

NOTE FOR PUBLIC WORKS SUBCOMMITTEE OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Supplementary Information on 242LP – Marine Police Outer Waters District Headquarters and Marine Police North Division at Ma Liu Shui, Sha Tin

INTRODUCTION

In considering PWSC(2003-04)25 on **242LP** at the Public Works Subcommittee meeting on 25 June 2003, Members requested the Administration to provide further information on –

- (a) the number of cases handled at the Report Room of Marine Police North Division (MNDIV) in the past few years; and
- (b) the annual recurrent costs incurred by Marine Police Outer Waters District Headquarters (MOWDIST HQ) and MNDIV before and after the proposed reprovisioning.

THE ADMINISTRATION'S RESPONSE

Number of Cases handled at Report Room

2. The Report Room and related facilities of MNDIV, like any other report room in a police station, is the centre of the Division where members of the public are received, reports are recorded and processed, enquiries are dealt with, and arrested persons are interviewed, searched and detained on a temporary basis. It is also the place where documentations relating to summons enforcement action are processed and properties that come into the custody of police are safely handled.

3. Due to the shortage of accommodation in the existing base, only an area of about 6m² can be allocated for use as a “Report Room” without the provision of any related facilities. The area is just sufficient for answering public enquiries. MNDIV officers are required to carry out other work involving members of the public in the Fitness Room. Such an arrangement is not conducive to operational efficiency.

4. To provide for a suitable environment to conduct the above mentioned Police duties, at least 103m² will be required for the Report Room and related facilities. These will include working area for staff and public area (44m²), a documentation room (10m²), two search cubicles (13m²), temporary holding area for arrested persons (30m²) and a temporary property depository (6m²). The proposed Report Room and related facilities of MNDIV will still be smaller than those in other standard Police Stations. For instance, the sizes of the Report Room and related facilities in Waterfront Divisional Police Station and North Point Police Station are 265m² and 320m² respectively.

5. Statistics relating to cases handled at the Report Room of MNDIV in the past three years are as follow -

	Year 2000	Year 2001	Year 2002
(a) No. of Reports ¹	6 525	5 245	6 462
(b) No. of Summons Processed	1 030	1 055	943

Additional Recurrent Expenditures

6. The annual recurrent expenditure of the new building is estimated at \$4,144,792. This represents an increase by \$1,910,922 from the existing charges of \$2,233,870. The increase is mainly due to the extension of accommodation and provision of adequate facilities in the new building to alleviate the acute shortage of space in the existing MNDIV Operational Base. After the proposed reprovisioning, the annual cost for building maintenance will be decreased by \$458,650.

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1 In this context, “reports” mean all incidents, cases and matters handled at the Report Room and related facilities. These include enquiries initiated by the public or the Police and all relevant Police actions such as arrests, vessel/house searches, raids, etc.

7. A comparison of the breakdown of the annual recurrent expenditures incurred by the existing MOWDIST HQ and MNDIV and the proposed new Headquarters and Operational Base is as follows –

	Description	Recurrent Expenditures (HK\$)		
		Existing (a)	Estimated (b)	Additional (b)-(a)
Recurrent expenditures to be absorbed by the Police				
(i)	Utility Charges <i>Reasons for the increase:</i> Additional space of 1 887 m ² will be provided in the new building to cover the existing shortfall. Various facilities will also be up-graded to meet the necessary requirements.	623,429	2,080,000	1,456,571
(ii)	Cleaning <i>Reason for the increase:</i> Increase in building area.	117,758	300,000	182,242
(iii)	Maintenance by Electrical and Mechanical Services Department <i>Reason for the increase:</i> Arising from the necessary electrical, mechanical and building services equipment, including a lift for disabled passengers, a pillar crane, an air-conditioning system, a kitchen ventilation system and grease-trap, fuel pumps for underground fuel tanks, sewage pumps, a CCTV monitoring system and a larger sprinkler system in the new building.	428,898	989,630	560,732

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	Description	Recurrent Expenditures (HK\$)		
		Existing (a)	Estimated (b)	Additional (b)-(a)
(iv)	Communications and Information Technology Equipment <i>Reason for the increase:</i> Adequate telephones and computer systems will be installed in the new building to enhance operational efficiency of the Police units there.	213,785	326,212	112,427
(v)	Landscaping <i>Reason for the increase:</i> For maintenance of the landscaping included on the site in line with Government's approach on greening.	0	57,600	57,600
	Sub-total	1,383,870	3,753,442	2,369,572
Recurrent expenditures to be absorbed by Architectural Services Department				
(vi)	Building Maintenance <i>Reason for the decrease:</i> New building requires less costly maintenance.	850,000	391,350	- 458,650
	Total	<u>2,233,870</u>	<u>4,144,792</u>	<u>1,910,922</u>

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