

**Replies to initial written questions raised by Finance Committee Members
in examining the Estimates of Expenditure 2011-12**

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

SB001

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

Question Serial No.

1282

Programme: (2) Internal Security

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Security

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Since the injection of \$3 billion into the Beat Drugs Fund in 2010-11, how many applications for grants from the Fund have been approved and has there been an increase in the average amount of grant? What are the main purposes of the above applications for grants? What is the current balance of the Fund?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Hak-kan

Reply:

In May 2010, the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council approved an injection of \$3 billion into the Beat Drugs Fund (BDF). At the same time, vetting of applications received under the first-round of the funding exercise of that year was underway and results were announced in September. A total of 65 projects mainly in the areas of preventive education, publicity, as well as treatment and rehabilitation services were approved, with a total amount of grant of around \$54 million.

After the injection, a second-round of applications was invited between October and November last year. A total of 110 applications were received, including preventive education and publicity, treatment and rehabilitation and research projects. The BDF Association is now vetting the applications. Results are expected to be announced in the second quarter of 2011. Figures such as the number of approved projects and the average amount of grant are hence not yet available.

The BDF has an asset balance of about \$3.55 billion as at 28 February 2011.

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MS CHANG KING YIU

Post Title _____

Permanent Secretary for Security

Date _____

9.3.2011

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

SB002

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

Question Serial No.

2586

Programme: (2) Internal Security

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Security

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Regarding the escalated anti-drug efforts, the Administration relaunched the trial scheme on drug testing in secondary schools in Tai Po district in November 2010. In this connection, please advise this Committee of:

- (a) the total number of students participated in the scheme so far since the relaunch; its percentage in relation to the total student population; how does this figure compare with that of the past school year (i.e. 2009/10)? Is there any difference?
- (b) how many students were selected randomly for the screening tests? How many of them refused? Is there any student who tested positive in the screening tests?
- (c) how many students were referred by schools to the counselling centres for psychotropic substance abusers for further counselling and services?
- (d) what is the estimated expenditure for the drug testing scheme in the academic year 2010/11?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Hak-kan

Reply:

- (a) The school drug testing scheme in Tai Po for school year 2010/11 started in November 2010. Over 10 000 students and their parents consented to participate in the scheme, representing about 55% of all the students. 12 000 plus students participated in the trial scheme in school year 2009/10, representing about 61% of all students.
- (b) Up to end February 2011, a total of 1 410 students were randomly selected for the screening test. Of these, 1 045 students took the test and no confirmed positive case was found. For selected students who did not take the test, most of them were assessed as being not suitable for the test in view of their physical

conditions or having taken medications, or could not provide a urine specimen for the test at the relevant time. Two students refused to take the test and the schools followed up their cases according to the scheme protocol.

- (c) Since the start of the scheme in the current school year till end February 2011, a total of 15 students troubled by drugs have voluntarily approached or have been referred to the counselling centre for psychotropic substance abusers for counselling and services.

- (d) The expenditure for the Tai Po school drug testing scheme in school year 2010/11 will be about \$7 million. This will be used for a student drug testing team to carry out drug testing and counselling in schools, deployment of extra school social workers, the strengthening of downstream support service and provision of resources to schools to facilitate drug testing and anti-drug efforts. Besides, the Administration is extending the evaluation research on the scheme in parallel, and the expenditure involved will be about \$1.56 million. Both of these tasks will be funded under the Beat Drugs Fund.

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Post Title Permanent Secretary for Security

Date 9.3.2011

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

SB003

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

Question Serial No.

2587

Programme: (2) Internal Security

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Security

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Regarding the escalation of anti-drug efforts, please provide the following information:

- (a) In the review of the outcome of the first year's implementation of the Trial Scheme on School Drug Testing in Tai Po District, the Administration recommended that schools should be allowed to group into a cluster and decide on their own drug testing scheme which best suits their needs in future. Since then, has the Administration received any enquiries in this regard; or has any school cluster expressed intention to join the scheme? What assistance will the Administration provide to the above school cluster? What is the estimated expenditure involved?
- (b) How many secondary schools (including subsidised and the Direct Subsidy Scheme schools) outside Tai Po have already taken initiative to implement the drug testing scheme (including voluntary and mandatory)? Please provide the names of these schools and the details of their drug testing schemes. What is the expenditure incurred by the Administration in this respect?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Hak-kan

Reply:

- (a) Since the release of the Evaluation Research Report on the Trial Scheme on School Drug Testing in Tai Po District in early November last year, we have begun a series of consultation work. Stakeholders including school sponsoring bodies, school heads' associations, parent-teacher associations and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) were engaged. Through the consultation and dialogue, we hope to enhance their understanding of the research findings and proposals, and enlist their support for implementing the recommendations of the report.

For schools and NGOs which have shown greater interest, the Administration is having intensive discussions with them on the specific contents and arrangements of the programmes, the grouping of schools, the matching with NGOs, the resources involved and the application procedures of the Beat Drugs

Fund (BDF). Advice and guidance will be given to the schools and NGOs with a view to assisting them to draw up healthy school programmes with drug testing elements pertaining to the circumstances of different groupings, and to apply for the BDF for implementation in the 2011/12 school year.

The Government's support for the future drug testing scheme will make reference to the model of the Trial Scheme in Tai Po District and be funded by the BDF. An injection of \$3 billion to the BDF in the last financial year enables the Fund to generate an enhanced level of income for supporting sustained anti-drug efforts in various sectors of the community, in which school drug testing is one of the major initiatives. We have not specifically budgeted for the future drug testing schemes. Applications from schools and NGOs will be handled in a dedicated manner for arranging appropriate funding.

- (b) One of the research areas of the Evaluation Research on the Trial Scheme on School Drug Testing in Tai Po District is to study local experiences in school drug testing. The research revealed that some local international schools have made drug testing a condition for admission. Students/parents who do not agree to drug testing may be denied enrolment.

Moreover, we understand that two Direct Subsidy Scheme secondary schools have launched voluntary school drug testing schemes this school year. We reckon that participation in such schemes requires the consent of parents and students. The schools have also arranged professionals to provide support services for the students in need.

The above schemes are implemented with the schools' own resources and are not funded by the BDF or the Government.

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SB004

Question Serial
No.

