

Report on Follow-up Action by Police
LegCo Panel in Security Meeting on 24 January 2006

(1) Statistics on persons prosecuted for offences committed after cautioned under the Superintendent's Discretion Scheme and the nature of the offence involved.

- A person is regarded as a recidivist if he/she is re-arrested for crime within two years from the date of caution, or before he/she reaches 18 years of age, whichever occurs first. As such, the most up-to-date information the Police would be able to provide is the recidivism rate concerning persons arrested and cautioned in 2003.
- 3,012 persons were arrested and cautioned under the PSDS in 2003, out of which 589 were arrested within two years, giving a recidivist rate of 19.6%.
- Number of persons cautioned under the PSDS in 2003 and re-arrested/re-cautioned within 2 years are as follows:

Crime	Re-arrested	Re-cautioned
Shop Theft	118 (20.0%)	34 (35.4%)
Miscellaneous Thefts	116 (19.7%)	29 (30.2%)
Wounding and Serious Assault	96 (16.3%)	9 (9.4%)
Robbery	50 (8.5%)	3 (3.1%)
Unlawful Society Offences	25 (4.2%)	- (-)
Disorder/Fighting in Public Places	22 (3.7%)	1 (1.0%)
Offences against Public Order	21 (3.6%)	- (-)
Others	141 (23.9%)	20 (20.8%)
Total	589 (100.0%)	96 (100.0%)

- In respect of the handling method, out of the 589 recidivists, 96 were re-cautioned (16.3%). However, there is no separate statistics maintained as to the number of recidivists charged to court or alternatively released.

(2) Information on the percentage decrease in juvenile and youth population in 2005;

- In 2005, the number of juvenile arrested was 4 531. This represents a decrease of 366 (-7.5%) when compared with the number of 4 897 in 2004.
- The breakdown by offences is summarized as follows:

Crime	2004	2005	Change in	
			No.	%
Shop Theft	1 454	1 367	- 87	- 6.0
Miscellaneous Thefts	1 004	991	- 13	- 1.3
Theft from Vehicles	40	19	- 21	- 52.5
Wounding and Serious Assault	664	660	- 4	- 0.6
Robbery	362	201	- 161	- 44.5
Burglary	87	68	- 19	- 21.8
Blackmail	114	76	- 38	- 33.3
Unlawful Society Offences	149	135	- 14	- 9.4
Offences against Public Order	132	128	- 4	- 3.0
Others	891	886	- 5	- 0.5
Total	4 897	4 531	- 366	- 7.5

- In 2005, the number of young persons arrested was 4 780, a drop of 1 032 persons (or 17.8%) when compared with 2004.
- The breakdown by offences, is summarized as follows:

Crime	2004	2005	Change in	
			No.	%
Shop Theft	640	491	- 149	- 23.3
Miscellaneous Thefts	906	835	- 71	- 7.8
Theft from Vehicles	36	28	- 8	- 22.2
Wounding and Serious Assault	921	826	- 95	- 10.3
Robbery	299	215	- 84	- 28.1
Burglary	120	71	- 49	- 40.8
Blackmail	133	80	- 53	- 39.8
Disorder/Fighting in Public Places	406	267	- 139	- 34.2
Offences against Public Order	286	241	- 45	- 15.7
Possession of Offensive Weapons	154	73	- 81	- 52.6
Others	1 911	1 653	- 258	- 13.5
Total	5 812	4 780	-1 032	- 17.8

(3) Information on the value of drugs seized in 2005;

- The value of drugs seized in 2005 are summarized as follows:

	Drugs seized in 2005	Approximate Total Value at Consumer level (HK\$)
Heroin	42.08 kg	14.9 million
Cocaine	17.05 kg	12.7 million
Cannabis (Herbal)	403.05 kg	23 million
Ice	239.94 kg	84 million
Ketamine	409.48 kg	105 million
Ecstasy-tablets	65 125 tablets	5.4 million
<i>Total value</i>		245 million

(4) Information on the conviction rate of commercial crimes cases.

- In respect of the conviction rate of commercial crime cases, the details are listed as follows:

2004			2005		
Prosecutions	Conviction	Rate	Prosecutions	Conviction	Rate
210	154	73%	157	128	82%

(5) Information on the number of persons prosecuted for drink driving.

- In 2005, a total of 42 618 persons had undergone the breath tests and 1 335 persons, who failed the test, were prosecuted for drink driving making the hit rate at about 3.1%.

(6) Statistics on prosecution relating to domestic violence cases.

- Statistics on Domestic Violence Cases in 2004 & 2005 are listed as follow:

Domestic Violence	2004	2005	Comparison
Crime Cases			
Rape	7	13	+6 (+85.7%)
Indecent Assault	13	25	+12 (+92.3%)
Murder & Manslaughter	9	6	-3 (-33.3%)
Wounding	101	115	+14 (+13.9%)
Serious Assault	581	858	+277 (+47.4%)
Criminal Intimidation	141	186	+45 (+32.0%)
Criminal Damage	51	71	+20 (+39.2%)
Sub-total	903	1 274	+371 (+41.1%)
Miscellaneous Cases	1 386	1 354	-32 (-2.3%)
Total Cases	2 289	2 628	+339 (+14.8%)

- Statistics on Prosecution/Binding Over in 2005

	Total No. of Persons
(A) Charged	234
(B) Bound Over	506
(A)+(B)	740
% of (A)+(B) over total no. of Domestic Violence Crime Cases	58.08%

- Police does not maintain statistics on the number of Domestic Violence cases for which legal advice was sought or where there was no prosecution due to a change in the victim's stance.