of notices issued by the authority in respect of floating obstructions to means of escape in 2002. Does this indicate that the situation is improving? If yes, will it have any impact on the anticipated manpower requirement for 2003?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply: In 2002, there was a marked decrease of Fire Hazard Abatement Notices (FHANs) issued in respect of floating obstructions to means of escape by the Department. This is mainly due to increased public awareness of fire hazards and fire safety as a result of strengthened fire safety education and promotion as well as stepped up inspections of old buildings by the Department over the past few years. This also indicates that the situation regarding obstructions to means of escape has improved. In addition, owners have been proactive in forming owners' corporations. Hence, our staff could contact the responsible persons of respective corporations directly on building fire safety matters, thereby reducing the number of FHANs issued to individual owners. To optimize the use of staffing resources, the frontline fire personnel have taken up the above-mentioned work in addition to performing fire-fighting and rescue operation duties. Therefore, the decrease in the number of notices issued will not affect the manpower requirement of the Department for handling such work in 2003.

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SB108

Question Serial
No.

0344

Head: Head 45 - Fire Services Department

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: (1) Fire Service

Controlling Officer: Director of Fire Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question: In regard to the analysis of estimated financial and staffing provision under Programme (1) Fire Service for the year 2003-04, please list the following:

- (a) The 27 net posts to be deleted and the resulted savings.
- (b) The 5 posts to be created for manning new fire station and the expenses required for these posts.
- (c) The 2 posts for enhancement of general administrative support and the expenses required for these posts.
- (d) Savings resulted from reduced procurement of new and replacement fire fighting and rescue appliances and equipment.

Asked by: Hon. LI Fung-ying

- Reply:
- (a) The Department will create 5 Senior/Station Officer posts for manning the new fire station at Penny's Bay, and create 2 clerical staff posts for the Accounts Office and the Establishment Registry in 2003-04. Moreover, 34 existing fireman posts will be deleted for redeployment of resources. Consequently, 27 net posts will be deleted and about \$4.1 m will be saved.
 - (b) The Department will create 5 Senior/Station Officer posts for manning the new fire station at Penny's Bay. The total expenses incurred is about \$1.6 m.
 - (c) The Department will create 1 Assistant Clerical Officer post and 1 Clerical Assistant post for implementing the accrual accounting system and strengthening the clerical support for establishment matters. The total expenses incurred is about \$340,000.
 - (d) Reduced cash flow needed for procuring new and replacement of fire fighting and rescue appliances and equipment in 2003-04 is \$24.4 m as a result of the completion of procurement procedures and settlement of residual payment for over 30 new and replacement fire fighting appliances and other minor plants in 2002-03. Therefore, the cash flow for 2003-04 is less than the revised estimated expenditure for 2002-03.

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SB109

Question Serial
No.

0347

Head: Head 45 - Fire Services Department

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: (3) Ambulance Service

Controlling Officer: Director of Fire Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question: Under Programme (3) Ambulance Service, estimated provision for 2003-04 is \$52.9 m (6.4%) higher than the revised estimate for 2002-03. Please list the following:

- (a) the 75 posts to be created and the total amount of salaries involved;
- (b) the number of new and replacement ambulances and training equipment to be procured and the costs incurred; and
- (c) increased provision for Mandatory Provident Fund contributions for officers on agreement terms and Civil Service Provident Fund contributions for officers on permanent terms.

Asked by: Hon. LI Fung-ying

- Reply:
- (a) The 75 posts to be created in 2003-04 include 2 Ambulance Officer posts for manning the new ambulance depot at Braemar Hill, as well as 24 Senior Ambulanceman posts and 49 Ambulanceman posts for enhancing the emergency ambulance service; the total amount of salaries involved is \$15 m.
 - (b) Procurement of 2 patient simulators and 47 new and replacement ambulances in 2003-04 incur a total cost of about \$39 m.
 - (c) Increased provision for Mandatory Provident Fund contributions for officers on agreement terms and Civil Service Provident Fund contributions for officers on permanent terms is about \$2.1 m.

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SB110

Question Serial
No.

0399

Head: Head 45 – Fire Services Department

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: (1) Fire Service

Controlling Officer: Director of Fire Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question : In 2003, there is an overall drop of target response time performance for fire services. What is the reason?

Asked by: Hon. SZETO Wah

Reply: The 2003 target percentages of fire services calls met within the graded response times have not been lowered and are the same with those of the past few years. In fact, the planned percentage of fire calls met within graded response time for more dispersed risk/ isolated developments is set at 95%, which is higher than the target of 94.5%.

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Reply Serial No.

SB111

Question Serial
No.

0400

Head: Head 45 - Fire Services Department

Subhead(No. & title): 000 Operational expenses

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Fire Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question : In regard to the substantial increase of job-related allowances under Subhead 000, please explain the reasons, the nature of the allowances and the estimated number of staff involved?

Asked by: Hon. SZETO Wah

Reply: In order to better reflect the nature and purpose of each kind of allowance of the Department, some items which previously came under the category of allowances under Subhead 000 have been changed to the category of job-related allowances under Subhead 000 from 2003-04 onwards. After the re-categorization, job-related allowances cover Extra Duties Allowance for Disciplined Services (General), Extra Duties Allowance for Disciplined Services (Marine), Special Allowance for Disciplined Services, etc. The total provision for the allowances and job-related allowances for 2003-04 is \$530,000 (0.9%) more than the revised estimate for 2002-03.

It is estimated that the number of staff applying for job-related allowances in 2003-04 is about 3 800.

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SB112

Question Serial
No.

0461

Head: Head - 45 Fire Services Department

Subhead(No. & title): 000 Operational Expenses

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Fire Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question : The job-related allowances for personal emoluments has increased from \$65,000 in 2002-03 to \$32,237,000 in 2003-04. What are the reasons for that?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Yuen-han

Reply: In order to better reflect the nature and purpose of each kind of allowance of the department, some items which previously came under Subhead 000 Allowances have been re-categorized and came under Subhead 000 Job-related allowances from 2003-04 onwards. After the re-categorization, job-related allowances cover Extra Duties Allowance for Disciplined Services (General), Extra Duties Allowance for Disciplined Services (Marine), Special Allowance for Disciplined Services, etc. The total provision for the allowances and job-related allowances for 2003-04 is \$530,000 (0.9%) more than the revised estimate for 2002-03.

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Reply Serial No.

SB113

Question Serial
No.

0462

Head: Head - 45 Fire Services Department

Subhead(No. & title): 000 Recurrent Account

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Fire Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question : Please provide the following information on personnel-related expenses:

- (a) There has been no Mandatory Provident Fund (MPF) contributions for the past few years. However, a provision of \$4,134,000 has been allocated for the MPF contributions under the estimate for 2003-04. What are the reasons for the additional provision? What is the number of staff involved under the MPF scheme? What posts do these staff hold? Are they new recruits or existing staff who have joined the scheme because of the variation of agreement?
- (b) There has been no Civil Service Provident Fund (CSPF) contributions for the past few years. However, a provision of \$3,784,000 has been allocated for the CSPF contributions under the estimate for 2003-04. What are the reasons for the additional contributions? What is the number of staff allocated for the MPF contributions (sic)? What posts do these staff hold? Are they new recruits or existing staff who have joined the scheme because of the variation of agreement?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Yuen-han

Reply: In order to better reflect departmental expenses on the delivery of services, starting from 2003-04, the existing funding vote under Head 120 Pensions for making centrally the Government's Mandatory Provident Fund contributions for staff eligible for provident fund scheme will be put under the expenditure item of the Heads controlled by individual bureaux/departments. As for the Fire Services Department:

- (a) The Mandatory Provident Fund contributions of \$4,134,000 in the estimate for 2003-04 is for civil service agreement officers appointed on or before 1 December 2000. The total number of staff involved is 490. They come from different grades and ranks, comprising Station Officer, Ambulance Officer, Fireman, Ambulanceman and so on; 480 of them are new recruits and the remaining staff are staff re-employed after retirement.
- (b) The Civil Service Provident Fund contributions of \$3,784,000 in the estimate for 2003-04 is for officers who were appointed under the new civil service entry terms since June 2000. They will progress onto permanent terms of appointment after completion of 3 years' service and will become eligible to join the CSPF Scheme. The total number of staff involved is about 150. All of them are new recruits and the posts involved are Station Officer, Fireman and Ambulanceman.

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SB114

Question Serial
No.

1139

Head: Head 45 - Fire Services Department

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: (2) Fire Protection and Prevention

Controlling Officer: Director of Fire Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question: The target time of the Fire Services Department for issuing a licence ranges from a minimum of 6 days to a maximum of 28 days. Can the target time and actual processing time be shortened?

Asked by: Hon. CHOW LIANG Shuk-yee, Selina

Reply: The time required to process application for dangerous goods store licences depends on the complexity of individual applications. In general, following the receipt of an application, Fire Services Department will conduct a series of risk assessment procedures, including examination of the risk assessment report submitted by the applicant or consultant, vetting of the structural and ventilation layout plans of the dangerous goods store, verification of the type and quantity of dangerous goods to be stored, on-site inspection of the store, examining its location and nearby environment, holding discussion(s) with the applicant or consultant over the application and collecting further information from them, etc. If the assessment results indicate that the risk level is acceptable, fire safety requirements will be formulated on the basis of the risk assessment results, and the applicant will be notified accordingly. The above procedures can normally be completed within 28 working days.

Following site inspection and confirmation of full compliance with the fire safety requirements, Fire Services Department will issue the dangerous goods store licence to the applicant within 6 days. During this period, the work involved include compilation of an inspection report on fire safety requirements by an inspection officer (IO), vetting of the report and making recommendations by the IO's supervisor, endorsement by the approving officer, preparation of the licence and issue of licence collection notice to the applicant by the registration office, etc. The above processing procedures are also applicable to the licensing of dangerous goods vehicles.

As the above processing procedures take time, the target time for issuing fire safety requirements for dangerous goods stores is set at 28 days. Upon confirmation of full compliance with the fire safety requirements, the Department will issue the licence to the applicant within the target time of 6 working days. For simple and straightforward cases, the processing time will be shorter.

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SB115

Question Serial
No.

1229

Head: Head – Fire Services Department

Subhead(No. & title): 000 - Operational Expenses

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Fire Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question : It is mentioned that the estimates for Programmes (1) and (2) will be affected by “salary increments for staff” and deletion of posts. In this regard, will the Government inform this Committee:

- (a) for “salary increments for staff”, the number of staff involved and their respective ranks, as well as the amount required for 2003-04?
- (b) the room for manoeuvre by the Department to provide equivalent or better services with less resources whilst absorbing the increased expenditure arising from salary increments for staff?
- (c) how much has actually been saved as a result of the civil service salary reduction in 2002-03 and has such reduction offset part of the expenditure mentioned in paragraph (a) above?
- (d) of the ranks of the post to be deleted and the cost saved?