0785

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

Programme: (2) Internal Security

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Security

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Please advise the specific measures in overseeing the launch of an administrative scheme of sexual conviction record check for child and mentally incapacitated person related work by the Police Force in the coming year, manpower and allocation involved in each measure, and the implementation timetable.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Man-kwong

Reply:

The Law Reform Commission, after conducting thorough studies and public consultation, published a report on "Sexual Offences Records Checks for Child-related Work: Interim Proposals" in February 2010, recommending the Administration to establish an administrative mechanism, which would enable employers of persons undertaking child-related work and work relating to mentally incapacitated persons (MIPs) to check the criminal conviction records for sexual offences of employees, so as to reduce the risk of children and MIPs being sexually abused.

We will establish a sexual conviction record check administrative mechanism through the Police Force in 2011, so as to facilitate employers to check such information and enhance the protection of children and MIPs. The above work falls under the Programme of "Internal Security" of the Security Bureau. No additional resources are involved in this regard and no specific breakdown is available.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

SB005

Question Serial
No.

3315

Head: 151 Government Secretariat:
Security Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Security

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Please list out all the funds managed by government departments and units under the Security Bureau (such as the Beat Drugs Fund of the Narcotics Division of Security Bureau), as well as their financing and funding situation.

Asked by: Hon. HO Chun-yan, Albert

Reply:

The information about the funds managed by government departments and units under the Security Bureau is as follows:

1. Established in 1996, the Beat Drugs Fund (BDF) uses its investment return to fund anti-drug projects. With the injection of \$3 billion in May 2010, the capital of the Fund has increased to \$3.35 billion. Since its establishment, the Fund has granted a total of about \$305 million for 560 projects, covering preventive education and publicity, drug treatment and rehabilitation services, and research projects. As at 28.2.2011, the net asset value of BDF was about \$3.55 billion.
2. The Customs and Excise Service Children's Education Trust Fund provides assistance in, and facilities for the higher education of the children of customs officers and the education and training of handicapped children of customs officers. The Fund recorded an income of \$0.03 million and an expenditure of \$0.18 million in 2009-10, representing a loss of \$0.15 million for the year. As at 31.3.2010, the accumulated balance of the Fund was \$4.95 million. In 2010-11, the number of beneficiaries of the Fund was 55 customs officers and the amount of grants was \$0.18 million.
3. The Police Children's Education Trust aims at providing assistance in, and facilities for, the higher education of the children of junior police officers, and providing opportunities for further studies for any such children who appear to the Trust's Management Committee to be deserving. In 2009-10, the Trust recorded an income of \$1.88 million and an expenditure of \$5.02 million. During the year, the number of beneficiaries was 505 and the loss incurred was \$3.14 million. As at 31.3.2010, the accumulated balance of the Trust was \$72.67 million.

4. The Police Education and Welfare Trust aims at providing assistance towards the general education of the children of all ranks of regular and auxiliary police officers, providing opportunities for further studies to such children who appear to the Trust's Management Committee to be deserving, and for welfare purpose of general benefit to members of both the regular and auxiliary police forces. In 2009-10, the Trust recorded an income of \$0.88 million and an expenditure of \$1.61 million. During the year, the deficit was \$0.73 million and the number of beneficiaries was 249. As at 31.3.2010, the accumulated balance of the Trust was \$30.45 million.
5. The Correctional Services Children's Education Trust aims at providing assistance to children of Assistant Officers and equivalent grades to receive higher education, and providing education assistance to disabled children of officers at those grades. In the financial year from 1.9.2009 to 31.8.2010, a total of 148 children of Assistant Officers and equivalent grades were granted assistance. In the above-mentioned financial year, the Trust recorded an income of \$0.31 million and an expenditure of \$0.69 million respectively, resulting in a deficit of \$0.38 million. As at 31.8.2010, the accumulated balance of the Trust was \$12.9 million.
6. The Prisoners' Education Trust Fund aims at providing financial assistance to individual prisoners who have lodged an application for receiving education. In the financial year from 1.4.2009 to 31.3.2010, a total of 205 prisoners were granted assistance to further their studies. In the above-mentioned financial year, the Trust recorded an income of \$0.27 million and an expenditure of \$0.12 million respectively, resulting in a surplus of \$0.15 million. As at 31.3.2010, the accumulated balance of the Trust was \$5.53 million.
7. The Prisoners' Welfare Fund aims at paying for the expenses of the prisoners and providing them with services and goods, such as recreational activity prizes, refreshment and education subsidy for prisoners, the expenses of which cannot be met with from the general revenue of the Government. In 2009-10, the Fund recorded an income of \$2.85 million and an expenditure of \$2.94 million respectively, resulting in a deficit of \$0.09 million. As at 31.3.2010, the accumulated balance of the Fund was \$2.02 million.

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Name in block letters CHANG KING YIU

Post Title Permanent Secretary for Security

Date 16.3.2011

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

SB006

Question Serial
No.

0691

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

Programme: (2) Internal Security

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Security

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Regarding consultancy studies (if any) commissioned by the Security Bureau and its departments for the purpose of formulating and assessing policies, please provide information in the following format.

- 1) Using the table below, please provide information on studies on public policy and strategic public policy for which funds had been allocated between 2008-09 and 2010-11:

Name of consultant	Mode of award (open auction / tender / others (please specify))	Title, content and objectives of project	Consultancy fee (\$)	Start date	Progress of study (under planning/ in progress/ completed)	Follow-ups taken by the Administration on the study reports and their progress (if any)	If completed, have they been made public? If yes, through what channels? If no, why?

- 2) Are there any projects for which funds have been reserved for conducting consultancy studies in 2011-12? If yes, please provide the following information:

Name of consultant	Mode of award (open auction / tender / others (please specify))	Title, content and objectives of project	Consultancy fee (\$)	Start date	Progress of study (under planning/ in progress/ completed)	For the projects that are expected to be completed in 2010-11, is there any plan to make them public? If yes, through what channels? If no, why?

- 3) What are the criteria for considering the award of consultancy projects to the research institutions concerned?

