

**Replies to supplementary questions raised by Finance Committee Members in
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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No.

S-SB001

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

Question Serial No.

Programme : (2) Internal Security

S031

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Security

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

On 5 September 2003, the Chief Executive announced that the Security Bureau would establish a special working group to review afresh the legislative work of Article 23 of the Basic Law. Please provide details on the manpower and expenditure of the special working group in 2003-04 and 2004-05 respectively, as well as its present progress and work plan for 2004-05?

Asked by : Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply :

The Security Bureau has set up a working group for the implementation of Article 23 of the Basic Law. Its primary task is to review the work done previously and the information gathered on this subject in the past. Meanwhile, there is no timetable for such work and the expenditure involved will be absorbed by the existing resources of the Security Bureau.

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Post Title _____ Permanent Secretary for Security

Date _____ April 2004

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

Reply Serial No.

S-SB002

Question Serial No.

S013

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, the number of persons arrested and the number of successful prosecutions in 2003.

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>2003</u>
(a) Number of operations	679
(b) Number of people arrested	680
(c) Number of people successfully prosecuted	134

(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 can be successfully prosecuted.)

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Post Title Commissioner of Police

Date 8 April 2004

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

Reply Serial No.

S-SB003

Question Serial No.

S015

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, and the actual and estimated expenditure of the Criminal Intelligence Bureau in 2003-04 and 2004-05.

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

The establishment and strength of the Criminal Intelligence Bureau in 2003-04 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	14
Senior Inspector/Inspector	34	34
Station Sergeant	22	22
Sergeant	85	81
Police Constable	<u>151</u>	<u>152</u>
Sub-total (Disciplined Staff):	<u>313</u>	<u>310</u>

<u>Civilian Staff</u>	<u>Establishment</u>	<u>Strength</u>
Executive Officer I	1	1
Official Languages Officer	1	1
Clerical Officer	1	1
Assistant Clerical Officer	3	3
Personal Secretary II	6	5
Confidential Assistant	23	21
Typist	2	2
Clerical Assistant	2	2
Supplies Assistant	2	2
Artisan	1	1
Sub-total (Civilian Staff):	42	39
Total: (Disciplined + Civilian Staff)	<u>355</u>	<u>349</u>

The establishment will reduce to 353 in 2004-05. The posts of one Personal Secretary II and one Typist will be deleted.

The actual expenditure for the Criminal Intelligence Bureau in 2003-04 is \$107 m.

The estimated expenditure for the Criminal Intelligence Bureau in 2004-05 is \$103 m.

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Post Title Commissioner of Police

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

Reply Serial No.

S-SB004

Question Serial No.

S016

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 and the Force establishment and strength in each Police district. Please state also the projected Force establishment for 2004-05, in particular a breakdown of uniformed police officers and crime officers.
- (b) Were there any pilot schemes for the amalgamation of front-line operations implemented or finalized in 2003-04? If so, what are the details, savings on manpower and other resources, and implications on beat coverage? What will you expect in 2004-05?

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 2004, and the projected establishment with a breakdown of uniformed police officers and crime officers for 2004-05.
- (b) The Force continued to study the feasibility of the Police District Amalgamation Project in 2003-04. The result of the study concerning the Sham Shui Po Police District Amalgamation Project is satisfactory. The Force will implement the project in April 2004.

Under the Sham Shui Po Police District Amalgamation Project, the Sham Shui Po Division, Cheung Sha Wan Division and Shek Kip Mei Division will be realigned and amalgamated. After the amalgamation, 16 front-line police officer posts will be created while 25 disciplined posts and 15 civilian posts will be deleted. As a result, the Force will save about \$9.7 m in emolument a year.

The patrol coverage will remain unchanged after the amalgamation. The manpower of the patrol sub-units and their supervision will be enhanced, thus further strengthening the front-line policing work and allowing greater flexibility in staff deployment.

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Annex

Establishment and Strength of Disciplined Staff by District

<u>Region/District</u>	2004 Estimated Population	Current Situation (1.3.2004)				Projected Establishment 2004-05	
		Establishment		Strength			
		Uniform Branch	Crime	Uniform Branch	Crime	Uniform Branch	Crime
<u>Hong Kong Island Region</u>							
Central District	103 619	651	100	634	102	634	100
Eastern District	616 625	621	132	597	135	622	132
Wanchai District	157 561	515	134	506	139	516	134
Western District	430 695	609	102	592	108	610	102
Hong Kong Island Regional HQs	-	899	224	946	237	904	224
Sub-Total:	1 308 500	3 295	692	3 275	721	3 286	692
<u>Kowloon East Region</u>							
Kwun Tong District	618 072	537	126	532	128	538	126
Railway District	-	349	-	344	-	377	-
Sau Mau Ping District	317 489	479	110	474	114	464	110
Wong Tai Sin District	486 357	693	135	681	135	694	135
Kowloon East Regional HQs	-	772	170	836	174	772	170
Sub-Total:	1 421 918	2 830	541	2 867	551	2 845	541
<u>Kowloon West Region</u>							
Kowloon City District	375 031	672	129	656	129	673	129
Mongkok District	182 410	437	170	419	171	456	170
Shamshuipo District	399 593	695	165	667	171	695	164
Yau Tsim District	107 177	725	199	693	201	746	199
Kowloon West Regional HQs	-	1 052	322	1 070	324	1 025	322
Sub-Total:	1 064 211	3 581	985	3 505	996	3 595	984
<u>New Territories North Region</u>							
Border District	37 980	1 078	46	956	45	1 024	46
Tai Po District	567 720	574	180	586	179	576	180
Tuen Mun District	513 900	549	154	538	155	546	154
Yuen Long District	521 800	643	188	685	183	644	188
New Territories North Regional HQs	-	1 077	209	1 092	198	1 097	209
Sub-Total:	1 641 400	3 921	777	3 857	760	3 887	777
<u>New Territories South Region</u>							
Airport District	-	346	29	330	29	347	29
Kwai Tsing District	394 000	510	103	487	106	511	103
Lantau District	84 500	251	43	251	44	257	43
Sha Tin District	636 692	714	149	696	160	715	149
Tsuen Wan District	364 529	615	128	590	131	616	128
New Territories South Regional HQs	-	873	207	912	201	879	203
Sub-Total:	1 479 721	3 309	659	3 266	671	3 325	655
<u>Marine Region</u>	37 950	2 473	81	2 361	79	2 401	81
Total	6 953 700	23 144		22 909		23 069	