Asked by: Hon. IP Kwok-him

- Reply:
- (a) In 2003-04, the “salary increments for staff” of the whole Department involves around 3 900 members from various ranks of disciplined and civilian staff and the amount is about \$16 m.
 - (b) In the light of resources saving, the Department is striving for cost-effectiveness and improvement in the delivery of our services through re-engineering, re-organizing, re-prioritizing and market forces.
 - (c) The Department saved about \$30 m by the civil service pay cut in 2002-03 and the amount has been deducted from the revised estimates for 2002-03. Part of the savings has been offset by the expenditure incurred in paragraph (a).
 - (d) A total of 45 posts will be deleted in 2003-04 and the ranks involved are Senior Divisional Officer, Assistant Divisional Officer, Senior Station Officer / Station Officer, Fireman, Building Services Engineer, Building Services Inspector, Principal Technical Officer, Clerical Staff and Driver. The saving in expenditure amounts to \$11.3 m.

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SB116

Question Serial
No.

1259

Head: Head 45 - Fire Services Department

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: (2) Fire Protection and Prevention

Controlling Officer: Director of Fire Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question : Please briefly describe the authority's preparation for the implementation of the Fire Safety (Buildings) Ordinance (Ord. No.21 of 2002) and relevant expenditures.

Asked by: Hon. LI Wah-ming, Fred

Reply: The Ordinance has not been enforced for the time being. However, to enable the public to understand the new ordinance and its requirements earlier and to facilitate persons affected under the new ordinance to have more time to make preparation, Fire Services Department (FSD) and Buildings Department (BD) held a total of 37 briefings for district boards, district fire safety committees, owners' corporations, professional bodies and building management organizations within 8 months after the above ordinance was passed. About 2 800 persons attended the briefings. In addition, FSD issued a total of about 46 000 advisory letters to owners who would be affected, advising them to include fire safety improvement work in their major building maintenance works under planning. Both FSD and BD stand ready to provide assistance, such as giving professional advice and assisting owners to apply for funds under the Building Safety Improvement Loan Scheme for the necessary works.

A sum of \$560,000 has been reserved by FSD for 2003-04 for publicity before effecting the new ordinance. Promotional activities include broadcasting on television and radio, as well as producing and distributing publicity leaflets, pamphlets and posters.

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SB117

Question Serial
No.

1283

Head: Head 45 - Fire Services Department

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Fire Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question: Please provide the number of non-civil service contract staff employed and the expenditure involved in 2002-03. Are there any plans to employ more or fewer non-civil service contract staff in 2003-04? If so, what are the reasons? And what will be the number of staff and the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. LEE Cheuk-yan

Reply: In 2002-03, Fire Services Department employed an average of about 80 non-civil service contract staff per month, and the total expenses during the year was \$10.6m. In 2003-04, the Department will streamline the fire safety inspection procedures, thereby reducing 8 non-civil service contract staff planned to be employed. This will achieve an estimated saving of about \$1.5m

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SB118

Question Serial
No.

1413

Head: Head 45 - Fire Services Department

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: (1) Fire Service

Controlling Officer: Director of Fire Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

- Question : (a) The number of "Fire Hazard Abatement Notices issued in respect of floating obstructions to means of escape and locked exits" has been progressively increased to 2 174 in 2001 since 1999. However, the number dropped significantly in 2002 to 779 and what are the reasons for that?
- (b) Please provide the number of inspections in respect of floating obstructions to means of escape and locked exits in 2000, 2001 and 2002.
- (c) Are the above two items affected by the Department's implementation of measures to save resources?

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

- Reply: (a) In 2002, there was a marked decrease in the number of Fire Hazard Abatement Notices (FHANs) issued in respect of floating obstructions to means of escape and locked exits by the Department. This is mainly due to increased public alertness to fire hazards and awareness of fire safety as a result of strengthened fire safety education and promotion as well as stepped up inspections of buildings by the Department. This also indicates that the situation regarding obstructions to means of escape has improved. In addition, owners were more proactive in forming owners' corporations. Hence, our enforcement staff could contact the responsible persons of respective corporations directly, thereby reducing the number of FHANs issued to individual owners.
- (b) The number of cases involving inspections made in response to complaints against floating obstructions to means of escape and locked exits in 2000, 2001 and 2002 are 14 364, 17 131 and 15 257 respectively.
- (c) To optimize the use of staffing resources, these two items have been taken up by the frontline fire personnel in addition to performing fire-fighting and rescue operation duties. The undertaking of the above work will not be affected by the Department's efficiency-saving measures.

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SB119

Question Serial
No. No.

1414

Head: Head 45 - Fire Services Department

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: (2) Fire Protection and Prevention

Controlling Officer: Director of Fire Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question : (a) Please give a detailed breakdown of the Fire Hazard Abatement Notices issued by categories.

(b) The figures for Item (a) are 15 155 in 1999, 12 625 in 2000, 19 124 in 2001, and actually 9 810 in 2002. What is the reason?

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply: (a) The numbers of Fire Hazard Abatement Notices (FHAN) issued by the Fire Services Department during the following 4 years are listed below by categories:-

<u>Categories of Fire Hazard</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>
Fire service installations and equipment lacking maintenance and repair	8 649	7 855	12 639	5 878
Obstruction to means of escape by metal gates or other unauthorized structures	368	274	851	658
Unauthorized removal of corridors, smoke lobbies, smoke stop doors, etc.	6 138	4 496	5 634	3 274
Total:	15 155	12 625	19 124	9 810

(b) Between January 1999 and February 2000, the Department mounted a special drive on "Building Fire Safety Restoration Inspection" and issued FHAN to offenders. In 2000, apart from carrying out routine inspections, the Department focused on the follow-up actions of the FHAN issued, so the number of FHAN issued in 2000 is less than that in 1999.

In 2001, the Department established a "Building Fire Safety Enforcement Force" to deal with fire service equipment and other irregularities which jeopardized fire safety in buildings. As a result, the number of FHAN issued in 2001 is higher than that of 2000.

In 2002, the Department continued to carry out fire safety inspections. However, the number of FHAN issued is less than that of 2001. The reasons are –

- (i) the public's fire safety awareness has enhanced as a result of the continued government's efforts on fire safety education and promotion in recent years;
- (ii) in 2002, more building owners' corporations were formed. When dealing with fire service installations which involved the whole building, the Department issued FHAN to the owners' corporation instead of to individual owners of the building. This reduced substantially the number of FHAN issued;
- (iii) in 2002, the Department modified its procedures to speed up the abatement of fire hazards caused by fire service installations and equipment lacking maintenance and

repair. Consequently, while seeking owners' particulars for issuing FHAN, the Department issued warning letters to respective residents or the owners' corporation of the building. As most of the fire service installations and equipment were repaired or under repair during the follow-up checks, further issue of FHAN was found not necessary. This also explains why the number of FHAN issued has decreased. Last year, the Department issued a total of 12 067 such warning letters.

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Reply Serial No.

SB120

Question Serial
No.

1415

Head: Head 45 - Fire Services Department

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: (3) Ambulance Service

Controlling Officer: Director of Fire Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question : The actual performance of ambulance service in 2001 and 2002 was 91.8%, which was slightly below the target percentage of 92.5%. In 2003, what measures or resources deployment plan will be introduced to achieve the target performance or to reinstate it to 93.3% in 1999?

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply: In 2003, the Department will continue to introduce improvement measures and increase the allocation of resources with a view to achieving the pledged target response time performance for emergency ambulance service of 92.5%. These measures include:

- (1) In 2003-04, the Department has been allocated with additional resources for creating 75 additional posts for the emergency ambulance service. With these new resources, the Department will have additional manpower equivalent to 12 ambulance shifts for improving the response time performance.
- (2) As recommended by a consultant, the Department introduced special shift arrangements on a trial basis in some selected ambulance units and service areas so as to better meet ambulance service demand during peak hours. The findings of the trial scheme showed that the arrangement allowed more flexibility in the deployment of manpower and contributed positively to the overall response time performance. In view of this, the Department will implement special shift arrangements permanently.
- (3) As recommended by the consultant, the Department will designate a special fleet of vehicles on a trial basis to handle urgent calls involving transfers of patients between hospitals and clinics to optimize utilization of ambulance resources.
- (4) In 2003, a new ambulance depot at Tin Shui Wai will be commissioned. Ambulance service coverage will then be further improved and response time of ambulance service in the area will be shortened.

The Department will continue to monitor the demands for emergency ambulance service closely and strive for optimization of resources through flexible deployment.

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Reply Serial No.

SB121

Head : 30

Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme : (2) Re-integration

0221

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Correctional Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Among the re-integration programmes, only the post-release supervision scheme and the drug addiction treatment centre registered a lower actual success rate in 2002 as compared to those in 2001. Please give the reasons.

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

The fluctuation of the success rates of the reintegration programmes is normal under changing socio-economic circumstances. Nonetheless, the following factors are considered to be relevant to the decline in the success rates of the Post-release Supervision Scheme (PRSS) and Drug Addiction Treatment Centre (DATC) supervision programme in 2002 :

- a) The supervision period of each PRSS case is decided by the Post-release Supervision Board having regard to the remission earned by the supervisee, and his social and criminal background. Since the inception of PRSS in late 1996, the average supervision period of supervisees has increased from 6 months in 1997 to 16 months in 2001 and further to 18 months in 2002. Success rate is measured by the absence of conviction during the supervision period. A longer supervision period will generally see a lower success rate.
- b) The drop in the success rate of the DATC supervision scheme in 2002 could be attributed to a number of socio-economic factors, such as the current economic downturn and proliferating psychotropic drug abuse problem. Since most of the DATC supervisees are characterized by low academic qualifications, limited work skills and weak will power, they are more vulnerable to unfavourable socio-economic conditions and more likely to relapse to drugs and/or crimes.

Nevertheless, the department will continue to provide support to help supervisees overcome the adverse socio-economic conditions and lead a law-abiding life after discharge.

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Name in block letters PANG SUNG YUEN

Post Title Commissioner of Correctional Services

Date 19 March 2003

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Reply Serial No.