Asked by: Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply:

Details of the consultancy studies commissioned by the Narcotics Division (ND) of the Security Bureau for the purpose of formulating and assessing policies are as follows:

(1) Information on studies for which funds were allocated between 2008-09 and 2010-11:

Name of consultant	Mode of award (open auction / tender / others (please specify))	Title, content and objectives of project	Consultancy fee	Start date	Progress of study (under planning/ in progress/ completed)	Follow-ups taken by the Administration on the study reports and their progress (if any)	If completed, have they been made public? If yes, through what channels? If no, why?
Dr Lena Yue-ying Zhong/ Dr Wong Sing-wing, Dennis (City University of Hong Kong)	Others (Quotation)	Study of cocaine abuse in Hong Kong (continuation of the same study carried out in 2007-08)	\$60,731 ¹	2007	Completed	The study report has been submitted to the Action Committee Against Narcotics (ACAN) and the Research Advisory Group (RAG) of ND for discussion. The findings and recommendations are conducive to the formulation of anti-drug policies by the Government.	The report has been placed in the library of the Drug InfoCentre for public access. The executive summary has been uploaded onto the website of ND.
Consumer Search HK Ltd.	Others (Quotation)	The 2008/09 Survey of Drug Use among Students	\$898,000	2008	Completed	The study report has been submitted to ACAN and the RAG of ND for discussion. The findings and recommendations are conducive to the formulation of anti-drug policies by the Government.	The report has been placed in the library of the Drug InfoCentre for public access. The executive summary has been uploaded onto the website of ND.

¹ The total expenditure involved amounted to \$260,731, with \$60,731 being the costs for 2008-09 and thereafter.

Name of consultant	Mode of award (open auction / tender / others (please specify))	Title, content and objectives of project	Consultancy fee	Start date	Progress of study (under planning/ in progress/ completed)	Follow-ups taken by the Administration on the study reports and their progress (if any)	If completed, have they been made public? If yes, through what channels? If no, why?
Accredited Certification International Ltd	Others (Quotation)	Survey on Public Opinion on Anti-Drug Publicity 2008	\$52,000	2008	Completed	The study report has been submitted to ACAN and its Sub-Committee on Preventive Education and Publicity for discussion. The findings and recommendations are conducive to the formulation of anti-drug policies by the Government.	The survey report has been placed in the library of the Drug InfoCentre for public access. The executive summary has been uploaded onto the website of ND.
Actrium Solutions (HK) Ltd	Others (Quotation)	Survey on Public Opinion on Anti-Drug Publicity 2009	\$39,000	2009	Completed	The study report has been submitted to ACAN and its Sub-Committee on Preventive Education and Publicity for discussion. The findings and recommendations are conducive to the formulation of anti-drug policies by the Government.	The report has been placed in the library of the Drug InfoCentre for public access. The executive summary has been uploaded onto the website of ND.
Policy 21 Ltd	Others (Quotation)	A review of estimation method on prevalence of drug abuse population in Hong Kong	\$100,000	2010	In progress	The researchers submit progress reports to the RAG of ND regularly.	The study is expected to complete in 2011-12. The report will be placed in the library of the Drug InfoCentre for public access. The executive summary will be uploaded onto the website of ND.

Name of consultant	Mode of award (open auction / tender / others (please specify))	Title, content and objectives of project	Consultancy fee	Start date	Progress of study (under planning/ in progress/ completed)	Follow-ups taken by the Administration on the study reports and their progress (if any)	If completed, have they been made public? If yes, through what channels? If no, why?
Prof. Lau Tak Fai, Joseph (The Chinese University of Hong Kong)	Others (Quotation)	Study of the drug abuse situation and service needs of non-engaged youth in Hong Kong	\$350,000	2010	In progress	The researchers submit progress reports to the RAG of ND regularly.	The study is expected to complete in 2011-12. The report will be placed in the library of the Drug InfoCentre for public access. The executive summary will be uploaded onto the website of ND
Consumer Search HK Ltd.	Others (Quotation)	2011/12 Survey of drug use among students	\$200,000	2011	In progress	The researchers submit progress reports to the RAG of ND regularly.	The study is expected to complete in 2012-13. The survey report will be placed in the library of the Drug InfoCentre for public access. The executive summary will be uploaded onto the website of ND.

Name of consultant	Mode of award (open auction / tender / others (please specify))	Title, content and objectives of project	Consultancy fee	Start date	Progress of study (under planning/ in progress/ completed)	Follow-ups taken by the Administration on the study reports and their progress (if any)	If completed, have they been made public? If yes, through what channels? If no, why?
Accredited Certification International Ltd	Others (Quotation)	Survey on Public Opinion on Anti-Drug Publicity 2010	\$35,000	2011	In progress	The researchers submit progress reports to the ND regularly.	The study is expected to complete in 2011-12. The survey report will be placed in the library of the Drug InfoCentre for public access. The executive summary will be uploaded onto the website of ND.

(2) Information on projects for which funds have been reserved for conducting consultancy studies in 2011-12:

Name of consultant	Mode of award (open auction / tender / others (please specify))	Title, content and objectives of project	Consultancy fee	Start date	Progress of study (under planning/ in progress/ completed)	For projects that are scheduled for completion in 2011-12, is there any plan to make them public? If yes, through what channels? If no, why?
Policy 21 Ltd	Others (Quotation)	A review of estimation method on prevalence of drug abuse population in Hong Kong (continuation of the same study carried out in 2010-11)	\$150,000	2010	In progress	The study is expected to complete in 2011-12. The report will be placed in the library of the Drug InfoCentre for public access. The executive summary will be uploaded onto the website of ND.

Name of consultant	Mode of award (open auction / tender / others (please specify))	Title, content and objectives of project	Consultancy fee	Start date	Progress of study (under planning/ in progress/ completed)	For projects that are scheduled for completion in 2011-12, is there any plan to make them public? If yes, through what channels? If no, why?
Prof. Lau Tak Fai, Joseph (The Chinese University of Hong Kong)	Others (Quotation)	Study of the drug abuse situation and service needs of non-engaged youth in Hong Kong (continuation of the same study carried out in 2010-11)	\$399,800	2010	In progress	The study is expected to complete in 2011-12. The report will be placed in the library of the Drug InfoCentre for public access. The executive summary will be uploaded onto the website of ND.
Consumer Search HK Ltd.	Others (Quotation)	2011/12 Survey of drug use among students (continuation of the same study carried out in 2010-11)	\$1,180,000	2011	In progress	The study is expected to complete in 2012-13. The survey report will be placed in the library of the Drug InfoCentre for public access. The executive summary will be uploaded onto the website of ND.

- (3) In awarding consultancy projects to the research institutions concerned, we generally take into account the proposal of the consultant, feasibility of the project, methodology of study, relevant experience of the research institution, capability of the research team and the price quoted, etc.

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Name in block letters CHANG KING YIU

Post Title Permanent Secretary for Security

Date 15.3.2011

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

SB007

Question Serial
No.