Notes:

Staff deployed to different Police Districts to perform duties include those of Other Formations (e.g. PTU Companies) and Training Reserves. This accounts for the fact that the strength of individual Police Districts exceeds their establishment.

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

Reply Serial No.

S-SB005

Question Serial No.

S017

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 2003? How do the figures compare with those of 2002?
- (b) Compare with 2002, has the number of raids conducted in 2003 increased or reduced? Please state the reasons and list the number of raids conducted and changes by type of crimes.

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 2003, 2 160 722 identity card checks and searches were conducted on members of the public, representing an increase of 15.05% when compared with those of 2002 (1 878 028).
- (b) Raids are operations against target premises relating to dangerous drugs, illegal gambling and vice activities. In the past year, 21 038 raids were conducted, representing a decrease of 14.48% against the 24 600 raids in 2002. This was mainly due to the fact that between March and May 2003, the Police deployed a certain amount of manpower to join hands with other government departments to handle the SARS incident. As we do not keep separate records of the breakdown of the number of raids by type of crimes, we are unable to give the details.

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

Reply Serial No.

S-SB006

Question Serial No.

S018

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:

In 2003-04, what measures were taken to prevent and combat narcotics offences? What was the expenditure involved? What measures will be taken in 2004-05?

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

The Police have taken the following measures to prevent and combat narcotics offences in 2003-04:

- actively gathered intelligence to investigate the activities of drug traffickers;
- mounted targeted operations to neutralize drug trafficking syndicates;
- enhanced cooperation with the Mainland and overseas authorities to combat trafficking of drugs and psychotropic substances;
- mounted territory-wide operations against drug distribution and the abuse of psychotropic drugs by young people;
- curtailed proceeds from drug trafficking by prosecuting local and overseas money laundering, froze and confiscated the assets acquired by drug trafficking;
- disseminated anti-drug messages among the youngsters.

In 2004-05, the Police will continue the above measures to prevent and combat narcotics offences.

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

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Post Title Commissioner of Police

Date 8 April 2004

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

Reply Serial No.

S-SB007

Question Serial No.

S019

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, and the actual and estimated expenditure of the Technology Crime Division and Technology Crime Initial Response Cadre in 2003-04 and 2004-05.

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

The establishment and strength of the Technology Crime Division in 2003-04 are as follows :-

2003-04

<u>Disciplined Staff</u>	<u>Establishment</u>	<u>Strength</u>
Senior Superintendent	1	1
Superintendent	1	1
Chief Inspector	3	3
Senior Inspector/Inspector	10	10
Station Sergeant	4	4
Sergeant	12	10
Police Constable	<u>26</u>	<u>25</u>
Sub-total (Disciplined Staff) :	57	54
<u>Civilian Staff</u>		
Assistant Clerical Officer	1	1
Total: (Disciplined + Civilian Staff)	<u>58</u>	<u>55</u>

The establishment of the Technology Crime Division in 2004-05 will remain at 58 officers.

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 officers from various police formations who in addition to their own duties, support and assist different police districts in less complicated technology crime cases by conducting initial inspections on the computers involved in crimes and gathering evidences. The Cadre now has 122 officers. Since it is not a unit on permanent establishment, the expenses on training and investigation equipment fall under that of the Commercial Crime Bureau, no specific breakdown in this area is available. At present, there is no plan to increase the number of staff in the Cadre in 2004-05.

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Date	<u>8 April 2004</u>

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

Reply Serial No.

S-SB008

Question Serial No.

S020

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) Please give an account of the resources reserved for procuring equipment and the manpower provided to collect and test DNA samples in 2004-05. What is the number of samples expected to be collected?

(b) What was the number of samples collected in 2003-04?

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

(a) The Police have allocated \$840,000 for procuring equipment to collect DNA samples in 2004-05. Testing of DNA samples is done by the Government Laboratory.

Collection of DNA samples is mainly divided into two areas, namely, collecting samples at the crime scenes and collecting samples from suspects or other people. Since June last year, the staff of the Identification Bureau have taken up the job of collecting DNA samples at the crime scenes. They are also responsible for the taking of fingerprints. Collecting DNA samples from suspects or other people is done by the officers in different police formations. At present, 59 staff of the Identification Bureau and 1 300 front-line officers have received proper training and can perform DNA samples collection work.

It is estimated that in 2004 the Police will collect about 20 000 samples from suspects and other people, and about 10 000 samples at the crime scenes.

(b) In 2003, the Police collected about 6 500 DNA samples from suspects or other people, and about 7 100 samples at the crime scenes.

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Post Title Commissioner of Police

Date 8 April 2004

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

Reply Serial No.

S-SB009

Question Serial No.