SB122

Head : 30

Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme : (1) Prison Management

0229

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Correctional Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Please provide information about penal institutions on the following:

- (a) What is the expenditure for the perimeter fencing improvement work of penal institutions? How many penal institutions are expected to require perimeter fencing improvement work? What are the details?
- (b) Concerning the improvement of ancillary facilities in penal institutions, what are the specific measures on hand? What is the estimated expenditure?
- (c) The Administration pursues to replace the existing mechanical patrol system in all penal institutions with smart card patrol management system. What are the expenses incurred? What is the timetable for the replacement work? Has the Administration considered whether there is an urgent need to implement the replacement work in 2003-04?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

- (a) To enhance prison security, works to improve the perimeter fencing at Sha Tsui Detention Centre, Pik Uk Prison, Lai Sun Correctional Institution, Ma Po Ping Prison, Tong Fuk Centre and Chi Ma Wan Drug Addiction Treatment Centre and Chi Ma Wan Correctional Institution will continue in 2003-04. The estimated expenditure in 2003-04 is about \$23 million. The whole project will be completed in 2004.
- (b) Regular improvement to ancillary facilities of institutions is carried out in order to enhance security and improve operation efficiency. Major improvement projects in 2003-04 include replacement of the telephone system and improvement to the CCTV system at Siu Lam Psychiatric Centre, replacement of the telephone system and installation of the intrusion detection and CCTV systems at Tai Lam Centre for

Women, replacement of the telephone system at Pik Uk Correctional Institution and replacement of the Public Address system at Hei Ling Chau Correctional Institution. The total cost of the above projects is about \$24 million and the projects will be completed progressively in 2003 and 2004.

- (c) The project to replace all existing mechanical patrol monitoring systems in all penal institutions/premises with smart card patrol management systems commenced in late 1999 in phases and is to be completed by 2005. Total expenditure is estimated to be \$3.7M. The funding for respective phases is offset by savings from maintenance and replacement cost of the mechanical patrol monitoring systems during the project period. No additional resource is required to fund the project. The estimated spending in 2003-04 is about \$0.6M.

The expenditure planned for the scheduled replacement would otherwise be spent on the regular maintenance of the existing systems. It is therefore more cost effective to complete the project as early as possible.

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Reply Serial No.

SB123

Head : 30

Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme : (1) Prison Management

0383

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Correctional Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

The Correctional Services Department will delete 111 non-directorate posts in the coming financial year. Would the Administration inform this Council of the following:

- (1) How many posts to be deleted are from correctional institutions?
- (2) The number of posts to be deleted in each penal institution.
- (3) How to ensure that good prison management will be maintained after the deletion of posts?

Asked by : Hon. EU Yuet-mee, Audrey

Reply :

(1) Out of the 111 posts to be deleted by CSD in 2003/04, 93 posts are from correctional institutions.

(2) The number of posts to be deleted in each penal institution is set out below :

	Institutions	No. of posts to be deleted
1.	Cape Collinson Correctional Institution	5
2.	Chi Ma Wan Correctional Institution	2
3.	Chi Ma Wan Drug Addiction Treatment Centre	2
4.	Hei Ling Chau Addiction Treatment Centre	5
5.	Hei Ling Chau Correctional Institution	3
6.	Lai Chi Kok Reception Centre	5
7.	Lai King Training Centre	2
8.	Lai Sun Correctional Institution	12
9.	Lo Wu Correctional Institution	1
10.	Ma Hang Prison	3
11.	Pak Sha Wan Correctional Institution	4
12.	Pik Uk Correctional Institution	1

13.	Pik Uk Prison	7
14.	Sha Tsui Detention Centre	4
15.	Shek Pik Prison	6
16.	Siu Lam Psychiatric Centre	3
17.	Stanley Prison	13
18.	Tai Lam Centre for Women	2
19.	Tai Lam Correctional Institution	7
20.	Tai Tam Gap Correctional Institution	2
21.	Tong Fuk Centre	2
22.	Tung Tau Correctional Institution	1
23.	Victoria Prison	1

Total : 93

- 3) Following the principle that core services should not be affected, CSD is able to release manpower from less essential activities by re-engineering the work process, re-prioritising the service needs and re-organising the departmental structure. Thus, CSD would be able to maintain good prison management after implementing the savings proposal.

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Reply Serial No.

SB124

Head : 30

Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme : (2) Re-integration

0384

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Correctional Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Regarding the success rates of the Correctional Services Department's re-integration programmes for prisoners, would the Administration inform this Council why there are no indicators in 2003-04 in respect of the non-conviction rates of young and adult prisoners after discharge?

Asked by : Hon. EU Yuet-mee, Audrey

Reply :

The success rates of the re-integration programmes are affected by a number of independent and complex personal and socio-economic factors, such as individual offenders' family and social background, criminal sophistication, overall economic climate and prevailing social and/or drug problems in a particular year. The department has made and will continue to make every effort to rehabilitate offenders and to appeal to the community for support for their re-integration as law-abiding citizens after discharge. However, it is not realistic to set any targets for these schemes given the uncertainty of many relevant factors. In this connection, a study is being conducted with the assistance of the Correctional Service of Canada to develop a set of risks and needs assessment indicators, which may provide a more solid basis to address the problem.

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Reply Serial No.

SB125

Head : 30

Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme : (1) Prison Management

0951

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Correctional Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Under the above Programme, what resources will be reserved for providing basic necessities and reasonable comfort for prisoners, including extending the hot water supply hours in the evening and supplying hot drinking water in winter. How does the Administration evaluate the need to improve such services?

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Yiu-chung

Reply :

Hot water supply is always available throughout the time when prisoners are not locked up in their dormitories/cells. All along drinking water of moderate temperature is supplied to inmates, in particular during meal time and working hours. Besides, inmates are provided with hot tea and hot milk every evening when they return to their night accommodation. Additional hot tea or drinking water is also available at night upon request.

As always, CSD detains persons committed to its custody in a manner which is compatible with human dignity and keeps the needs of prisoners under review. To improve the service, additional insulated water containers costing more than HK\$600,000 in total have been procured in 2002-03.

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Reply Serial No.

SB126

Head : 30

Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme : (1) Prison Management

0952

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Correctional Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

- (a) What resources will be added in 2003-04 to cope with the increasing number of female offenders?
- (b) Would the Administration advise the reasons for such increase?
- (c) What will be the financial implication if other forms of punishment are meted out in place of imprisonment?

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Yiu-chung

Reply :

- (a) There has been an upsurge in female penal population since end 2000. As at 17.3.2003, the number of female inmates is 2 342, representing an occupancy rate of 154%. To cope with the increase, the following measures are proposed to be carried out in 2003-04 to alleviate the female prison overcrowding problem:-
 - (i) Construct sleeping accommodation providing additional 80 penal places with associated workshop facilities for female inmates at Hei Ling Chau Addiction Treatment Centre (Annex). Works will start in April 2003 for completion by end 2003. The project cost is about \$4.7 million.
 - (ii) Convert the upper yard of Ma Hang Prison into a female section providing 160 penal places for female inmates. Works are underway and the expected completion date is June 2003. The project cost is about \$2.5 million.
 - (iii) Subject to approval of the Finance Committee, convert the old staff quarters of the Lai Chi Kok Reception Centre into a temporary female prison with 650 places to re-provision the Victoria Prison and to accommodate more female prisoners. The project cost is about \$300 million.

- (b) The increase in female penal population is mainly attributed to the increase in imprisonment of holders of “Two-way Permits” who have been convicted of the offence of “breach of condition of stay”.
- (c) No alternative form of punishment is envisaged. We do not, therefore, have any assessment of the financial implication.

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Reply Serial No.

SB127

Head : 30

Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme : (2) Re-integration

1145

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Correctional Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Regarding the indicators under Programme (2),

(a) would the administration advise how many offenders have applied for and been granted approval to join the following re-integration programmes in 2001 and 2002 respectively:

- 1) Release Under Supervision Scheme;
- 2) Pre-release Employment Scheme;
- 3) Post-release Supervision Scheme;
- 4) Conditional Release Scheme; and
- 5) Supervision After Release Scheme?

(b) how many participants in the above schemes were recalled during the supervision period in these two years respectively? Please give the reasons.

Asked by : Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply :

(a) The numbers of offenders who had applied for and were granted approval to join the respective reintegration programmes in 2001 and 2002 are as follows:

Programmes	<u>No. of Applications</u>		<u>No. of Offenders Joining the Schemes</u>	
	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>
1) Release Under Supervision Scheme	9	4	4	3
2) Pre-release Employment Scheme	32	34	4	11
3) Post-release Supervision Scheme [#]	N.A.	N.A.	417	465
4) Conditional Release Scheme [#]	N.A.	N.A.	Nil	1
5) Supervision After Release Scheme [#]	N.A.	N.A.	2	3

Schemes (3) – (5) are not for application. The respective statutory Boards would consider all eligible cases.

- (b) The numbers of participants who have been recalled during the supervision period in 2001 and 2002 are as follows:

<u>Programmes</u>	<u>No. of recalls</u>	
	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>
1) Release Under Supervision Scheme	Nil	Nil
2) Pre-release Employment Scheme	Nil	Nil
3) Post-release Supervision Scheme	19	14
4) Conditional Release Scheme	Nil	Nil
5) Supervision After Release Scheme	Nil	Nil

Most of the supervisees were recalled for contravention of the supervision conditions, such as failing to meet with the supervising officer and reconviction of new offences.

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Reply Serial No.

SB128

Head : 30

Subhead (No. & title) : 700(371)

Question Serial No.

consultancy to
develop a risks and
needs evaluation
procedure for offenders

1146

Programme : (2) Re-integration

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Correctional Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Under Sub-head 700 Item 371 Consultancy to develop a risks and needs evaluation procedure for offenders, would the Administration advise us of the projected financial provision in 2003-04 and the expected completion date of the study?

Asked by : Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply :

The Consultancy to develop a risks and needs evaluation procedure for offenders started in 2001-02 and is expected to be completed in 2004-05. While the total provision for the project is \$1.5 million, the estimated expenditure in 2003-04 is \$0.56 million.

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Reply Serial No.

SB129

Head : 30

Subhead (No. & title) : 000
Operational Expenses

Question Serial No.

1226

Programme : (1) Prison Management / (2) Re-integration

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Correctional Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

It is mentioned in the paper that financial provision under the two Programmes is affected by the salary increments for staff and deletion of posts. Would the Administration inform this Council of the following:

- (a) number of staff to benefit from salary increments and their respective ranks and what is the total expenditure in 2003-04 in this regard?
- (b) how does the Department absorb the expenditure resulting from salary increments and provide equal or even better services with less resources?
- (c) what are the exact savings as a result of the salary cut of civil service in 2002-03? Are these savings able to offset part of the expenditure mentioned in (a) above?
- (d) what are the posts to be cut and savings to be achieved as a result of the deletion of 111 posts?

Asked by : Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply :

- (a) In 2003-04, the "salary increments for staff" of the whole Department involves around 2 840 members from various ranks of the disciplined and civilian staff and the amount is about \$13 million.
- (b) In the light of resources saving, the Department is striving for cost-effectiveness and improvement in the delivery of services through re-engineering, re-organizing and re-prioritizing our operations.

