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Clerk to Panel
Legislative Council
Legislative Council Building
8 Jackson Road, Central
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Attn. : Mr Raymond LAM

Dear Mr LAM,

Panel on Security
List of follow-up actions required
of the Administration

Thank you for your letter ref. CB2/PL/SE of 28 October 2005.

Attached please find our response to Item 10 of the list of follow-up actions enclosed in your letter on "Measures to combat illegal employment."

Yours faithfully,

(Ms Anita LI)
for Secretary for Security

Annex

In respect of Mainland visitors who were found working illegally in Hong Kong and were included in the list passed to Mainland authorities, does the Administration have statistics on the number of applications for visit endorsements from these persons which were refused for a period from 2 to 5 years?

As we understand from the Mainland authorities, in processing applications for endorsement to visit Hong Kong, the Mainland authorities would take into account all relevant considerations before deciding if such endorsement should be issued. Whether an applicant is included in the notification list for having worked illegally in Hong Kong is one of the relevant considerations. The Mainland authorities does not have statistical breakdown on the number of applications which were refused solely due to the fact that the applicants concerned were included in the notification system.