S021

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 state the number and type of exercises conducted for major incidents, disasters and counter-terrorist activities in 2003-04, formations/units responsible for these exercises and the actual expenditure incurred. What type of exercises are expected to be conducted in 2004-05?

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

- (a) The Hong Kong Police Force conducted the following exercises for major incidents, disasters and counter-terrorist activities in 2003-04 with an expenditure of about \$40,000. The details are as follows :

	Date	Type	Participating Departments
1	27 May 2003	Major Incident (Unexpected Incident at Passenger Terminal) (Co-ordinated by the Marine Department)	Marine Department Hong Kong Police Force Customs and Excise Department Immigration Department Fire Services Department
2	13 June 2003	Disaster (Exercise for Tate's Cairn Tunnel Accident) (Co-ordinated by the Hong Kong Police Force)	Hong Kong Police Force

3	13 June 2003	Major Incident (Armed Robbery – Mass Transit Railway System) (Co-ordinated by the Hong Kong Police Force)	Hong Kong Police Force Mass Transit Railway Corporation
4	26 June 2003	Major Incident (Emergency Management) (Co-ordinated by the Correctional Services Department)	Correctional Services Department Hong Kong Police Force Fire Services Department
5	14 July 2003	Disaster (Exercise for Tsing Ma Bridge Serious Accident) (Co-ordinated by the Hong Kong Police Force)	Hong Kong Police Force Fire Services Department Tsing Ma Management Limited
6	20 July to 24 October 2003 (in 4 phases)	Counter Terrorism (NBC Agent Attack) (Co-ordinated by the Hong Kong Police Force)	Security Bureau Hong Kong Police Force Fire Services Department Department of Health Hospital Authority Hong Kong Observatory Government Flying Service Civil Aid Service Auxiliary Medical Service
7	8 August 2003 13 August 2003 20 August 2003 22 October 2003 17 November 2003 11 December 2003	Disaster (Exercise for Railway Incident) (Co-ordinated by the Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation/Hong Kong Police Force)	Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation Hong Kong Police Force Fire Services Department Auxiliary Medical Service Hospital Authority Civil Aid Service
8	14 October 2003	Major Incident (NBC Agent Management) (Co-ordinated by the Fire Services Department)	Fire Services Department Hong Kong Police Force Hospital Authority Civil Aid Service Auxiliary Medical Service

9	14 & 15 October 2003	Major Incident (Oil Spill at Sea) (Co-ordinated by the 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 Highways Department Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
10	27 October 2003	Disaster (Hill Fire) (Co-ordinated by the Fire Services Department)	Fire Services Department Hong Kong Police Force Civil Aid Service
11	26 to 29 November 2003	Disaster (Sea Search and Rescue) (Co-ordinated by the Civil Aviation Department)	Civil Aviation Department Civil Aid Service Hong Kong Police Force Government Flying Service Fire Services Department Marine Department Hong Kong Observatory Hong Kong Garrison United States Navy/Air Force, Coast Guard
12	5 December 2003	Disaster (Airplane Crash) (Co-ordinated by the Airport Authority, Hong Kong)	Airport Authority, Hong Kong Hong Kong Police Force Fire Services Department Auxiliary Medical Service Home Affairs Department Hospital Authority

13	12 December 2003	Major Incident (Major Incident at Sea) (Co-ordinated by the Border Control General Division of Guangdong Public Security Department)	Border Control General Division of Guangdong Public Security Department Hong Kong Police Force Macau Customs Service
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- (b) The following exercises for major incidents, disasters and counter-terrorist activities are expected to be conducted in 2004-05 with an estimated expenditure of about \$60,000 :-

Type	No. of Times	Government Departments and other Organizations Involved
Counter Terrorism and Internal Security (Terrorist Attack and Hostage Held at the Airport) (NBC Agent Attack) (Internal Security – Management of Large Scale Riot)	3	Security Bureau Hong Kong Police Force Fire Services Department Marine Department Government Flying Service Civil Aviation Department Airport Authority, Hong Kong Aviation Security Company Limited Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation
Counter Terrorist Exercise Jointly Held by Guangdong Province, Hong Kong and Macau (Terrorist Attack)	1	Guangdong Province Public Security Department Hong Kong Police Force Macau Public Security Police
Major Incident (Unexpected Incident at Passenger Terminal) (Emergency Management) (Armed Robbery – Mass Transit Railway System) (NBC Agent Attack) (Oil Spill at Sea) (Serious Crime – Operation Exigent)	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 Auxiliary Medical Service

Disaster (Exercise for Tunnel Accident) (Exercise for Serious Traffic Accident) (Exercise for Railway Incident) (Hill Fire) (Sea Search and Rescue) (Airplane Crash)	6	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 Hong Kong Observatory Hong Kong Garrison United States Navy/Air Force, Coast Guard
Total	16	

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Post Title Commissioner of Police

Date 8 April 2004

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

Reply Serial No.

S-SB010

Question Serial No.

S025

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 organizing Force-wide culture change programmes. For the \$801,000 provisioned in 2003-04 for the consultancy study, what was the actual expenditure? What is the expenditure expected to be used in 2004-05? Please provide the areas/items of study for 2004-05 in detail.

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

With a view to spending the public money prudently, all the studies in 2003-04 were completed by the Service Quality Wing itself. Therefore no consultancy study was conducted.

In 2004-05, the Service Quality Wing will continue to conduct studies on service enhancement by itself as far as possible. Therefore no provision has been reserved for any consultancy study.

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Post Title Commissioner of Police

Date 8 April 2004

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

Reply Serial No.

S-SB011

Question Serial No.