(c) The Department saved about \$27 million through the civil service pay cut in 2002-03 and the amount thus saved has been deducted from the revised estimate for 2002-03. Part of the savings has been offset by the expenditure incurred in paragraph (a).

(d) A total of 111 posts will be deleted in 2003-04 and the ranks and numbers involved are summarised below:

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Number</u>
<u>Disciplined posts</u>	
Superintendent	2
Chief Officer	6
Principal Officer	13
Officer	20
Assistant Officer I	49
Assistant Officer II	4
Technical Instructor	7
Instructor	3
<u>Civilian posts</u>	
Master (Correctional Services)	2
Workman II	4
Supplies Attendant	1

The total savings in expenditure amount to \$42.3 million.

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Reply Serial No.

SB130

Head : 30

Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme : (1) Prison Management

1238

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Correctional Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

It is mentioned in the paper that the prime task of the Correctional Services Department for the coming year will be to relieve prison overcrowding through expansion and improvement of prison facilities. Would the Administration inform this Council of the following:

- (a) In what prisons will these expansion and improvement works be implemented by the Department in the coming year? To what extent will the overcrowding problem be relieved upon the completion of such works? What is the expenditure for each item of works? Please list out the details.
- (b) What is the timetable for submitting the above works to the Legislative Council for approval?

Asked by : Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply :

- (a) The following measures will be carried out in 2003-04 to alleviate the prison overcrowding problem:-
 - (i) Construct sleeping accommodation providing additional 80 penal places with associated workshop facilities for female prisoners at Hei Ling Chau Addiction Treatment Centre (Annex). Works will start in April 2003 and the expected completion date is end 2003. The project cost is about \$4.7 million.

- (ii) Convert the upper yard of Ma Hang Prison into a female section providing 160 penal places for female prisoners. Works are underway and the expected completion date is June 2003. The project cost is about \$2.5 million.
- (iii) Convert the old staff married quarters at Lai Chi Kok Reception Centre into a 650-place temporary female custodial facility to re-provision the Victoria Prison and to accommodate more female prisoners. The estimated project cost is about \$300 million. Subject to funding approval, the project is scheduled to commence in early 2004 for completion by end 2005.

Upon completion of the above projects and the decommissioning of the Victoria Prison, a net total of 452 penal places will be added to help alleviate the prison overcrowding problem. However, to address the problem in the long-run, we will need to pursue the proposed mid-sized prison development plan.

- (b) Project (i) and (ii) above are funded under the block vote of the Architectural Services Department. Regarding project (iii), we will soon consult the Legislative Council Panel on Security and we plan to seek funding approval from Public Works Subcommittee / Finance Committee of the Legislative Council within the current legislative session.

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Reply Serial No.

SB131

Head : 30

Subhead (No. & title) : 000
Operational Expenses

Question Serial No.

Programme : (1) Prison Management / (2) Re-integration

1276

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Correctional Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Please provide the number of non-civil service contract staff employed and the level of expenditure involved in 2002-03. Are there any plans to employ more or less non-civil service contract staff in 2003-04? If so, what are the reasons? And what will be the number of staff and the level of expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. LEE Cheuk-yan

Reply :

At the end of February 2003, the Correctional Services Department employed 63 staff on non-civil service contract (NCSC) terms. They were employed for different durations. The total expenditure for the financial year 2002-03 was \$8M.

In 2003-04, \$9M is provided to employ a total of 65 NCSC staff, including 58 current staff and seven additional staff to meet short-term service needs and to undertake ad hoc projects.

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SB132

Head : 30

Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme : (1) Prison Management

1369

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Correctional Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Under Programme (1),

- (a) In 2002, how many Hong Kong residents sentenced in other places were transferred back to serve their sentences in Hong Kong? Please list out the figures by the countries being so requested, and provide the expenses incurred for such work.
- (b) In 2002, how many non-Hong Kong residents serving their sentences in Hong Kong were transferred back to their place of origin to serve their sentences? Please list out the figures by the countries being so requested, and provide the expenses incurred for such work.

Asked by : Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply :

There was no transfer of sentenced person to or from Hong Kong in year 2002, and no expenditure has been incurred for this purpose.

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Reply Serial No.

SB133

Head : 30

Subhead(No. & title) : 000

Question Serial No.

Programme : (1) Prison Management / (2) Re-integration

1370

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Correctional Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Under Subhead 000 Operational expenses:

- (a) Allowances are to be substantially reduced from \$75,789,000 in the revised estimate of 2002-03 to \$42,058,000 in 2003-04. Please give details and the reasons.
- (b) At the same time, Job-related allowances are to be substantially increased from \$2,307,000 in the revised estimate of 2002-03 to \$31,166,000 in 2003-04. Please give details and the reasons.

Asked by : Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply :

(e) & (b)

In the 2003-04 Estimates, to better reflect their nature and purpose, various job-related allowances [e.g. extra duties allowance for disciplined services (general), remote station allowances, special allowance for disciplined services, typhoon and rain storm warning allowances] are grouped under "Job-related Allowances" instead of "Allowances" as in the past. The decrease in "Allowances" and the increase in "Job-related Allowances" in 2003-04 are largely a result of this new accounting arrangement. When compared with the sum of "Allowances" and "Job-related Allowances in the revised Estimates of 2002-03", the corresponding sum in the Estimates of 2003-04 is \$4.87 million (6.2%) less.

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Reply Serial No.

SB134

Head : 30

Subhead (No. & title) : 603 (360)

Question Serial No.

Improvement of CCTV
system for Siu Lam
Psychiatric Centre

1371

Programme : (1) Prison Management

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Correctional Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Under Subhead 603 Item 360 Improvement of CCTV system for Siu Lam Psychiatric Centre, would the Administration advise us of the projected financial provision in 2003-04 and the expected completion date of such works.

Asked by : Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply :

The project sum for the improvement of the CCTV system at Siu Lam Psychiatric Centre is about \$8.4 million and the approved spending in 2003-04 is \$4 million. The project is expected to be completed by March 2004.

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Reply Serial No.

SB135

Head : 30

Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme : (1) Prison Management

1416

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Correctional Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Would the Administration, by dividing female offenders into two groups, namely under 18 and those at 18 or above, list out their occupation rates in all institutions respectively in 2001-02 and 2002-03 as well as the estimated rate in 2003-04. Are there any plans on hand to relieve the overcrowding problem in individual institutions, including steps to separately detain or imprison offenders under 18 and those at 18 or above? What are the resources to be used?

Asked by : Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply :

The number of admissions of female inmates under 21 years old* into CSD institutions in 2001 and 2002 are 1 408 and 2 212 respectively.

The number of admissions of female inmates over 21 years old into CSD institutions in 2001 and 2002 are 6 547 and 8 986 respectively.

The occupancy rates of all the female institutions as at end 2001 and 2002 are as follows:

Institution	As at 31.12.2001	As at 31.12.2002
Tai Tam Gap Correctional Institution (under 21)	188%	198%
Tai Lam Centre for Women (over 21)	211%	251%
Chi Ma Wan Correctional Institution (over 21)	187%	202%
Chi Ma Wan Drug Addiction Treatment Centre (Groups of under 21 and over 21 are separately accommodated)	101%	104%
Victoria Prison (Female Section) (over 21)	180%	183%

Siu Lam Psychiatric Centre (Female Section) – Groups of under 21 and over 21 are separately accommodated	90%	120%
Hei Ling Chau Addiction Treatment Centre Annex (Groups of under 21 and over 21 are separately accommodated)	Not commissioned yet	178%
Chi Lan Rehabilitation Centre (under 21)	Not commissioned yet	53%
Wai Lan Rehabilitation Centre (under 21)	Not commissioned yet	21%

As at 18 March 2003, there are 2 362 female inmates, representing an overcrowding rate of 155%, against a certified accommodation of 1 524. The projected average daily female population is 2 820, which will exceed the certified accommodation by 85%.

To cope with the increase, the following measures are proposed to be carried out in 2003-04 to alleviate the female prison overcrowding problem:-

- (i) Construct sleeping accommodation providing additional 80 penal places with associated workshop facilities for female inmates at Hei Ling Chau Addiction Treatment Centre (Annex). Works will start in April 2003 for completion by end 2003. The project cost is about \$4.7 million.
- (ii) Convert the upper yard of Ma Hang Prison into a female section providing 160 penal places for female inmates. Works are underway and the expected completion date is June 2003. The project cost is about \$2.5 million.
- (iii) Subject to approval of the Finance Committee, convert the old staff quarters of the Lai Chi Kok Reception Centre into a temporary female prison with 650 penal places to re-provision the Victoria Prison and to accommodate more female prisoners. The project cost is about \$300 million.

As regards the separation of young and adult offender, all along there are measures in place to separately accommodate the two groups.

* those aged under 21 years are classified as young offenders.

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Reply Serial No.

SB136

Head : 30

Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme : (1) Prison Management / (2) Re-integration

1417

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Correctional Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

In achieving efficiency savings under the above two Programmes in 2003-04, what posts and services will be deleted or combined respectively? Please advise in detail.

Asked by : Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply :

Out of the 111 posts to be deleted in 2003-04, a net total of 108 posts (82 and 26 posts respectively under Programme (1) and Programme (2)) will be deleted under the efficiency saving measures to be implemented in 2003-04. The ranks and numbers of posts to be deleted are set out below:

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Number of posts to be deleted</u>
<u>Disciplined posts</u>	
Superintendent	2
Chief Officer	6
Principal Officer	13
Officer	20
Assistant Officer I	49
Assistant Officer II	4
Technical Instructor	7
Instructor	3
	<u>Civilian posts</u>
Master (Correctional Services)	2
Workman II	2

The above changes are achieved through organisational restructuring and work process re-engineering within the Department, including re-ranking of posts to allow for redistribution of duties; re-assessing job requirements and merging work areas to cut down manpower provision; and reducing staff resources in less essential services.

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

SB137

Question Serial No.

0240

Head : 31 Customs and Excise Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (1) Control and Enforcement

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Customs and Excise

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question : Have the authorities assessed the effectiveness of combating smuggling or strengthening intelligence support to anti-smuggling enforcement actions since the establishment of the Intelligence Bureau in July 2002? What is the establishment of the Intelligence Bureau? What is the estimated expenditure of the Intelligence Bureau in 2003-04?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

In the past, intelligence were analysed and collated by different divisions in the department. Since the establishment of the Intelligence Bureau (IB) through internal re-organization in July 2002, the department has centralized the collection, collation, analysis, evaluation and dissemination of intelligence under the IB. Specifically, the IB actively promotes the use of intelligence and risk management in Customs' operations, and through the issue of tactical and specific operational intelligence, assists the frontline officers in undertaking effective enforcement actions. With the intelligence support rendered by the IB, frontline customs officers have effected 113 smuggling cases, arrested 153 persons and seized smuggled goods worth \$163 M between July and December 2002. This represents an increase of 31.4%, 16.8% and 14.8% respectively when compared with 86 smuggling cases, 131 persons arrested and \$142 M worth of smuggled goods seized between January and June 2002.