2755

Head: 151 Government Secretariat:
Security Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Security

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

In regard to the implementation of the Framework Agreement on Hong Kong/Guangdong Co-operation (the Framework Agreement) and growing co-operation between Hong Kong and the Mainland in recent years, please provide relevant information on Hong Kong/Mainland cross-boundary projects or programmes in which the Security Bureau and departments under its purview are or have been involved.

a) For Hong Kong/Mainland cross-boundary projects or programmes from 2008-09 to 2010-11, please provide information in the following format:

Project/ programme title	Details, objective and whether it is related to the Framework Agreement	Expenditure involved	Name of Mainland department/ organisation involved	Progress (% completed, start date, anticipated completion date)	Have the details, objective, amount involved or impact on the public, society, culture and ecology been released to the public? If yes, through which channels and what were the manpower and expenditure involved? If no, what are the reasons?
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b) For Hong Kong/Mainland cross-boundary projects or programmes in 2011-12, please provide information in the following format:

Project/ programme title	Details, objective and whether it is related to the Framework Agreement	Expenditure involved	Name of Mainland department/ organisation involved	Progress (% completed, start date, anticipated completion date)	Will the details, objective, amount involved or impact on the public, society, culture and ecology be released to the public? If yes, through which channels and what will be the manpower and expenditure involved? If no, what are the reasons?
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c) Apart from the projects or programmes listed above, are there any other modes of cross-boundary co-operation? If yes, what are they? What were the manpower and expenditure involved in the past 3 years, and how much financial and manpower resources are earmarked in the 2011-12 Estimates?

Asked by: Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply:

To implement the Framework Agreement on Hong Kong/Guangdong Co-operation, the Security Bureau and departments under its purview are involved in the following Hong Kong/Mainland cross-boundary projects or programmes, which are mainly related to the improvement works at the Lok Ma Chau and Man Kam To Control Points. The reply to (a) and (b) of the question is given in detail in the following table:

Project/ programme title	Details, objective and whether it is related to the Framework Agreement	Expenditure involved (2011-12)	Name of Mainland department/ organisation involved	Progress (% completed, start date, anticipated completion date)	Will the details, objective, amount involved or impact on the public, society, culture and ecology be released to the public? If yes, through which channels and what will be the manpower and expenditure involved? If no, what are the reasons?
Improvement to the existing control point	Improvement works at Lok Ma Chau/ Huanggang Control Point	\$19 million	Huanggang Control Point, Shenzhen Municipality	First phase of project (south bound) will commence in the first half of 2011 and is expected to be completed by 2012. Second phase (north bound) to follow afterwards.	At its meeting on 4 January 2011, the Legislative Council Panel on Security was briefed on the improvement project which mainly involved doubling the number of e-Channels in the Passenger Terminal Building at the Lok Ma Chau Control Point. .
Improvement to the existing control point	Improvement works at Man Kam To Control Point	\$16 million	Man Kam To Control Point, Shenzhen Municipality	Works at Man Kam To Control Point will commence in the first quarter of 2011 and is expected to be completed in 2012.	At its meeting on 4 January 2011, the Legislative Council Panel on Security was briefed on the improvement project which mainly involved doubling the number of e-Channels in the Passenger Terminal Building at the Man Kam To Control Point.

(c) The Police have regular meetings and mutual visits with the Mainland Public Security Authorities to formulate strategies to combat cross-boundary crimes and

exchange experience in investigating cross-boundary crime cases. In compliance with the laws of the three jurisdictions, the Police have also facilitated information about police work with their Guangdong and Macao counterparts through the “Electronic Communal Information Sharing Platform” for tripartite police from the three places. Besides, the Police and the Government Laboratory exchange expertise in forensic examination with the relevant authorities of the Guangdong Province through mutual visits and the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Tripartite Technical Interface Meeting. Such work is integral to the Programmes “Prevention and Detection of Crime” of the Police and “Forensic Science Services” of the Government Laboratory. The departments concerned do not maintain a breakdown for the expenditure in this respect.

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Name in block letters CHANG KING YIU

Post Title Permanent Secretary for Security

Date 15.3.2011

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

SB008

Question Serial
No.

1681

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

Programme: (2) Internal Security

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Security

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

According to the Controlling Officer's Report, the Security Bureau will continue to explore long-term options in 2011-12 to cope with the increasing demand for emergency ambulance services. Please elaborate on the details of the above long-term options and provide a breakdown of the estimated expenditure involved. And what specific mechanism is currently adopted to ensure that sufficient financial resources are allocated to ambulance services?

Asked by: Hon. IP LAU Suk-ye, Regina

Reply:

We conducted a public consultation on the proposal to introduce the "Medical Priority Dispatch System" (MPDS) in 2009. The MPDS aims to prioritise response to emergency ambulance calls in accordance with the degree of urgency, such that emergency rescue services can be first provided to patients in critical or immediately life-threatening conditions. According to the outcome of the consultation, about 70% of the community was in support of MPDS. We reported the outcome to the Legislative Council Panel on Security (Panel) in April 2010. We will take the views and opinions of the community and the Panel into careful consideration in studying the way forward and details of the long-term plan.

Meanwhile, to meet the increasing demand for emergency ambulance services, we will continue to promote judicious use of ambulance services through publicity activities of the Fire Services Department (FSD). We will also consider the deployment of resources in accordance with the service demand and established procedures of the Government. In 2011-12, the FSD will create 136 additional Ambulance Officer and Ambulanceman posts to enhance the management of ambulance services and increase ambulance shifts in areas with higher demand.

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Name in block letters MS CHANG KING YIU

Post Title Permanent Secretary for Security

Date 9.3.2011

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

SB009

Question Serial
No.

1682

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

Programme: (2) Internal Security

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Security

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question :

It is mentioned in the Controlling Officer's Report that during 2010-11, the Security Bureau secured the approval of the code of practice by the Legislative Council to facilitate the implementation of the United Nations (Anti-Terrorism Measures) Ordinance. Please advise whether the above Ordinance provides any preventive measures or emergency mechanism for Hong Kong People in distress overseas, such as hostage-taking incidents. If not, will the Administration consider adding the relevant contents to the Ordinance?

Asked by : Hon. IP LAU Suk-yee, Regina

Reply :

The United Nations (Anti-Terrorism Measures) Ordinance (Cap. 575) ('the Ordinance') aims to fulfil Hong Kong's international obligations to combat acts of terrorism and terrorist financing under United Nations Security Council Resolution 1373¹, the Special Recommendations of the Financial Action Task Force on Money Laundering (FATF)² and the relevant Conventions³. The purpose of the Ordinance does not involve the emergency mechanism or measures for Hong Kong residents in distress overseas.