S029

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 deployment for public events, please provide the following information:

- (a) What was the number of public gatherings or processions organized in 2003? Did the Police object to or prohibit any public gatherings or processions that year? If so, please provide details of such gatherings or processions and, the reasons why the government objected to or prohibited them. Did such gatherings or processions proceed as scheduled consequently?
- (b) In respect of the "July 1 Demonstration" last year and the "January 1 Demonstration" this year, how many officers were deployed respectively to maintain public order? (Please state the number of uniformed and plain clothes officers.)
- (c) In 2003, in how many public gatherings or processions did the Police use video cameras to record the activities? If so, please give details of these public gatherings or processions. What was the expenditure incurred and what was the number of the video cameras used? What is the expenditure on their maintenance each year? Do these cameras have a function to record a close-up picture of any individuals?
- (d) In accordance with the internal guidelines of the Police, the videotapes used for the CCTV systems will be destroyed three months after the incidents. If it is necessary to keep the videotapes for more than three months, approval from a senior superintendent will be sought for and monthly reviews will also be conducted by the approving officer. What was the number of cases in 2003 in which the Police needed to keep the videotapes for more than three months? If so, why?

Asked by: Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply:

- (a) In 2003, the Police received a total of 2 705 applications for public gatherings and processions, of which 1 606 applications were for public gatherings and 1 099 were for public processions. The Police did not object to any applications for public gatherings but objected to one application for public procession. In that application, the route set by the organizer fell on the lane of an expressway. Since this would cause danger to the participants and other road users, and serious traffic congestion in the area, the Police objected to this application.

After consultation between the organizer and the Police, the route was changed and the public procession took place in Choi Yuen Estate, Sheung Shui in January 2003 as scheduled.

- (b) In the “July 1 Demonstration” on 1.7.2003 and “January 1 Demonstration” on 1.1.2004, about 1 300 and 700 uniformed officers were mobilized to maintain the public order respectively. The Police also deployed about 10 plain clothes officers from the Police Community Relations Office to liaise and coordinate with the organizer.
- (c) In 2003-04, the Police conducted 13 crowd management operations in which temporary CCTVs were installed in places with high pedestrian flow and where many people gathered for festival celebration. The major expenditure for installing temporary CCTVs in public places was the rental of telephone lines, which was \$80,000 in total. Since the Police used existing video facilities, no additional expenditure was incurred in this respect. The most important principle of recording these kind of activities is to record the activity but not the participants. Only when incidents in breach of the public order are likely to happen or have happened, the Police would record the persons who are alleged to have brought disorder to the public.
- (d) In respect of the crowd management operations mentioned in (c) above, the video tapes of 3 cases have been kept for over 3 months and are still not disposed of because they serve as evidences for the investigation of complaints against police.

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Post Title Commissioner of Police

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

S-SB012

Question Serial No.

S037

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:

- (a) The Force intends to delete posts involved in the outsourcing of work in 2004-05, including security work at the regional headquarters, driving courses and lifeguard services at the swimming-pool of the Police Training School. Please give details of responsibilities of the 5 sergeant, 21 police constable and 3 civilian posts to be deleted.
- (b) After the deletion of the above posts, how many posts in connection with the security work at various Police districts (including the regional headquarters), driving courses and lifeguard services at the swimming-pool of the Police Training School can still be outsourced?
- (c) What will be the impact of the above outsourcing on the internal security and operation of the Force?

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

- (a) In respect of the 29 posts deleted, 4 sergeant and 21 police constable are responsible for the security work of the regional headquarters, 1 sergeant is responsible for the driving courses and the 3 civilian staff are responsible for lifeguard services at the swimming pool.
- (b) In the years ahead, the Force will continue to outsource the work in connection with security and driving courses. It is estimated that about 45 disciplined posts will be deleted as a result.

Regarding the lifeguard services at the swimming pool of the Police Training School, the lifeguard services will be completely outsourced after the posts mentioned in (a) above are outsourced.

- (c) After careful examination, it is considered that the work in connection with security and driving courses need not be taken up by disciplined staff; therefore these posts are outsourced. After the work is outsourced, the performance of the contractors will be closely monitored by the Force. Therefore, outsourcing the above posts will not have any impact on the internal security and operation of the Force.

Name in block letters LEE Ming-kwai

Post Title Commissioner of Police

Date 8 April 2004

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

Reply Serial No.

S-SB013

Question Serial No.

S038

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:

- (d) Please give an account of the ranks of the 16 new posts created for front-line police officers and of the 25 disciplined posts deleted under the Sham Shui Po Police District Amalgamation Project.
- (e) After the amalgamation, how can the patrol sub-units in Sham Shui Po, Cheung Sha Wan and Shek Kip Mei Divisions be strengthened in terms of manpower and supervision?

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

- (a) Under the Sham Shui Po Police District Amalgamation Project, the 16 new front-line police officer posts created are all of police constable rank. The 25 disciplined posts deleted consist of the following ranks:

Superintendent

1

Chief Inspector

2

Inspector/Senior Inspector

4

Station Sergeant

10

Sergeant

8

- (b) After the amalgamation, the number of beats will increase from 72 to 74 and the number of police officers of the patrol sub-units will increase by 8. In respect of their supervision, we have streamlined the structure of the police district through amalgamation for more direct supervision and reporting, thereby enhancing efficiency in management and operation.

Name in block letters LEE Ming-kwai

Post Title Commissioner of Police

Date

8 April 2004

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

Reply Serial No.

S-SB014

Question Serial No.

SV009

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:

Effective as from 1.7.2003, the minimum age for criminal responsibility has been raised from 7 to 10. Please provide the number of juveniles aged between 7 and 10 arrested before and after 1 July 2003 by type of crimes.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Sing-chi

Reply:

The number of juveniles aged between 7 and 10 arrested in 2003 by type of crimes is given in Annex (1).