IB has an establishment of 221 officers, comprising 181 Customs & Excise Service staff, 23 Trade Controls Officer Grade staff and 17 General and Common Grades staff. The estimated expenditure of IB in 2003-04 is about \$80 M, amounting to about 4% of the total departmental provisions.

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Name in block letters RAYMOND H C WONG

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Date 19.3.2003

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Reply Serial No.

SB138

Question Serial No.

0241

Head : 31 Customs and Excise Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (1) Control and Enforcement

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Customs and Excise

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question : What is the estimated cost for the procurement of two sets of mobile X-ray vehicle scanning system in 2003-04?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

On 21.6.2002, the Finance Committee approved a commitment of \$61.90 million for the procurement of two sets of Mobile X-ray Vehicle Scanning System. The department is currently assessing the tenders received for the supply of the two scanning systems. The contract will be awarded in April 2003. The estimated expenditure in 2003-04 for the procurement of the systems is about \$51 million.

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Name in block letters RAYMOND H C WONG

Post Title Commissioner of Customs and Excise

Date 19.3.2003

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Reply Serial No.

SB139

Question Serial No.

0242

Head : 31 Customs and Excise Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (2) Anti-narcotics Investigation

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Customs and Excise

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question : The quantities of "cannabis" and "ecstasy" seized by the Administration in 2002 increase by 100% and 60% respectively as compared with those in 2001. Please provide the sources of the said drugs. Does the Administration plan to increase the manpower for enhancing the drug detection operation in 2003-04?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

The increase in "cannabis" and MDMA (ecstasy) seizures in 2002 compared to 2001 was attributable to two significant cases effected by the Customs and Excise Department in 2002. In February 2002, Customs officers at the airport seized 7 000 tablets of MDMA from a transit passenger who travelled from Singapore via Hong Kong to Taiwan. In November 2002, Customs officers seized 360 kg of cannabis from an inbound sea container that had arrived from Cambodia.

According to our enforcement experience, "Cannabis" was smuggled in mainly from Cambodia and Thailand, with some coming in from the US or from Mainland China via cross-boundary control points. "Ecstasy" was smuggled in mainly from Europe and from the Mainland via the land boundary.

The Customs and Excise Department has no plan to increase its manpower for anti-narcotics work in 2003-04.

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

SB140

Question Serial No.

1508

Head : 31 Customs and Excise Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (2) Anti-narcotics Investigation

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Customs and Excise

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question : Programme (2) indicates that the financial provision for anti-narcotics investigation will be decreased by 6.1%. What will be the items involved in this reduction of financial provision? And will such decrease affect the quality of anti-narcotics investigation?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Wai-yip, Albert

Reply :

In 2003-04, there will be a decrease of 6.1% in the provision under Programme Area (2) for Anti-narcotics Investigation. The decreased provision is mainly attributable to the effect of the 2002 civil service pay cut and the deletion of 15 posts under the Customs Drug Investigation Bureau. Since the posts to be deleted are mainly responsible for general administrative and logistics work and that the establishment for frontline anti-narcotics investigations remain unchanged, the quality of our anti-narcotics investigation will not be affected.

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Post Title Commissioner of Customs and Excise

Date 19.3.2003

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Reply Serial No.

SB141

Question Serial No.

0276

Head : 121 Independent Police Complaints Council

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : Police Complaints Administration

Controlling Officer : Secretary, Independent Police Complaints Council

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

The number of complaint cases registered by the Complaints Against Police Office (CAPO) and received by the Independent Police Complaints Council (IPCC) from CAPO were on the rise from 2001 to 2003, with the rate of increase ranging from 3% to 18%. Yet the provision allocated to IPCC is cut by 2.1%. What is the rationale? Has the Administration considered allotting more resources to IPCC for handling the ever-increasing complaint cases?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply :

The amount of provision sought for 2003-04 is \$0.3 million or 2.1% lower than the IPCC's revised estimate for 2002-03. This is mainly due to reduced requirement for publicity programmes, reduced provision for acting allowance and the full-year effect of civil service pay cut in 2002, partly offset by salary increments for staff. Such reductions have no material effect on the level of resources for the IPCC in discharging its function in monitoring the handling of complaints against the Police. With flexible deployment of resources and streamlining of procedures, the IPCC will endeavour to ensure that its monitoring function is discharged effectively within the available resources despite an increase in the number of complaints.

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Name in block letters MRS ANNIE LEUNG

Post Title Secretary, Independent
Police Complaints Council

Date 18 March 2003

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

SB142

Question Serial No.

0921

Head : 121 Independent Police Complaints Council

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : Police Complaints Administration

Controlling Officer : Secretary, Independent Police Complaints Council

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

- (a) Please provide details of the establishment and strength of the IPCC Secretariat in 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04 (estimated).
- (b) Please provide details of the number of Observers and the resources required in 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04 (estimated), as well as the number of observations conducted and the complaint cases involved in 2001 and 2002.
- (c) Please provide details of the number of complaint cases found to be substantiated by IPCC, the number of police officers involved, as well as the number and percentage of those promoted all the same in 2001 and 2002.
- (d) Please provide details of the number of cases in which the decisions of the Complaints Against Police Office (CAPO) were not endorsed by the IPCC after its review for 2001 and 2002 respectively.

Asked by : Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply :

- (a) The establishment and strength positions of the Independent Police Complaints Council (IPCC) Secretariat for 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04 are as follows:-

	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	<u>2003-04</u>
	←	as at 1 April	→
Establishment	25	24*	24
Strength	25	24	24

* One Clerical Assistant post was deleted under the Enhanced Productivity Programme.

- (b) The numbers of IPCC Observers in 2001-02 and 2002-03 (as at 17 March 2003) were 78 (including 19 IPCC Members and 59 Lay Observers) and 87 (including 19 IPCC Members and 68 Lay Observers) respectively. Resources required for the IPCC Observers Scheme are mainly in the form of travelling allowance payable to the Lay Observers. In 2001-02, a total of \$34,610 was paid to the Lay Observers as travelling allowance whereas in 2002-03 (up to 17 March 2003), the amount paid was \$32,220.

In 2001, 210 observations involving 159 complaint cases were conducted by the Observers. The corresponding figures for 2002 were 260 observations and 170 complaint cases.

The number of Observers in 2003-04 is not available as serving Lay Observers may retire while additional Lay Observers may be appointed by the Secretary for Security during the year. Expenditure on travelling allowance to be incurred in 2003-04 depends on the number of observations made and the rate of travelling allowance payable to Lay Observers. The current rate of the allowance is \$180 for each visit.

- (c) The number of Substantiated cases endorsed by the Independent Police Complaints Council (IPCC) in 2001 and 2002 and the number of police officers involved are as follows :-

Year	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>
No. of Substantiated cases	210 (271)	209 (265)
No. of police officers involved	301	307

(Note: Figures in brackets denote the number of substantiated allegations involved in these cases.)

Selection of officers for promotion is the prerogative of the Commissioner of Police. The IPCC has no information on the number and percentage of police officers who still get promoted after the complaints against them are substantiated. The information provided by the Hong Kong Police Force in this regard is reproduced as follows:

Year	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>
No. of police officers involved	301	307
No. and percentage of these officers who got promotion	4 (1.33%)	2 (0.65%)

- (d) The IPCC reviews and monitors the investigations by the Complaints Against Police Office (CAPO) of public complaints directed at the Police. In monitoring the complaint cases, the IPCC will examine the investigation reports and other related documents such as Police General Orders, Force Procedures Manual and seek expert advice, where appropriate, from lawyers, pathologists, government chemists, etc. As and when required, the IPCC will seek CAPO's clarification on doubtful points in the investigation reports or request CAPO to provide supplementary information. The IPCC will then re-examine the complaint cases based on the additional information provided by CAPO. Only when the IPCC is completely satisfied that CAPO has conducted a thorough and impartial investigation into a complaint will it endorse CAPO's investigation result(s).

In 2001, the IPCC endorsed 3,540 complaint cases in connection with which the IPCC had raised 868 queries with CAPO. In 2002, the IPCC endorsed 3,607 complaint cases and had raised 704 queries with CAPO in connection with these cases. The queries were related to the thoroughness of the investigations, clarifications on ambiguous points in the CAPO reports/CAPO case files, results of investigation, grounds for the exercise of constabulary powers, and compliance with police practices/procedures, etc.

Of the 868 queries raised by the IPCC in 2001, 553 (63.7%) were accepted by CAPO whereas the rest were satisfactorily explained/followed-up by CAPO. Of the 704 queries raised by the IPCC in 2002, 526 (74.7%) were accepted by CAPO; the rest were satisfactorily explained/followed-up by CAPO.

In both years, all of the investigation results concluded by CAPO were endorsed by the IPCC after its review and in the light of the amendments, explanation and clarification by CAPO.

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Name in block letters MRS ANNIE LEUNG

Post Title Secretary, Independent
Police Complaints Council

Date 19 March 2003

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Reply Serial No.

SB143

Question Serial No.

1199

Head : 121 Independent Police Complaints Council

Subhead (No. & title): 000 Operational Expenses

Programme : Police Complaints Administration

Controlling Officer : Secretary, Independent Police Complaints Council

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

“Salary increments for staff” has an impact on the estimate of IPCC for the coming year. Please inform this Committee:

- (e) of the number of staff involved and their respective ranks, as well as the amount involved in 2003-04;
- (f) how IPCC can absorb the increased expenditure in this aspect and at the same time provide the same level of or even better services with lesser resources;
- (g) of the actual savings from civil service pay cut in 2002-03 and whether that has offset part of the expenditure mentioned in (a)?

Asked by : Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply :

- (a) Of the 24 officers on the establishment of the IPCC Secretariat, 8 will get salary increments in 2003-04 and a breakdown is as follows:-

<u>Rank</u>	<u>No. of Staff</u>
Senior Executive Officer	3
Executive Officer I	3
Executive Officer II	1

Clerical Officer	1
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The amount of increments involved in 2003-04 is about \$46,000.

- (b) The amount of \$46,000 required to cover salary increments is insignificant and therefore will have little impact on service delivery.
- (c) The IPCC saved about \$172,000 by the civil service pay cut in 2002-03 and the amount has been deducted from the revised estimates for 2002-03. Part of the savings has been offset by the expenditure mentioned in paragraph (a).

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Post Title Secretary, Independent
Police Complaints Council

Date 20 March 2003

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

SB144

Question Serial No.