¹ United Nations Security Council Resolution 1373, which was passed on 28 September 2001, aims at combatting international terrorism on various fronts, including measures against terrorist financing. United Nations Security Council Resolution 1373 is binding on all Member States. The Central People's Government gave instructions to the HKSARG in October 2001 to implement the resolution.

² Hong Kong has been an active member of the FATF, an inter-governmental body which recommends standards and best practices in countering money laundering and terrorist financing. In October 2001, FATF made eight Special Recommendations, setting out the key legislative and regulatory steps that the FATF considers jurisdictions should adopt to stop terrorist financing. In October 2004, FATF made the ninth Special Recommendation.

³ The relevant Conventions include the International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings, the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts Against the Safety of Maritime Navigation and the Protocol for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts Against the Safety of Fixed Platforms Located on the Continental Shelf.

As regards the emergency mechanism for Hong Kong residents in distress outside Hong Kong, the Security Bureau has formulated a “Contingency Plan for Emergency Response Operations outside the HKSAR” which aims to assist Hong Kong residents whose personal safety is affected by large scale natural disasters or sudden incidents outside Hong Kong. Hong Kong residents in distress outside Hong Kong may call the 24-hour hotline “1868” of the Assistance to Hong Kong Residents Unit of the Immigration Department. The HKSAR Government will provide assistance in accordance with the emergency mechanism, having regard to the circumstances and requests of the assistance seekers. Besides, the Chinese Diplomatic and Consular Missions in overseas countries will provide consular protection to Hong Kong residents who are Chinese citizens according to their circumstances.

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Name in block letters	<u>MS CHANG KING YIU</u>
Post Title	<u>Permanent Secretary for Security</u>
Date	<u>11.3.2011</u>

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

SB010

Question Serial
No.

0827

Head: 151 Government Secretariat:
Security Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Internal Security

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Security

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

It is mentioned in the Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2011-12 that the Security Bureau will continue to explore long-term options for provision of emergency ambulance services. Could the Administration advise this Committee of the details and the estimated expenditure?

Asked by: Hon. LAM Tai-fai

Reply:

We conducted a public consultation on the proposal to introduce the "Medical Priority Dispatch System" (MPDS) in 2009. The MPDS aims to prioritise response to emergency ambulance calls in accordance with the degree of urgency, such that priority emergency assistance can be provided to patients in critical or immediately life-threatening conditions. According to the outcome of the consultation, about 70% of the community was in support of MPDS. We reported the outcome to the Legislative Council Panel on Security (Panel) in April 2010. We will take the views and opinions of the community and the Panel into careful consideration in studying the way forward and details of the long-term plan.

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Name in block letters MS CHANG KING YIU

Post Title Permanent Secretary for Security

Date 9.3.2011

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

SB011

Question Serial
No.

0828

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

Programme: (2) Internal Security

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Security

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

The Security Bureau indicates in Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2011-12 that it will continue to implement the recommendations of the Task Force on Youth Drug Abuse and further enhance efforts along the five strategic directions in collaboration with the relevant bureau/departments and community stakeholders. Will the Government inform this Committee of the details of such work and the estimated expenditures involved?

Asked by: Hon. LAM Tai-fai

Reply:

In 2011-12, the Government will continue to implement the recommendations of the Task Force on Youth Drug Abuse (the Task Force) led by the Secretary for Justice on various fronts along the five directions promulgated by the Chief Executive, namely rehabilitation, drug testing, law enforcement, community mobilisation and community support.

On rehabilitation, the total expenditure for 2011-12 will be about \$413 million, covering the Methadone Treatment Programme and the voluntary residential treatment and rehabilitation programme subvented by the Department of Health, the compulsory drug treatment programme operated by the Correctional Services Department, the counselling centres for psychotropic substance abusers and the voluntary residential treatment and rehabilitation programme subvented by the Social Welfare Department and the substance abuse clinics under the Hospital Authority.

Apart from the above specialised drug treatment and rehabilitation services, the Government engages and assists those in need through other generic services. These include the school social work service, the District Youth Outreaching Social Work Teams, the designated Integrated Children and Youth Services Centres which provide overnight outreaching services for young night drifters, the Community Support Service Scheme and the probation service. Separate expenditures on the items are not available.

In 2011-12, the Administration plans to further strengthen the treatment and rehabilitation services and related work. Initiatives include:

- strengthening school social work services in all secondary schools by a 20% increase of manpower (about 100) so as to combat drug abuse in a focused manner and enhance the counselling services. The additional resources involved in a financial year upon full implementation of the initiative will amount to \$49.8 million;
- allocating about \$0.69 million to two social clubs offering counselling and other support services for drug abusers, rehabilitated drug abusers and their families for their provision of on-site medical support services; and
- allocating about \$0.55 million for creating a project manager post to render support to the residential drug treatment and rehabilitation centres to upgrade their facilities or carry out redevelopment works, with a view to assisting them to improve the environment of the centres.

Work on drug testing involves school drug testing, hair drug testing and compulsory drug testing.

On school drug testing, the expenditure for the Tai Po school drug testing scheme in school year 2010/11 will be about \$7 million. This will be used for a student drug testing team to carry out drug testing and counselling in schools, deployment of extra school social workers, the strengthening of downstream support service and provision of resources to schools to facilitate drug testing and anti-drug efforts. Besides, the Administration is extending the evaluation research on the scheme in parallel, and the expenditure involved will be about \$1.56 million. Both of these tasks will be funded under the Beat Drugs Fund (BDF).

Since the release of the Evaluation Research Report on the Trial Scheme on School Drug Testing in Tai Po District in early November 2010, we have begun a series of consultation work. Stakeholders including school sponsoring bodies, school heads' associations, parent-teacher associations and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) were engaged. Through the consultation and dialogue, we hope to enhance their understanding of the research findings and proposals, and enlist their support for implementing the recommendations of the report.

For schools and NGOs which have shown greater interest, the Administration is having intensive discussions with them on the specific contents and arrangements of the programmes, the grouping of schools, the matching with NGOs, the resources involved and the application procedures of the BDF. Advice and guidance will be given to the schools and NGOs with a view to assisting them to draw up healthy school programmes with drug testing elements pertaining to the circumstances of different groupings, and to apply for the BDF for implementation in the 2011/12 school year.