Name in block letters LEE Ming-kwai

Post Title Commissioner of Police

Date 8 April 2004

The Number of Juveniles Aged Between 7 and 10 Arrested in 2003

Crimes	January to June (aged 7-10)	July to December* (aged 10)	Total
Violent Crimes			
Indecent Assault	3	-	3
Wounding	1	-	1
Serious Assault	5	-	5
Robbery	-	2	2
Arson	2	-	2
Non-Violent Crimes			
Burglary	1	1	2
Snatching, Pickpocketing, Shop Theft	168	70	238
Miscellaneous Thefts	28	11	39
Mislead/Give False Information to Police	7	-	7
Criminal Damage	3	1	4
Disorder in Public Place /Fighting	2	-	2
Going Equipped for Stealing	1	-	1
Other Non-Violent Crimes	-	2	2
Total Number of Juveniles Arrested	221	87	308

* Effective as from 1.7.2003, the minimum age for criminal responsibility has been raised from 7 to 10. Therefore, the figures only include the number of juveniles aged 10 arrested.

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

Reply Serial No.

S-SB015

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme : (2) Control upon Entry

S022

Controlling Officer : Director of ImmigrationDirector of Bureau : Secretary for SecurityQuestion :

- (a) Please provide the average waiting time for clearance at each immigration control point over the past year. How many passengers who travelled by sea and land were cleared within 30 minutes? How many air passengers were cleared within 15 minutes? Did the "SARS" outbreak and the introduction of the "Individual Visit Scheme" last year make the waiting time any different from that of previous years?
- (b) Is there any plan to adjust the present performance targets for immigration clearance in light of the actual performance achieved in previous years? If yes, what are the details? If not, why not?

Asked by : Hon. TO Kun-sun, JamesReply :

- (a) In 2003, the waiting time of passengers (in percentage terms) at various control points was as follows:

Control Point	Percentage of passengers cleared within			
	within 15 minutes	16 - 30 minutes	within 30 minutes	31 - 60 minutes
Airport	99.65	0.35	-	-
Lo Wu	-	-	99.11	0.89
Hung Hom	-	-	99.72	0.28
Man Kam To	-	-	100.00	0.00
Lok Ma Chau	-	-	98.50	1.50
Sha Tau Kok	-	-	100.00	0.00
Macau Ferry Terminal	-	-	99.48	0.52
China Ferry Terminal	-	-	99.85	0.15

Our performance pledge is to clear 92% of passengers within 30 minutes for the land and sea control points and 15 minutes for the Airport. While the passenger traffic dropped in the first half of 2003 due to the outbreak of SARS, there was a continued upsurge in the number of Mainland visitors in the second half of 2003 arising from the implementation of the “Individual Visit Scheme”. On the whole, the waiting time of passengers at all control points showed improvements in 2003 when compared with 2002.

- (b) It is estimated that the passenger and vehicular traffic will continue to grow in 2004. Specifically more Mainland visitors are expected when the “Individual Visit Scheme”, now in place for the residents of Beijing, Shanghai and 14 cities of Guangdong, will be extended to the rest of Guangdong as from May 2004. Notwithstanding this, we will strive hard to maintain our performance pledge and will continue to improve the efficiency of immigration clearance through various means, e.g. flexible redeployment of staff, streamlining of procedures, improvement works and use of technology.

Signature _____

Name in block letters _____ T K LAI

Post Title _____ Director of Immigration

Date _____ 13 April 2004

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

Reply Serial No.

S-SB016

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme : (4) Personal Documentation

S028

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Regarding the Identity Card Replacement Exercise under way, will it be necessary to redeploy civilian staff from other government departments in 2004-05? Will it be necessary to employ contract staff? If yes, what are the number of staff to be employed and the expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply :

A total of 555 civil service staff have been redeployed from various government bureaux and departments to the Immigration Department for a period of about four years since July 2003 to assist in the Smart Identity Card Replacement Exercise. This level of staffing support is considered sufficient and there is no need to engage additional staff for the project in 2004-05.

Signature _____

Name in block letters T K LAI

Post Title Director of Immigration

Date 7 April 2004

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

Reply Serial No.

S-SB017

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme : (2) Control upon Entry

S039

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Please list the respective establishment and strength for passenger clearance at all boundary control points as at the end of March 2004.

Asked by : Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply :

The establishment and strength for passenger clearance at the five land boundary control points as at 31 March 2004 are set out below :

Control Point	Establishment	Strength
Lo Wu	743	726
Hung Hom	67	67
Lok Ma Chau	175	223
Man Kam To	40	38
Sha Tau Kok	31	34

Signature _____

Name in block letters _____ T K LAI

Post Title _____ Director of Immigration

Date _____ 13 April 2004

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

Reply Serial No.

S-SB018

Head : 70 Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme : (3) Control after Entry

SV 010

Controlling Officer : Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Please provide the legal basis in recording the personal particulars of those who contravened immigration offences for use in the pilot scheme on the facial recognition system.

Asked by : Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply :

A facial recognition system (FRS) will enhance our capability to verify the identity of doubtful visitors. In gist, FRS captures the bio-data page of the travel document of a suspicious passenger at our entry points. The photo image thereon will be kept in our computer as part of his movement record. In justifiable circumstances, comparison will be made against photo images in a database to see if a visitor has entered Hong Kong before using different identities and committed an immigration offence.

By virtue of sections 4(1), 5(4) and (7) of the Immigration Ordinance, an immigration officer may require any person subject to immigration examination to furnish to him such information as he may require for the purpose and to produce a valid travel document which, as defined in the same Ordinance, includes a passport furnished with a photograph of the holder.