1296

Head : 121 Independent Police Complaints Council

Subhead (No. & title): 000 Operational Expenses

Programme : Police Complaints Administration

Controlling Officer : Secretary, Independent Police Complaints Council

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Please provide details of the number of non-civil service contract staff employed in 2002-03 and the expenditure involved. Does IPCC have any plans to employ more or less non-civil service contract staff in 2003-04? If yes, what is the rationale? How many will be employed and how much expenditure will be involved?

Asked by : Hon. LEE Cheuk-yan

Reply :

The IPCC did not employ any non-civil service contract staff in 2002-03 and has no plan to employ non-civil service contract staff in 2003-04.

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Post Title Secretary, Independent
Police Complaints Council

Date 19 March 2003

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Reply Serial No.

SB145

Question Serial No.

1329

Head : 121 Independent Police Complaints Council

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : Police Complaints Administration

Controlling Officer : Secretary, Independent Police Complaints Council

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Among the complaint cases received by IPCC from CAPO in 2002, please specify the number of cases in which IPCC did not agree with CAPO's classification of investigation findings? Among which, in how many cases were IPCC's comments accepted by CAPO or satisfactory explanations given/follow-up actions arranged? In how many cases were CAPO and IPCC unable to reach a consensus? For how many cases must recommendations be made to the Commissioner of Police and/or the Chief Executive?

Asked by : Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply :

In 2002, the Independent Police Complaints Council (IPCC) raised 112 queries with the Complaints Against Police Office (CAPO) about the classification of complaint investigation results endorsed in the year. Among the 112 queries, 84 (75%) were accepted by CAPO and 28 (25%) were satisfactorily explained/followed-up.

The main function of the IPCC is to review and monitor the investigations by CAPO of public complaints directed at the Police. In monitoring the complaint cases, the IPCC will examine the investigation reports and other related documents such as Police General Orders, Force Procedures Manual and seek expert advice, where appropriate, from lawyers, pathologists, government chemists, etc. As and when required, the IPCC will re-examine the complaint cases based on the additional information provided by CAPO. Only when the IPCC is completely satisfied that CAPO has conducted a

thorough and impartial investigation into a complaint will it endorse CAPO's investigation result(s). In 2002, all of the investigation results concluded by CAPO were endorsed by the IPCC after its review and in the light of the amendments, explanation and clarification by CAPO. Therefore, it was not necessary for the IPCC to make any suggestion to the Commissioner of Police or the Chief Executive regarding the classification of complaint investigation results in 2002.

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Police Complaints Council

Date 19 March 2003

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Reply Serial No.

SB146

Question Serial No.

1330

Head : 121 Independent Police Complaints Council

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : Police Complaints Administration

Controlling Officer : Secretary, Independent Police Complaints Council

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Regarding disciplinary actions against police officers or advice on performance improvement, how many times did IPCC make suggestions to CAPO in 2002? Among which, in how many cases were IPCC's suggestions accepted by CAPO or satisfactory explanations given/follow-up actions arranged? In how many cases were CAPO and IPCC unable to reach a consensus? For how many cases must recommendations be made to the Commissioner of Police and/or the Chief Executive?

Asked by : Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply :

The imposition of disciplinary action and warning on police officers is the prerogative of the Commissioner of Police. The IPCC may, however, comment on the subject as to whether the level of the disciplinary action or warning is commensurate with the gravity of the misconduct. The IPCC made 47 comments in this regard in 2002. Of these, 37 (78.7%) were accepted by the Police and 10 (21.3%) were satisfactorily explained/followed-up. The IPCC had no qualms about the disciplinary action or warning imposed on police officers after explanation or clarification was furnished by the Police and no suggestion on the subject was made to the Commissioner of Police or the Chief Executive in 2002.

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Post Title Secretary, Independent
Police Complaints Council

Date 19 March 2003

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Reply Serial No.

SB147

Question Serial No.

1331

Head : 121 Independent Police Complaints Council

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : Police Complaints Administration

Controlling Officer : Secretary, Independent Police Complaints Council

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

The Government will introduce the IPCC Bill in the 2003-04 legislative session. Has IPCC reserved any manpower and resources for that issue? If yes, please provide the details.

Asked by : Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply :

No manpower and resources have been specifically reserved in the IPCC's 2003-04 draft Estimates for introduction of the IPCC Bill.

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Post Title Secretary, Independent
Police Complaints Council

Date 19 March 2003

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INITIAL WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY
QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

SB149

Question Serial No.

1124

Head: 166 - Government Flying Service Subhead(No. & title): 000 - Operational expenses

Programme: Government Flying Service

Controlling Officer: Controller, Government Flying Service

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Security

Question :

In 2003-04 (estimate), the provision for job-related allowances is \$178,000, representing a significant increase of 187% when compared to \$62,000 in the revised estimate last year. Please provide a breakdown of the expenditure and account for the drastic increase.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Man-kwong

Reply:

In the 2003-04 Estimate, to better reflect their nature and purpose, various job-related allowances for the discipline services are grouped under 'Job-related allowances' instead of under 'Allowances' as in the past.

Consequently, for Government Flying Service, the 'Job-related allowances' which used to include only the Shift Duty Allowance (SDA) will include also the Extraneous Duty Allowance (EDA), Typhoon Allowance (TA) and Rainstorm Black Warning Allowance (RBWA) with effect from 2003-04. The required provision for this item in 2003-04 is \$178,000, breakdown as: \$63,000 for SDA, \$100,000 for EDA, \$12,000 for TA and \$3,000 for RBWA. The revised estimate of \$62,000 for 2002-03 covered SDA only. The addition of the EDA, TA and RBWA (i.e. \$100,000 + \$12,000 + \$3,000) in 2003-04 under the 'Job-related allowances' explains the 187% increase in the provision required for this item.

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Name in block letters Johnny N C LEE

Post Title Controller, Government Flying Service (Ag.)

Date 20.3.2003

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Head :35 Government Secretariat : Beijing Office Subhead(No. & title) :

Programme : (2) HKSAR Immigration-related Matters

Controlling Officer : Director, Beijing Office

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

In 2001 and 2002, the number of cases in which assistance was provided to Hong Kong residents in distress in the Mainland, including those under detention, was 224 and 209 respectively. In this regard, please supply information for the years 2001 and 2002 concerning:

- (a) the number of cases in which Hong Kong residents were detained in the Mainland;
- (b) among those detention cases, the respective number of cases in which Hong Kong residents had already been released and were still under detention, and the number of people involved under each category;
- (c) the number of cases in which Hong Kong residents were released due to the assistance provided by the Administration; and
- (d) the actual assistance rendered to the detainees and their families, the resources deployed, and whether the Administration will consider enhancing the assistance in view of the further integration of Hong Kong with the Mainland. If no, the reasons for that?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply :

- (a) In 2001, there were 111 cases in which Hong Kong residents were detained in the Mainland. In 2002, there were 108 cases;
- (b) The 38 Hong Kong residents in 38 of the 111 cases in 2001 had already been released; and 43 persons in 42 were still being detained (excluding 30 cases in which Hong Kong residents were serving sentences and 1 case in which a Hong Kong resident was on medical parole). In 2002, of the 108 cases, 21 Hong Kong residents

in 21 cases had already been released; and 65 persons in 65 cases were still being detained (excluding 21 cases in which Hong Kong residents were serving sentences and 1 case in which a Hong Kong resident was on medical parole);

- (c) We do not have such information, as the Beijing Office does not and cannot claim that the release of the persons involved were a direct result of the assistance rendered by the Office;
- (d) For detained Hong Kong residents, the Beijing Office would pass on and reflect their requests or those of their family members to the relevant authorities, such as the Public Security Departments, General Administration of Customs, Committee of Political Science and Law under the Communist Party of China Central Committee, People's Procuratorates, People's Courts and Complaints Offices. The outcome for some of these cases include: expedition of litigation proceedings; provision of updated progress; accedence to their requests; provision of medical examinations for medical parole (medical parole were granted in some cases); granting of bail pending trial, etc.

The manpower and resources involved in providing assistance to Hong Kong residents accounts for 35% of the existing resources of the Immigration Section of the Beijing Office. Depending on circumstances and as far as practicable, the Beijing Office will continue to provide such assistance to Hong Kong residents in distress in the Mainland with existing resources through enhancement of productivity and simplified procedures.

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Name in block letters	<u>Bowen Leung</u>
Post Title	<u>Director, Beijing Office</u>
Date	<u>18.3.2003</u>

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2003-04**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Head :35 Government Secretariat : Beijing Office Subhead(No. & title) :

Programme : (2) HKSAR Immigration-related Matters

Controlling Officer : Director, Beijing Office

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

The Beijing Office provides practical assistance to the Hong Kong residents in distress in the Mainland. How many cases did the Office handle over the past year? Please list out the types and number of problems for which assistance was requested and the types of assistance provided by the Office respectively.

Asked by : Hon. LEE Chu-ming, Martin

Reply :

In 2002, the Beijing Office received 209 requests for assistance from Hong Kong residents in distress in the Mainland. Of these, 59 cases involved the loss of travel documents or monies, and 42 cases were from persons who were either in danger, involved in traffic accidents, injured or whose relatives had passed away in the Mainland. The remaining 108 cases involved the detention of Hong Kong residents in the Mainland.

For those Hong Kong residents being detained in the Mainland, the Beijing Office would pass on and reflect their requests or their family members' requests to relevant authorities and follow up the cases, including the Public Security Departments, General Administration of Customs, Committee of Political Science and Law under the Communist Party of China Central Committee, People's Procuratorates, People's Courts and Complaints Offices.

For cases involving the loss of travel documents and monies, the Beijing Office would after confirming the identity of the Hong Kong residents, issue Entry Permit for their return to Hong Kong and contact their families in Hong Kong for remittance to settle their expenses incurred in the Mainland; advise them on how to apply for Exit Permit from the Mainland authorities and make arrangements for their transportation back to Hong Kong. In the event that assistance could not be sought immediately from their family members, the Beijing Office could advance a suitable amount of money to the persons in question subject to their undertaking to repay the advanced sum in full and return to Hong Kong immediately.

For Hong Kong residents seeking assistance due to traffic accidents, injuries, illness, dangerous situations or fatal cases requiring follow up actions with their families etc., the Beijing Office would contact the relevant Mainland authorities to ensure that the following assistance was promptly provided:

- processing for the lost documents and assisting Hong Kong residents in applying for entry and exit permits and death notarial certificates;
- contacting family/travel agencies to arrange for the expeditious return of the injured person(s) to Hong Kong for treatment;
- coordinating with relevant departments in Hong Kong SAR Government regarding the necessary arrangements relating to the reception of the injured person(s) in Hong Kong;
- assisting the families and/or relatives of the deceased Hong Kong residents in completing the procedures for the transportation of their bodies back to Hong Kong.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
 INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Head :35 Government Secretariat : Beijing Office Subhead(No. & title) :

Programme : (2) HKSAR Immigration-related Matters

Controlling Officer : Director, Beijing Office

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

How many cases of missing Hong Kong people in the Mainland did the Beijing Office handle over the past year? What kind of assistance did the Office provide?

