

For Information

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Legislative Council Panel on Transport
Use of the Laser Gun (LG) for Speed Enforcement;
Requests for Review from Drivers in Speeding Cases

At the LegCo Panel on Transport Special Meeting held on 22 February 2008, the Administration was urged to provide a progress update on the review conducted of aggrieved parties of the speeding cases as a result of the LAM case.

In the wake of the LAM case, Police have received a total of 417 requests for review. The criteria adopted in examining the requests is that each case is considered on its own merit.

Progress of Review

It was found that of the 417 requests, 48 are not laser gun related speed enforcement cases.

Of the 369 laser gun-related requests, 104 requests have been settled by payment of the fixed penalty and are over the six-month limitation for court proceedings. For these cases, Police are seeking legal advice on whether there is any legal basis to proceed further.

Review for 102 requests have been completed among which 2 tickets have been withdrawn. Tickets will proceed for the remaining 100 cases.

163 requests are being reviewed. Of these, 87 requests do not contain sufficient information. These are typically requests with a copy of the relevant speeding ticket or demand notice and a telephone number or personal particulars. Some simply refer to the LAM case. In order to process these cases, Police have written to the drivers, and so far 46 have responded.

In respect of the 9 drivers who were issued with fixed penalty tickets by the same LG operator in the LAM case, 4 have made a request for review. All of these 4 have settled payment of the fixed penalty and are over the six-month limitation for court proceedings. Legal advice is being sought on whether there is any legal basis to proceed further.

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