We have confirmed with our legal adviser that the collection of the bio-data of a visitor including his/her photo-image falls within the legal provision aforesaid.

It is our existing practice to display a statement of purpose at the control points to notify visitors that their personal data will be collected and used for immigration control purposes. We will beef it up when FRS is implemented to expressly include the collection of photo-images on travel documents.

Signature _____

Name in block letters _____ T K LAI

Post Title _____ Director of Immigration

Date _____ 13 April 2004

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WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

S-SB019

Head : 30 Correctional Services Department

Question Serial No.

Subhead (No. & title) : 000 Operational Expenses

S023

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

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Correctional Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

- (a) What is the estimated establishment under the above two programmes in 2004-05? What posts are to be increased, deleted or merged and what services will be affected? Please advise in detail.
- (b) As there were incidents last year when persons in custody died in penal institutions, what resources will be provided and what measures will be taken to improve the situation in 2004-05?

Asked by : Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply :

- (a) As at 1 April 2004, there were 6 798 posts in the Department : 5 547 and 1 251 posts under Programme (1) Prison Management and Programme (2) Re-integration respectively.

A net total of 80 posts, 61 and 19 posts under Programme (1) and Programme (2) respectively, will be deleted in 2004-05. The ranks and the corresponding number of posts to be deleted are set out below:

<u>Rank</u>	<u>No. of posts to be deleted</u>
<u>Disciplined posts</u>	
Chief Officer	1
Principal Officer	8
Officer	12
Assistant Officer I	42
Assistant Officer II	1
Technical Instructor	1
Instructor	2
Sub-total	67
<u>Civilian posts</u>	
Clerical Officer	1
Assistant Clerical Officer	4
Clerical Assistant	2
Confidential Assistant	1
Personal Secretary I	2
Personal Secretary II	1
Workman II	2
Sub-total	13
Total:	80

The deletion of posts will be achieved through organizational 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. All deletion of posts will be absorbed through natural wastage or internal redeployment. The services provided by the Department under the two programmes at large will not be affected.

- (b) CSD is very concerned with any unnatural death in penal institutions, particularly where persons in custody committed suicide. With the existing resources, a system is already in place to identify, assess and monitor any inmate who needs special attention or displays suicidal tendencies. These inmates will be referred to the Clinical Psychologists and the Medical Officers for necessary counselling and attention as appropriate, and accommodated at special location. If necessary, individual inmates will be placed under the Medical Officer's Observation List for intensive monitoring. Contingency plans for handling life-saving situations are in place at all institutions. Weekly exercises are conducted at each and every institution to ensure that staff are conversant with the contingency plans.

To seek continuous improvement to our system, a special task group, headed by the Deputy Commissioner of Correctional Services, has been established to review the existing mechanism and strategies on the detection and prevention of suicides in custody. The measures so identified to further enhance our capabilities to prevent and handle similar incidents will be duly adopted.

Signature _____

Name in block letters _____ PANG SUNG YUEN

Post Title _____ Commissioner of Correctional Services

Date _____ 8 April 2004

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

Reply Serial No.

S-SB020

Head : 30 Correctional Services Department

Question Serial No.

Subhead (No. & title) : -

S024

Programme : (1) Prison Management

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Correctional Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Would the Administration list out the occupancy rate in each penal institution in 2003-04 and what plans and resources will be used to relieve their overcrowding?

Asked by : Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply :

The occupancy rates of penal institutions in 2003-04 are shown as follows:-

<u>Correctional Institutions</u>	<u>Occupancy Rate*(%)</u>
1. Cape Collinson Correctional Institution	60
2. Chi Ma Wan Correctional Institution	181
3. Chi Ma Wan Drug Addiction Treatment Centre	127
4. Hei Ling Chau Addiction Treatment Centre	58
<i>Hei Ling Chau Addiction Treatment Centre (Annex)</i>	153
5. Hei Ling Chau Correctional Institution	114
6. Lai Chi Kok Reception Centre	145
7. Lai King Treatment Centre	54
8. Lai Sun Correctional Institution	50
9. Lo Wu Correctional Institution	97
10. Ma Hang Prison	111
11. Ma Po Ping Prison	104
12. Pak Sha Wan Correctional Institution	107
13. Pik Uk Correctional Institution	90
14. Pik Uk Prison	107
15. Sha Tsui Detention Centre	99
16. Shek Pik Prison	146
17. Siu Lam Psychiatric Centre	89
18. Stanley Prison	118
19. Tai Lam Centre for Women	240

20. Tai Lam Correctional Institution	100
21. Tai Tam Gap Correctional Institution	143
22. Tong Fuk Centre	80
23. Tung Tau Correctional Institution	115
24. Victoria Prison	130
25. Lai Chi Rehabilitation Centre	79
26. Lai Hang Rehabilitation Centre	37
27. Chi Lan Rehabilitation Centre	40
28. Wai Lan Rehabilitation Centre	34
Total	111

Note:*Calculated based on daily penal population from 1.4.2003 to 19.3.2004

In 2003-04, the following projects have been carried out to relieve prison overcrowding:-

(i) Ma Hang Prison

The entire Ma Hang Prison was converted to provide 220 penal places for female prisoners. Works completed in February 2004.

(ii) Hei Ling Chau Addiction Treatment Centre (Annex)

Construction of sleeping accommodation to provide 80 additional penal places with associated workshop facilities for female inmates commenced in April 2003 for completion by end April 2004.