Asked by : Hon. LEE Chu-ming, Martin

Reply :

In 2002, the Beijing Office handled 3 cases of missing Hong Kong residents in the Mainland, for which 2 Hong Kong residents had been found.

As there is an established channel between the Hong Kong Police and the Mainland Public Security Bureau for handling and searching for missing Hong Kong residents in the Mainland, the Beijing Office would advise the families of the missing Hong Kong resident to report the case to Hong Kong Police immediately and to the Mainland Public Security Bureau at the same time. Through the liaison with Hong Kong Police Liaison Bureau, the Mainland Public Security Bureau would carry out the search for the missing persons. In addition, according to the information provided by the family concerned, the Beijing Office would liaise with Hong Kong Immigration Department to verify the identity of the missing persons and provide relevant information to the local public security office in the Mainland to facilitate the search.

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Date	<u>18.3.2003</u>

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Head :35 Government Secretariat : Beijing Office Subhead(No. & title) :

Programme : (2) HKSAR Immigration-related Matters

Controlling Officer : Director, Beijing Office

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

- (a) Increasingly frequent trips are made by Hong Kong residents to and from the Mainland on business and tours. Why is the number of cases requiring the provision of assistance to Hong Kong people in distress in the Mainland estimated at only 200 or so for 2003?
- (b) How much manpower and resources did the Administration use to assist Hong Kong residents in distress in the Mainland in 2001-02 and 2002-03? How much resources will be earmarked for the provision of such assistance in 2003-04?
- (c) Will the Administration consider reviewing, enhancing and improving the relevant services?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Wai-yip, Albert

Reply :

- (a) The preparation of the estimates of the provision of assistance to Hong Kong residents in distress in the Mainland for 2003 by the Beijing Office is based on the actual number of cases handled in 2001 (224 cases) and 2002 (209 cases).
- (b) The handling of these requests for assistance had not been planned as the work of the Beijing Office when it was first established, and no resource had been provided for this area of service. In 2001-02, the Beijing Office had coped with this additional service through productivity enhancement and internal staff deployment, the manpower and resources involved accounted for 35% of the resources of the Immigration Section of the Beijing Office. In 2002-03, the manpower and resources involved in handling assistance cases also accounted for 35% of the resources of the Immigration Section of the Beijing Office. In 2003-04, the Beijing Office estimates that a similar level of manpower and resources would be required for providing assistance to Hong Kong residents in distress in the Mainland.

- (c) The Beijing Office has all along made positive efforts to assist Hong Kong residents in distress in the Mainland. We shall maintain contacts with officials of the Mainland authorities with a view to speeding up their responses to the cases.

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Date	<u>18.3.2003</u>

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Head :35 Government Secretariat : Beijing Office Subhead(No. & title) :

Programme : (2) HKSAR Immigration-related Matters

Controlling Officer : Director, Beijing Office

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Could the Administration provide us with the number of cases involving the detention of Hong Kong residents on the Mainland over the last two years, plus the following information :-

- (a) Where did each of these cases take place and what were the circumstances leading to the detention?
- (b) What is the outcome of each of these cases (including the number of case that were referred to the appropriate Mainland authorities)?
- (c) What practical assistance has been provided by the BJO?

Asked by : Hon. NG Margaret

Reply :

The Beijing Office does not have statistics on all the number of cases involving the detention of Hong Kong residents in the Mainland. We only handle cases which seek our assistance. In 2001 and 2002, the number of such cases were 111 and 108 respectively.

- (a) The 111 cases in 2001 took place in the following places (with the number of cases in brackets): Guangdong (73), Beijing(7), Shanghai(7), Fujian(4), Shaanxi(3), Zhejiang(3), Liaoning(2), Jiangsu(2), Guangxi(1), Henan(1), Hebei(1), Jilin(1), Jiangxi(1), Shanxi(1), Sichuan(1), Hainan(1), Heilongjian(1), Xinjiang(1). The reasons for detention were (with the number of cases in brackets) as follows: fraud/ robbery/ kidnapping (29), smuggling (43), smuggling of narcotic drugs/ manufacturing narcotic drugs/ rape (10), killing/ injuring with intent (5), selling entry and exit documents (1), organizing for illegal migration (1), organization of triad society/ breach of state order (3), official tort/ misappropriation/ illegal operation/ false capital contribution/ disputes over loans/ tax evasion/ forgery of bills and notes (13), corruption and bribery (1), patronizing prostitutes/ traffic

accident/ creating disturbances (3), and prejudicing witnesses in the giving of testimony (2).

The 108 cases in 2002 took place in the following places (with the number of cases in brackets): Guangdong(73), Beijing(5), Shanghai(5), Ningxia Autonomous Region(4), Jiangsu(4), Guangxi(3), Yunnan(3), Shandong(2), Zhejiang(2), Fujian(1), Hunan(1), Hubei(1), Sichuan(1), Hainan(1), Heilongjian(1), Tianjin(1). The reasons for detention were (with the number of cases in brackets) as follows: fraud/ robbery (27), smuggling (41), smuggling of narcotic drugs/ manufacturing narcotic drugs/ possession of narcotic drugs (13), organising prostitutes (1), bigamy (1), injuring with intent (1), official tort/ misappropriation/ false capital contribution/ illegal operation (11), corruption and bribery (2), business disputes (2), organizing for illegal migration (1), breach of state order (2), selling entry and exit documents (1), prejudicing witnesses in the giving of testimony (1), provide information without authorization (2), traffic accident (1), and cover up the suspects (1).

- (b) The Hong Kong residents in 38 of the 111 detention cases in 2001, had already been released; 30 cases were serving sentences; 1 case was on medical parole; and in the remaining 42 cases, Hong Kong residents were still being detained (some of these cases include: imposition of compulsory measures by the Mainland authorities, prosecution, trial, lodging appeal and/or petition). The Beijing Office had reflected the requests of the family members of all these cases to the Mainland authorities concerned; 536 letters had been sent to the relevant Mainland authorities including Public Security Departments, General Administration of Customs, People's Procuratorates, People's Courts and Complaints Offices.

The Hong Kong residents in 21 of the 108 detention cases in 2002, had already been released; 21 cases were serving sentences; 1 case was on medical parole; and in the remaining 65 cases Hong Kong residents were still being detained (some of these cases include: imposition of compulsory measures by the Mainland authorities, prosecution, trial, lodging appeal and/or petition). The Beijing Office had reflected the requests of the family members of all these cases to the Mainland authorities; 635 letters had been sent to the relevant Mainland authorities including Public Security Departments, General Administration of Customs, People's Procuratorates, People's Courts and Complaints Offices.

- (c) The Beijing Office has been providing the following practical assistance to Hong Kong residents in distress in the Mainland:

For Hong Kong residents being detained in the Mainland, the Beijing Office would pass on and reflect their requests or those of their family members to the relevant Mainland authorities and follow up the cases. These Mainland authorities include Public Security Departments, General Administration of Customs, Committee of Political Science and Law under the Communist Party of China Central Committee, People's Procuratorates, People's Courts and Complaints Offices.

For cases involving the loss of travel documents and monies, the Beijing Office would after confirming the identity of the Hong Kong residents, issue Entry Permit

for their return to Hong Kong and contact their families in Hong Kong for remittance to settle their expenses incurred in the Mainland; advise them on how to apply for Exit Permit from the Mainland authorities and make arrangements for their transportation back to Hong Kong. In the event that assistance could not be sought immediately from their family members, the Beijing Office could advance a suitable amount of money to the persons in question subject to their undertaking to repay the advanced sum in full and return to Hong Kong immediately.

Signature	<u>Signed in Chinese version</u>
Name in block letters	<u>Bowen Leung</u>
Post Title	<u>Director, Beijing Office</u>
Date	<u>18.3.2003</u>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY
QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

SB156

Question Serial
No.

1198

Head: 23 - Auxiliary Medical Service

Subhead (No. & title): 000 Operational Expenses

Programme: Auxiliary Medical Service

Controlling Officer: Chief Staff Officer, Auxiliary Medical Service

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

According to the Estimates, the training hours provided to new recruits would be reduced from 51,560 man-hours in 2002 to 30,000 man-hours in the coming year, while the number of new recruits would be maintained at around the same level as that of previous year. In this connection, would the government advise this Council:

- a) How much expenditure could be saved from the reduction in training hours provided to new recruits?
- b) Would the reduction in training hours affect the services provided by the Auxiliary Medical Service? If the answer is affirmative, what is the impact? If the answer is negative, what is the reason?

Asked by: Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply:

- a) With the reduction of training hours provided to new recruits in 2003, a saving of \$650,000 can be achieved.
- b) The reduction in training hours allocated to new recruits is mainly in respect of the footdrill module and it will not affect the services provided by the Auxiliary Medical Service. The department will further streamline and consolidate the recruit training programme by focusing on essential first aid skills required for daily duties. When posted to operational units, new recruits will continue footdrill training in their regular service training.

Signature _____

Name in block letters CHAN Yiu-wing

Post Title Chief Staff Officer, Auxiliary Medical Service

Date 19.3.2003

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY
QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

SB157

Question Serial
No.

1269

Head: 23 - Auxiliary Medical Service

Subhead(No. & title): 000 Operational Expenses

Programme: Auxiliary Medical Service

Controlling Officer: Chief Staff Officer, Auxiliary Medical Service

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question :

Please provide information on the number of non-civil service contract staff employed during 2002–03 and the relevant expenditure incurred. Is there any plan to increase or reduce the number of non-civil service contract staff in 2003–04? If the answer is affirmative, what would be the reasons and the number of staff and expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon. LEE Cheuk-yan

Reply:

During 2002–03, the Auxiliary Medical Service employed one non-civil service contract staff. The relevant expenditure incurred is \$157,500. There is no plan to increase or reduce the number of non-civil service contract staff in 2003–04.

Signature _____

Name in block letters _____ CHAN Yiu-wing

Post Title Chief Staff Officer, Auxiliary Medical Service

Date _____ 19.3.2003

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

SB 158

Question Serial
No.

0266

Head: 28 – Civil Aviation Department

Subhead(No. & title): 000 Operational expenses

Programme: (2) – Airport Standards

Controlling Officer:

Director-General of Civil Aviation

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

What new measures or plans will be in place to ensure that the Hong Kong International Airport meets the required safety and security standards? Will the Administration decide, in the light of the risk assessments of terrorist attack in Hong Kong, to increase the staffing provision to ensure the security of the Airport?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

The Hong Kong International Airport has already met the safety and security standards by the Convention on International Civil Aviation. However, the following new initiatives or programmes will still be implemented by the Civil Aviation Department in order to maintain Hong Kong's leading position in aviation security in the Region.