The Administration has launched the hair drug-testing pilot scheme in June 2010 providing free hair testing services to more than ten organisations or units, including counselling centres for psychotropic substance abusers, drug treatment and rehabilitation centres, substance abuse clinics and outreaching teams, etc. The new equipments procured by the Government Laboratory are now in service. We plan to make use of the new equipments to further enhance the hair drug-testing service by

opening up the services to more service units to benefit more people in need. In the long run, we hope to transfer the technology to the industry to facilitate the development of the services locally.

At present, there is no legal basis for introducing compulsory drug testing at the community level in Hong Kong. The Task Force recommended introducing new legislation to bring in compulsory drug testing at the community level, empowering law enforcement officers to require a person reasonably suspected of having consumed dangerous drugs to be subject to a drug test. As complex legal, human rights and enforcement issues, as well as the co-ordination of downstream support services, resources required and implementation details are involved, the Government is actively studying the recommendation with a view to engaging the stakeholders in intensive discussion to address the related issues and working out a specific proposal for public consultation.

On law enforcement, the Narcotics Bureau (NB) of the Hong Kong Police Force (the Police) and the Customs Drug Investigation Bureau (CDIB) of the Customs and Excise Department (C&ED) are the major units undertaking territory-wide drug enforcement work. In addition, regional and district dedicated units of the Police combat drug problem at the district level while the C&ED takes law enforcement action against drug trafficking at boundary control points. In 2011-12, both departments will enhance efforts to curb the flow of illicit drugs into Hong Kong, including collecting intelligence and strengthening co-operation with Mainland and overseas law enforcement agencies. Law enforcement actions at boundary crossings and boundary control points will also be stepped up and measures targeting cross-boundary youth drug abuse at land boundary control points taken. Apart from enhancing the deployment of drug detector dogs and conduct of random checks on young passengers, law enforcement officers will also heighten anti-drug publicity at land boundary crossings. When necessary the Administration will also invoke Section 56A of the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance (an adult who has involved a minor in committing a specified drug offence) or the case law regarding the factor of importation of drugs to seek enhanced sentencing from the Court. In 2011-12, the total estimated expenditure of the NB and CDIB will be about \$271 million.

On community mobilisation and community support, we will allocate about \$2.8 million to continue mobilising various quarters of the community to fight against drugs.

School anti-drug campaigns form an important part of community mobilisation and community support. In 2011-12, the Narcotics Division, Education Bureau, the Police, the Social Welfare Department and the departments concerned will continue to strengthen drug education in schools, step up anti-drug publicity and education for primary and secondary school students, enhance anti-drug training for the school management and teachers, and encourage schools to develop a healthy school policy with an anti-drug element to help students develop a healthy lifestyle, build up positive values, acquire practical life skills and skills to resist temptation. On the other hand, we will strengthen parental education and provide support to parents, which include providing telephone support services manned by social workers (Tel.: 186 186) and organising district-based anti-drug talks for parents in the 18 districts. Besides, we will organise training programmes for social workers to enhance their skills in assisting parents of at-risk youths or those with drug abuse problems. We will also arrange

training for various stakeholders (e.g. parent-teacher associations/district organisations) to enhance their capability in promoting parental education.

Youth drug abuse is a complex social issue that has implications on various fronts including legal, medical care, welfare, education, community and security. The relevant bureaux and departments will continue to work together to implement the comprehensive anti-drug initiatives by making use of existing resources and manpower. The Government injected \$3 billion into the BDF in 2010-11 to generate an enhanced level of income for supporting anti-drug work. We will encourage various sectors of the community to make use of the Fund to support sustained anti-drug efforts, including the implementation of treatment and rehabilitation services as well as preventive education and publicity programmes.

Signature

Name in block letters

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Date

CHANG KING YIU

Permanent Secretary for Security

14.3.2011

SB012

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Question Serial
No.

0124

Head: 151 Government Secretariat:
Security Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (3) Immigration Control

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Security

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

The Outbound Travel Alerts (OTAs) issued in the past were regarded as slow responses that could not immediately reflect the latest situation. In this connection, how many OTAs were issued in the past three years and what were the procedures and manpower involved in relation to making a decision on the issue of an OTA?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

The number of OTAs issued since the implementation of the OTA System by the Security Bureau (SB) in October 2009 are set out below:

Year	Amber OTA	Red OTA	Black OTA
2009 (October to December)	6	0	0
2010	7	2	2
2011 (January to February)	7	4	1

In considering whether there is a need to issue an OTA, the SB's primary consideration is the possible risk to the personal safety of Hong Kong travellers. Factors taken into consideration in risk evaluation include the level of threat to personal safety, duration of the threat, whether the threat is targeted at tourists and whether the place is a popular destination visited by Hong Kong residents, etc. Generally speaking, in the case of a large-scale incident, the SB will liaise with relevant authorities such as the Office of Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the HKSAR, the Immigration Department (ImmD), the Information Services Department, the Transport and Housing Bureau and the Tourism Commission, etc., and will only make a decision to issue, adjust or maintain an OTA after collecting information and evaluating the possible risks. At the operational level, the work of the SB is supported by the "Assistance to Hong Kong Residents Unit" (AHU) of the ImmD. Operating round the clock, the ImmD officers of the AHU gather information about the incident and local situation through the assistance seekers in distress outside Hong Kong and from other sources,

and will furnish the SB with information and advice to facilitate the latter's evaluation of the need to issue an OTA. The AHU is also responsible for contacting and providing necessary assistance to Hong Kong residents seeking assistance or to their families in Hong Kong.

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Date 15.3.2011

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

SB013

Question Serial
No.

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

0125

Programme: (3) Immigration Control

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Security

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

The Security Bureau (SB) stated that it would continue to oversee the effective operation of the Outbound Travel Alert (OTA) System and the Registration of Outbound Travel Information Service. In this connection, could the Administration advise this Committee of the resources and manpower involved?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

The Security Bureau (SB) is responsible for the daily operation of the OTA System, including monitoring incidents which might pose possible risks to the personal safety of Hong Kong residents and conducting evaluations in respect of OTAs and other relevant information. Generally speaking, in the case of a large-scale incident, the SB will liaise with relevant authorities such as the Office of Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the HKSAR, the Immigration Department (ImmD), the Information Services Department, the Transport and Housing Bureau and the Tourism Commission, etc., and will only make a decision to issue, adjust or maintain an OTA after collecting information and evaluating the possible risks. At the operational level, the work of the SB is supported by the "Assistance to Hong Kong Residents Unit" (AHU) of the ImmD. Operating round the clock, the ImmD officers of the AHU gather information about the incident and local situation through the assistance seekers in distress outside Hong Kong and from other sources, and will furnish the SB with information and advice to facilitate the latter's evaluation of the need to issue an OTA. The AHU is also responsible for contacting and providing necessary assistance to Hong Kong residents seeking assistance or to their families in Hong Kong.