In 2004-05, the following projects will be carried out to further relieve prison overcrowding:-

(iii) Reprovisioning of Victoria Prison

The Lai Chi Kok staff married quarters will be converted into a 650-place temporary female prison, out of which 438 penal places are for reprovisioning the Victoria Prison and 212 additional places are for relieving overcrowding in female institutions. Works on the project started in March 2004 for completion by end 2005.

(iv) Lai Chi Kok Reception Centre

The Department proposed to construct additional dormitory accommodation at the Lai Chi Kok Reception Centre. The proposed project will provide additional sleeping accommodation and dayrooms for 144 remands. Subject to funding approval, the project is scheduled to commence in 2004 for completion in 2005.

The long-term solution to overcrowding, inadequate facilities and projected increase in penal population lies in the early implementation of the prison development plan at Hei Ling Chau to provide 7 220 penal places, out of which 2 600 are additional penal places. Towards this end, a feasibility study, including a preliminary environmental assessment, is being carried out at the proposed site.

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Name in block letters PANG SUNG YUEN

Post Title Commissioner of Correctional Services

Date 8 April 2004

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 WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

S-SB021

Head : 30 Correctional Services Department

Question Serial No.

Subhead (No. & title) : -

Programme : (1) Prison Management

S032

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Correctional Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

1. Would the Administration list out the certified accommodation, actual accommodation, occupancy rate and the average daily penal population of each penal institution in 2003?
2. Would the Administration list out the incidents involving violence in each penal institution in 2003? Please also list the number of correctional services staff who were attacked and the number of casualties involved in these cases.
3. Would the Administration list out the number of suicide and attempted suicide cases in each penal institution in 2003 ?

Asked by : Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply :

1. The average daily population, certified accommodation and occupancy rate for each penal institution in 2003 are as follows:-

<u>Penal Institutions</u>	<u>Average Daily Population¹</u>	<u>Average Certified Accommodation</u>	<u>Occupancy Rate (%)</u>
29. Cape Collinson Correctional Institution	124	192	64
30. Chi Ma Wan Correctional Institution	605	338	179
31. Chi Ma Wan Drug Addiction Treatment Centre	216	190	114
32. Hei Ling Chau Addiction Treatment Centre	422	784	54
<i>Hei Ling Chau Addiction Treatment Centre (Annex)</i>	293	196	150
33. Hei Ling Chau Correctional Institution	596	532	112
34. Lai Chi Kok Reception Centre	1 335	960	139
35. Lai King Treatment Centre	145	260	56
36. Lai Sun Correctional Institution	157	326	48
37. Lo Wu Correctional Institution	174	182	96
38. Ma Hang Prison	91	86	105
39. Ma Po Ping Prison	630	600	105

¹ The average daily population is the same as the average actual accommodation of the institution.

40. Pak Sha Wan Correctional Institution	452	424	107
41. Pik Uk Correctional Institution	328	385	85
42. Pik Uk Prison	635	600	106
43. Sha Tsui Detention Centre	163	164	100
44. Shek Pik Prison	658	450	146
45. Siu Lam Psychiatric Centre	234	270	87
46. Stanley Prison	2 015	1 714	118
47. Tai Lam Centre for Women	672	278	242
48. Tai Lam Correctional Institution	687	706	97
49. Tai Tam Gap Correctional Institution	246	160	154
50. Tong Fuk Centre	324	400	81
51. Tung Tau Correctional Institution	575	500	115
52. Victoria Prison	595	438	136
53. Lai Chi Rehabilitation Centre	49	70	71
54. Lai Hang Rehabilitation Centre	25	70	36
55. Chi Lan Rehabilitation Centre	17	40	43
56. Wai Lan Rehabilitation Centre	9	24	36
Total	12 472	11 339	110

2. The number of incidents involving violence in 2003 are as follows:-

<u>Penal Institutions</u>	<u>Assault against Staff by Persons in Custody</u>		<u>Assault/Fighting amongst Persons in Custody</u>	
	<u>No. of Cases</u>	<u>No. of Staff Injured</u>	<u>No. of Cases</u>	<u>No. of Persons Injured</u>
1. Cape Collinson Correctional Institution	0	0	3	4
2. Chi Ma Wan Correctional Institution	0	0	1	0
3. Chi Ma Wan Drug Addiction Treatment Centre	1	1	12	19
4. Hei Ling Chau Addiction Treatment Centre	1	3	17	34
<i>Hei Ling Chau Addiction Treatment Centre (Annex)</i>	0	0	8	16
5. Hei Ling Chau Correctional Institution	1	1	45	72
6. Lai Chi Kok Reception Centre	4	7	157	162
7. Lai King Treatment Centre	0	0	14	37
8. Lai Sun Correctional Institution	1	1	39	57
9. Lo Wu Correctional Institution	0	0	7	16
10. Ma Hang Prison	0	0	1	2
11. Ma Po Ping Prison	2	2	37	51
12. Pak Sha Wan Correctional Institution	4	3	29	40
13. Pik Uk Correctional Institution	1	1	87	111
14. Pik Uk Prison	0	0	49	79
15. Sha Tsui Detention Centre	0	0	0	0
16. Shek Pik Prison	0	0	24	45
17. Siu Lam Psychiatric Centre	1	1	3	4
18. Stanley Prison	14	31	183	266
19. Tai Lam Centre for Women	1	4	23	20
20. Tai Lam Correctional Institution	3	4	52	89
21. Tai Tam Gap Correctional Institution	1	1	4	4
22. Tong Fuk Centre	0	0	11	14
23. Tung Tau Correctional Institution	1	1	30	48
24. Victoria Prison	0	0	20	29