- (a) to organise seminars/promotional campaigns and to produce promotional publications and video CDs for enhancing the awareness of aviation security;
- (b) to organise training courses on aviation security and dangerous goods for the aviation industry;
- (c) to strengthen the inspections of the regulated agents in relation to air cargo;
- (d) to strengthen the establishment and provide additional resources to the Aviation Security Section to cope with increasing demand on aviation security regulatory works; and
- (e) to attend International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) Aviation Security Panel, ICAO Asia Pacific Region Aviation Security Conferences, Asia Pacific Economic Co-operation (APEC) Transport Security Expert Conferences; and to provide support as aviation expert to facilitate the enhancement of the standard of aviation security in the Region.

The Civil Aviation Department regularly examines the adequacy of security measures of the Hong Kong International Airport. The Police and the Aviation Security Company Limited will, in the light of the threat assessment of terrorist attack in Hong Kong, deploy additional resources to ensure the security of the Airport when necessary.

Signature _____

Name in block letters ALBERT K.Y. LAM

Post Title Director-General of Civil
Aviation

Date 20.3.2003

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN/~~SUPPLEMENTARY~~ QUESTION

Reply Serial No.

SB159

Question Serial No.

0369

Head : 28 Civil Aviation Subhead (No. & title) : 000 Operational Expenses
Department

Programme : (2) Airport Standards

Controlling Officer : Director-General of Civil Aviation

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question : Provision for 2003-04 is \$4.0 million (13.1%) higher than the revised estimate for 2002-03. One of the reasons for such increase is due to the additional provision to implement various initiatives to enhance aviation security. Will the Administration inform this Committee, what are these initiatives and how much provision has been allocated?

Asked by: Hon. YOUNG Howard

Reply: A provision of \$3.12 million has been earmarked for the following initiatives to enhance aviation security :

	<u>\$M</u>
(a) to organise seminars/promotional campaigns and to produce promotional publication and video CD for enhancing the awareness of aviation security;	0.75
(b) to organise training courses on aviation security and dangerous goods for the aviation industry;	0.23
(c) to strengthen the inspections of the regulated agents in relation to air cargo;	0.70
(d) to strengthen the establishment of and provide additional resources to the Aviation Security Section to cope with increasing demand on aviation security regulatory works; and	1.14
(e) to attend the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) Aviation Security Panel, ICAO Asia and Pacific Region Aviation Security Conferences and Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Transport Security Expert Conferences; and to provide support as aviation expert to facilitate the enhancement of the standard of aviation security in the Region.	0.30

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Signature _____
Name in block letters ALBERT K.Y. LAM
Post Title Director-General of Civil Aviation
Date .3.2003

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

SB160

Question Serial
No.

0488

Head: 28-Civil Aviation Department

Subhead(No. & title): 000 Operational expenses

Programme: (2) Airport Standards

Controlling Officer: Director-General of Civil Aviation

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question : In the light of political instability in the international arena, an additional provision of \$4 m is required by the Civil Aviation Department to implement various initiatives to enhance aviation security, including promotional activities and enhanced inspections for the coming year. In this connection, could the Government inform this Council of the details regarding such promotional activities and strengthened inspections; the provision required by each activity and inspection; and the comparison of security level with other places after the implementation of the enhanced initiatives?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Kam-lam

Reply: The Civil Aviation Department's expenditure on promotional activities and strengthened inspections for enhancing aviation security for the coming year is around \$3.12 m, which includes:

	<u>\$'000</u>
(1) organising seminars and promotional activities, and the production of publicity publications and video CDs for enhancing aviation security awareness;	750
(2) organising training courses on aviation security and dangerous goods for the aviation industry;	230
(3) strengthening the inspection of the regulated agents for air cargo;	700
(4) strengthening the establishment of and providing additional resources for the Aviation Security Section to cope with increased demand for aviation security regulatory works; and	1,140
(5) attending Aviation Security Panel of the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO), the ICAO Asia and Pacific Region Aviation Security Conferences and the Transport Security Expert Conferences of the Asia Pacific Economic Co-operation as well as providing support in the capacity of an aviation security expert to facilitate the enhancement of the standard of aviation security in the Region.	300
	<u>3,120</u>

Hong Kong's aviation security has complied with the standards laid down by the Convention on International Civil Aviation, and the aviation security requirements laid down by the Civil Aviation Department are widely used as reference by other countries in the region. The implementation of the enhanced initiatives will strengthen Hong Kong's leading position in aviation security.

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Name in block letters LAM Kwong-yu, Albert

Post Title Director-General of Civil Aviation

Date 20.3.2003

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

SB161

Question Serial
No.

1272

Head: 27 Civil Aid Service

Subhead(No. & title): 000 Operational Expense

Programme: Civil Aid Service

Controlling Officer: Chief Staff Officer, Civil Aid Service

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question :

Please provide the number of non-civil service contract staff employed and the level of expenditure involved in 2002-03. Are there any plans to employ more or less non-civil service contract staff in 2003-04? If so, what are the reasons? And what will be the number of staff and the level of expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. LEE Cheuk-yan

Reply: The Civil Aid Service has not employed any non-civil service contract staff (NCSC staff) in 2002-03. This Department does not have any plan to employ NCSC staff in 2003-04.

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Name in block letters _____ Robert MK Chan

Post Title _____ Chief Staff Officer, CAS

Date _____ 19.3.2003

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

SB162

Question Serial No.

1328

Head : 48 Government Laboratory Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (3) Forensic Science Service

Controlling Officer : Government Chemist

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Regarding Programme (3) Forensic Science Service, would the Government provide information on the present number of profiles in the DNA database; the sources of the records (e.g. provided voluntarily, collected from serious crime suspects, etc); the number of suspects successfully identified by means of the database?

Asked by : Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply :

As at the end of February 2003, the DNA database maintained by the Government Laboratory contained 2563 profiles, 2017 of which were from persons convicted of serious arrestable offences and 546 from volunteers.

As at the end of February 2003, a total of 88 DNA profiles from crime scenes were found matched with those from suspects, convicted persons, or volunteers. These cases have been referred to the Police for further action and investigation.

Signature _____

Name in block letters Dr D G Clarke

Post Title Government Chemist

Date 20 March 2003

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION

Reply Serial No.

SB163

Head : 37 Department of Health Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme : 6 Treatment of Drug Abusers

0030

Controlling Officer : Director of Health

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question : With regard to the service provided by methadone clinics as mentioned under this Programme, will the Department inform us of :

- (a) the details of this service; and
- (b) the provision reserved for this service in 2003-04 and the establishment required?
Please set out the establishment and strength for each rank.

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

- (a) The Department of Health operates a Methadone Treatment Programme to provide treatment of opiate abusers through a network of 20 clinics. Opiate abusers could enroll in the maintenance programme to replace illicit opiate use with methadone under medical supervision. They could also enroll in the detoxification programme to achieve a drug-free state by taking decreasing dosages of methadone over a period of time. The methadone patients are also provided with support services such as health education and counselling service at the methadone clinics. In 2002, the total number of attendances was about 2 600 000.
- (b) The provision for methadone clinics in 2003-04 is \$34.6M and the number of staff involved is as follows :

Senior Medical and Health Officer	3
Executive Officer	1
Statistical Officer	1
Assistant Clerical Officer	1
Clerical Assistant	5
Office Assistant	1
Workman	<u>18</u>
Total	30

In addition, there are 45 doctors and 150 Auxiliary Medical Service members who man the methadone clinics on a part-time basis. The Society for the Aid and Rehabilitation of Drug Abusers also provides counselling service at methadone clinics with a team of 26 social workers funded by subventions from this Department. The provision in 2003-04 is \$14.3M.

Signature _____

Name in block letters Dr Margaret CHAN

Post Title Director of Health

Date 19 March 2003

Reply Serial No.

EMB114

SB164

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Question Serial No.

1189

Head : 703 - Buildings

Subhead : 3046JA, 3047JA, 3180EP, 3235EP,
3243EP, 3252EP, 3260EP, 3269EP,
3276EP, 3278EP, 3236ES, 3089ET

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Architectural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security
Secretary for Education and Manpower

Question : Please outline the uses of the provisions for the following projects for the coming year, such as which stage of the project to be paid for.

- (a) 3046JA : Departmental quarters at Lee On Road, Kwun Tong;
- (b) 3047JA : Departmental quarters at Hong Ning Road, Kwun Tong;
- (c) 3180EP : Two primary schools at Tsz Lok Estate, Tsz Wan Shan;
- (d) 3235EP : Primary school at Sau Mau Ping Estate redevelopment phase 6;
- (e) 3243EP : Primary school at Tsz Ching Estate phase 2, Tsz Wan Shan;
- (f) 3252EP : Primary school at Wang Chiu Road, Kowloon Bay;
- (g) 3260EP : Primary school at Yau Tong Estate redevelopment phase 2;
- (h) 3269EP : Three primary schools at Po Kong Village Road, Kowloon;
- (i) 3276EP : Primary school at Kai Lai Road, Kowloon Bay;
- (j) 3278EP : Primary school in Sau Mau Ping Estate phase 9;
- (k) 3236ES : Secondary school at Po Kong Village Road, Kowloon; and
- (l) 3089ET : Special school in Yau Tong.

Asked by : Hon. LI Wah-ming, Fred

Reply :

- | | <u>Item</u> | <u>Funding Requirement in 2003/04</u> |
|-----|-------------|---|
| (a) | 3046JA | The estimates are for settlement of final accounts. |
| (b) | 3047JA | The estimates are for settlement of final accounts. |
| (c) | 3180EP | The estimates are for settlement of final accounts. |
| (d) | 3235EP | The estimates are for settlement of final accounts. |
| (e) | 3243EP | The estimates are for settlement of final accounts and payment for furniture and equipment items. |
| (f) | 3252EP | The estimates are for settlement of final accounts and payment for furniture and equipment items. |
| (g) | 3260EP | The estimates are for settlement of final accounts. |
| (h) | 3269EP | The estimates are for settlement of final accounts and payment for furniture and equipment items. |
| (i) | 3276EP | The estimates are for settlement of final accounts. |
| (j) | 3278EP | The estimates are for settlement of final accounts and payment for furniture and equipment items. |
| (k) | 3236ES | The estimates are for settlement of final accounts. |
| (l) | 3089ET | The estimates are for settlement of final accounts and payment for furniture and equipment items. |

Signature

Name in block letters

Post Title

Date

C. H. YUE

Director of Architectural Services

20 March 2003