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SB014

Question Serial
No.

3692

Head: 151 Government Secretariat:
Security Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Internal Security

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Security

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

As regards continuing to explore long-term options for provision of emergency ambulance services under this Programme, please advise on the details of the work, the manpower involved and the estimated expenditure.

Asked by: Hon. LEE Kok-long, Joseph

Reply:

We conducted a public consultation on the introduction of "Medical Priority Dispatch System" (MPDS) in 2009. The MPDS aims to prioritise response to emergency ambulance calls in accordance with the degree of urgency, such that priority emergency assistance can be provided to patients in critical or immediately life-threatening conditions. According to the outcome of the consultation, about 70% of the community was in support of MPDS. We reported the outcome to the Legislative Council Panel on Security (Panel) in April 2010. We will take the views and opinions of the community and the Panel into careful consideration in studying the way forward and details of the long term plan.

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Post Title Permanent Secretary for Security

Date 9.3.2011

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

SB015

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

Question Serial No.

3693

Programme: (2) Internal Security

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Security

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Under this Programme, the Security Bureau will continue to implement the recommendations of the Task Force on Youth Drug Abuse and further enhance efforts along the five strategic directions, namely community mobilisation, community support, drug testing, rehabilitation and law enforcement, in collaboration with relevant bureaux/departments and community stakeholders. In this regard, please inform this Committee of the progress, details of work and the manpower and estimated expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon. LEE Kok-long, Joseph

Reply:

In 2011-12, the Government will continue to implement the recommendations of the Task Force on Youth Drug Abuse (the Task Force) led by the Secretary for Justice on various fronts along the five directions promulgated by the Chief Executive, namely rehabilitation, drug testing, law enforcement, community mobilisation and community support.

On rehabilitation, the total expenditure for 2011-12 will be about \$413 million, covering the Methadone Treatment Programme and the voluntary residential treatment and rehabilitation programme subvented by the Department of Health, the compulsory drug treatment programme operated by the Correctional Services Department, the counselling centres for psychotropic substance abusers and the voluntary residential treatment and rehabilitation programme subvented by the Social Welfare Department and the substance abuse clinics under the Hospital Authority.

Apart from the above specialised drug treatment and rehabilitation services, the Government engages and assists those in need through other generic services. These include the school social work service, the District Youth Outreaching Social Work Teams, the designated Integrated Children and Youth Services Centres which provide overnight outreaching services for young night drifters, the Community Support Service Scheme and the probation service. Separate expenditures on the items are not available.

In 2011-12, the Administration plans to further strengthen the treatment and rehabilitation services and related work. Initiatives include:

- strengthening school social work services in all secondary schools by a 20% increase of manpower (about 100) so as to combat drug abuse in a focused manner and enhance the counselling services. The additional resources involved in a financial year upon full implementation of the initiative will amount to \$49.8 million;
- allocating about \$0.69 million to two social clubs offering counselling and other support services for drug abusers, rehabilitated drug abusers and their families for their provision of on-site medical support services; and
- allocating about \$0.55 million for creating a project manager post to render support to the residential drug treatment and rehabilitation centres to upgrade their facilities or carry out redevelopment works, with a view to assisting them to improve the environment of the centres.

Work on drug testing involves school drug testing, hair drug testing and compulsory drug testing.

On school drug testing, the expenditure for the Tai Po school drug testing scheme in school year 2010/11 will be about \$7 million. This will be used for a student drug testing team to carry out drug testing and counselling in schools, deployment of extra school social workers, the strengthening of downstream support service and provision of resources to schools to facilitate drug testing and anti-drug efforts. Besides, the Administration is extending the evaluation research on the scheme in parallel, and the expenditure involved will be about \$1.56 million. Both of these tasks will be funded under the Beat Drugs Fund (BDF).

Since the release of the Evaluation Research Report on the Trial Scheme on School Drug Testing in Tai Po District in early November 2010, we have begun a series of consultation work. Stakeholders including school sponsoring bodies, school heads' associations, parent-teacher associations and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) were engaged. Through the consultation and dialogue, we hope to enhance their understanding of the research findings and proposals, and enlist their support for implementing the recommendations of the report.

For schools and NGOs which have shown greater interest, the Administration is having intensive discussions with them on the specific contents and arrangements of the programmes, the grouping of schools, the matching with NGOs, the resources involved and the application procedures of the BDF. Advice and guidance will be given to the schools and NGOs with a view to assisting them to draw up healthy school programmes with drug testing elements pertaining to the circumstances of different groupings, and to apply for the BDF for implementation in the 2011/12 school year.

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opening up the services to more service units to benefit more people in need. In the long run, we hope to transfer the technology to the industry to facilitate the development of the services locally.

At present, there is no legal basis for introducing compulsory drug testing at the community level in Hong Kong. The Task Force recommended introducing new legislation to bring in compulsory drug testing at the community level, empowering law enforcement officers to require a person reasonably suspected of having consumed dangerous drugs to be subject to a drug test. As complex legal, human rights and enforcement issues, as well as the co-ordination of downstream support services, resources required and implementation details are involved, the Government is actively studying the recommendation with a view to engaging the stakeholders in intensive discussion to address the related issues and working out a specific proposal for public consultation.

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On community mobilisation and community support, we will allocate about \$2.8 million to continue mobilising various quarters of the community to fight against drugs.

School anti-drug campaigns form an important part of community mobilisation and community support. In 2011-12, the Narcotics Division, Education Bureau, the Police, the Social Welfare Department and the departments concerned will continue to strengthen drug education in schools, step up anti-drug publicity and education for primary and secondary school students, enhance anti-drug training for the school management and teachers, and encourage schools to develop a healthy school policy with an anti-drug element to help students develop a healthy lifestyle, build up positive values, acquire practical life skills and skills to resist temptation. On the other hand, we will strengthen parental education and provide support to parents, which include providing telephone support services manned by social workers (Tel.: 186 186) and organising district-based anti-drug talks for parents in the 18 districts. Besides, we will organise training programmes for social workers to enhance their skills in assisting parents of at-risk youths or those with drug abuse problems. We will also arrange

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14.3.2011

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

SB016

Question Serial
No.