25. Lai Chi Rehabilitation Centre	2	2	1	1
26. Lai Hang Rehabilitation Centre	0	0	0	0
27. Chi Lan Rehabilitation Centre	0	0	0	0
28. Wai Lan Rehabilitation Centre	1	3	0	0
Total of all institutions	39	66	857	1 220
Escort and Support Group	1	3	0	0
Grand Total	40	69	857	1 220

3. The number of attempted suicide and suicide cases in penal institutions in 2003 are as follows:-

<u>Penal Institutions</u>	<u>Attempted Suicide</u>	<u>Suicide #</u>
1. Lai Chi Kok Reception Centre	4	0
2. Pik Uk Correctional Institution	0	1
3. Shek Pik Prison	0	2
4. Stanley Prison	0	2
5. Tai Lam Correctional Institution	1	0
6. Victoria Prison	0	1
Total	5	6

#Provisional figures pending verdict from the Coroner's Court.

Signature _____

Name in block letters PANG SUNG YUEN

Post Title Commissioner of Correctional Services

Date 8 April 2004

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

Reply Serial No.

S-SB022

Question Serial No.

S026

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 provide the total number of Fire Hazard Abatement Notices (FHANs) issued in 2003 and give a detailed breakdown by categories. What is the reason leading to more notices issued in 2003 than in 2002?
- (b) Please provide the number of warning letters issued in 2003 to occupiers or owners' corporations of buildings before issuing FHANs? As compared with the 12 067 warning letters issued in 2002, what is the reason for the increase/decrease?

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply: (a) The total number of FHANs issued by the Fire Services Department in 2002 and 2003 are listed below by categories:-

<u>Categories of Fire Hazards</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>
Fire service installations and equipment lacking maintenance and repair	5 878	7 966
Obstruction to means of escape by metal gates or other unauthorized structures	658	833
Unauthorized removal of smoke lobbies, smoke stop doors, etc.	3 274	3 167
Total:	9 810	11 966

As shown by the above statistics, the increase in the number of FHANs issued in 2003 was mainly related to the lack of maintenance and repair of fire service installations and equipment in buildings. In some cases, there were no owners' corporations and our staff have to issue FHANs to individual owners of these buildings after inspection. As there were a lot of owners involved, a substantial number of FHANs were issued. For example, we have issued a total of 1 390 FHANs to the owners of three buildings. This is the main reason leading to the increased number of FHANs issued in 2003.

- (b) In May 2002, the Fire Services Department revised the procedures and issued warning letters to owners, occupiers or owners' corporations of the buildings concerned before issuing FHANs to them. In 2003, the Department issued a total of 18 366 warning letters to owners, occupiers or owners' corporations of buildings, representing an increase of 50% (about 6 300 in number) as compared with 12 067 warning letters issued from May to December 2002. This increase reflected the full-year effect of the revised procedures.

Signature	_____
Name in block letters	<u>LAM CHUN MAN</u>
Post Title	<u>Director of Fire Services</u>
Date	<u>8.4.2004</u>

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

Reply Serial No.

S-SB023

Question Serial No.

S027

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) In 2003, 540 Fire Hazard Abatement Notices (FHANs) were issued in respect of floating obstructions to means of escape and locked exits, representing a decrease of over 30% when compared with the 779 cases in 2002. What is the reason for the decrease?
- (b) Please provide the number of inspections in respect of floating obstructions to means of escape and locked exits, etc. in 2003?

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

- Reply: (a) In 2003, the number of FHANs issued in respect of floating obstructions to means of escape and locked exits was 540, representing a decrease of over 30% as compared with 779 cases in 2002. This is mainly due to increased public awareness of fire hazards and fire safety as a result of the Department's continued efforts in strengthening fire safety education and promotion last year. In addition, more owners' corporations were set up in 2003, which was conducive to the improvement of facilities and overall management of buildings. The above factors all helped to reduce obstructions to means of escape and locked exits, thereby resulting in a reduction of the number of FHANs issued as compared with 2002.
- (b) In 2003, the Fire Services Department conducted 12 850 inspections in response to complaints about floating obstructions to means of escape and locked exits, etc.

Signature

Name in block letters

Post Title

Date

LAM CHUN MAN

Director of Fire Services

8.4.2004

Reply Serial No.

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SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

S-SB024

Question Serial No.

S005

Head : 42 Electrical and Mechanical Services Department

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (1) Energy supply; electrical, gas and nuclear safety

Controlling Officer : Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question : The target for nuclear safety is to ensure the availability of fully-trained and competent officers round the clock to respond to an alert or provide professional advice on any incidents. How many such officers are there in EMSD at present? Are they provided with continuous training or does the Government have any plan to provide them with continuous training? What is the estimated expenditure?

Asked by : Hon. WU King-cheong, Henry

Reply : EMSD has organised regular training for in-house staff to support the Daya Bay Contingency Plan (DBCP) since 1985. So far, some 20 professional staff within EMSD have been trained through local and overseas training courses on nuclear engineering to enable them to support the operation of DBCP in the unlikely event of nuclear emergency at the Guangdong Nuclear Power Station (GNPS) and Lingao Nuclear Power Station (LNPS).

The professional staff's knowledge in nuclear power plants is updated regularly through attending relevant nuclear engineering courses. Over the past 5 years, about HK\$1.35 million has been incurred for this purpose.

In April 2004, we will send two engineers to attend a 4-week nuclear training course in Korea. A local refresher course for the professional staff will also be conducted by an overseas nuclear expert in 2004/05, and the estimated cost is around HK\$50,000.

Signature _____

Name in block letters _____ Roger S. H. LAI

Post Title _____ Director of Electrical and Mechanical
Services

Date _____ 6 April 2004