

**For Information**

**LegCo Security Panel**

**Imprisonment of Vietnamese illegal immigrants**

**Purpose**

This notes provides information relating to the imprisonment of Vietnamese illegal immigrants.

**Details**

2. In overall terms, the arrival of Vietnamese illegal immigrants (VII) has been steadily declining from 579 in 2000 to 164 in 2004. To a large extent, this reflects the effectiveness of the Government's efforts in containing the entry of Vietnamese illegal immigrants.

3. We have been watching out for incidents in which individual Vietnamese illegal immigrants might seek to enter Hong Kong so as to be imprisoned. There is as yet no indication that this is developing into a trend. The Government will continue to keep the situation under review.

4. The Police have been liaising with Mainland authorities with a view to effectively curbing the entry of Vietnamese illegal immigrants via the Mainland. In parallel, we have also brought such incidents to the attention of the Vietnamese Government so that appropriate actions can be taken at their end.

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