0638

Head: 151 Government Secretariat:
Security Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Internal Security

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Security

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

In 2011-12, the Security Bureau will escalate anti-drug efforts along five strategic directions, namely community mobilisation, community support, drug testing, rehabilitation and law enforcement. What are the respective budgets for the five strategic directions?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

SB017

Question Serial
No.

2159

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

Programme: (3) Immigration Control

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Security

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

The actual expenditure for the legal assistance scheme for torture claimants for 2009-10 is much lower than the estimated expenditure for the year and subsequent years. What are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

Pursuant to the court's ruling in December 2008 that publicly-funded legal assistance should be offered to needy torture claimants, we initially sought to provide such service starting from mid-2009. After carrying out comprehensive consultation and preparation works, the legal assistance scheme was ultimately launched in late December 2009. Hence, the expenditure involved is lower than the original estimate.

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

SB018

Question Serial
No.

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

1060

Programme: (3) Immigration Control

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Security

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

The estimated provision for Programme (3) "Immigration Control" of the Security Bureau this year is \$133.2 million, which is 103.4% (i.e. more than double) higher than the revised provision of \$65.5 million of last year. What are the reasons for this? Please set out how the increased provision will be used.

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Mei-fun, Priscilla

Reply:

The increase in the estimated provision for the above programme is mainly for payment of the publicly-funded legal aid services in relation to torture claims and the expenses on handling appeal petitions. 2010-11 was the first full year since the operation of the enhanced torture claim mechanism. About 400 torture claim cases were handled in the year. We expect that over 1 000 torture claim cases will be handled in 2011-12 and the expenses will increase accordingly.

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Date 15.3.2011

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SB019

Question Serial
No.

1061

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

Programme: (3) Immigration Control

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Security

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

According to the Security Bureau, the e-Channel service will be extended to eligible Mainland frequent visitors this year. What is meant by "eligible"?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Mei-fun, Priscilla

Reply:

We have explained to Members at the meetings of the Legislative Council Panel on Security and the Finance Committee in June and July last year respectively that the Immigration Department plans to allow eligible Mainland frequent visitors to use the e-Channel service after enrolment starting from 2012. Eligible Mainland visitors refer to those in possession of a valid endorsement, who have visited Hong Kong for 3 times or more in a year and have no adverse record such as breaching the condition of stay, overstaying, etc. Details will be announced in due course.

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Date 15.3.2011

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

SB020

Question Serial
No.

3226

Head: 151 Government Secretariat:
Security Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Security

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Regarding the estimates of expenditure of the information technology management unit of the bureau:

- a. What is the estimated expenditure for 2011-12? What is the percentage change compared with the actual expenditure for 2010-11? What account for this percentage change in expenditure?
- b. What specific initiatives are involved in the estimates of expenditure for 2011-12? Which of them are ongoing and new initiatives respectively? What are the staff number, cost and implementation timetable of each initiative? Among the staff involved, how many of them are civil servants, non-civil service contract staff and staff of outsourced services respectively?
- c. Whether funds have been reserved for promoting electronic civic participation and public sector information access? If yes, what are the specific details, including the titles and particulars of the initiatives, the manpower and cost involved, and the implementation timetable? If not, what are the reasons and will consideration be given to introducing the initiatives in the future?
- d. What are the permanent establishment and the number of existing staff and vacancies of the information technology unit? Is manpower expected to increase in the coming year? If yes, how many additional posts will be created? What ranks will be involved? Will they be permanent posts? Will they be appointed on civil service terms? If there will be no increase in manpower, what are the reasons?
- e. Has there been any comprehensive review of the effectiveness of the information technology unit? If yes, what are the results and the specific improvement measures involved? If not, what are the reasons and will a review be conducted in the future?

Asked by: Hon. TAM Wai-ho, Samson

Reply:

- a. The estimated expenditure for the Information Technology Management Unit of the Security Bureau is \$3.2 million for 2011-12, which represents an increase of 33.6% as compared with 2010-11. The additional expenditure is mainly used for the relocation of offices to the Central Government Complex at Tamar.
- b. Specific ongoing initiatives implemented in 2011-12 include:

Initiative	Estimated Expenditure for 2011-12
Support of business applications and operations	\$0.22 million
Support of the information technology infrastructure, business strategy and information management	\$1.18 million
Sub-total	\$1.40 million

New initiatives for 2011-12 include:

Initiative	Estimated Expenditure for 2011-12	Implementation Timetable
Relocation and provision of network infrastructure for the offices of the Security Bureau in the Central Government Complex at Tamar	\$1.70 million	2011-12
Upgrading of software asset management system	\$0.05 million	from October 2011
Enhancement of information security for the Integrated Law and Order Statistical System	\$0.05 million	from October 2011
Sub-total	\$1.80 million	

Manpower involved in the above initiatives includes 4 civil servants and 4 staff members of outsourced service (hired via Term Contract). Two of the staff members of outsourced service are appointed to supplement the civil service vacancies on a temporary basis.

- c. We explore initiatives for promoting electronic civic participation and public sector information access from time to time. In 2009-10 and 2010-11 financial years, we launched and improved the Outbound Travel Alert System to help Hong Kong residents better understand the risks in travelling to overseas countries covered by the alert system.
- d. The permanent establishment, strength and vacancies of the Information Technology Management Unit are as follows:

Grade	Current Establishment	Strength	Vacancy
Analyst/Programmer	9	7*	2^
Total	9	7*	2^

* 3 civil servants are deployed to the Correctional Services Department to support their computer projects.

^ The vacancies are filled by 2 staff members of outsourced service (hired via Term Contract) for the time being.

The Office of the Government Chief Information Officer is conducting a recruitment exercise for the appointment of Analyst/Programmer II to fill the vacancies. In the meantime, the duties of the vacant posts are taken up by the staff of outsourced service (hired via Term Contract). There is no need to expand the establishment of the Information Technology Management Unit in 2011-12.

- e. We have set up the Information Technology Steering Committee under the current governance mechanism to review the manpower resources and development plans of the Information Technology Management Unit. In the annual resource allocation exercise, we will seek new opportunities for computerisation and ensure that the manpower under the establishment of the Information Technology Management Unit is sufficient to meet new service needs.

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Post Title Permanent Secretary for Security

Date 16.3.2011

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

SB021

Question Serial
No.

2904

Head: 151 Government Secretariat:
Security Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (3) Immigration Control

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Security

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

It is mentioned in Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2011–12 that the Administration would oversee the effective operation of the Outbound Travel Alert (OTA) System and the Registration of Outbound Travel Information service. In the new financial year (2011-12), how much manpower and resources has the Security Bureau (SB) earmarked for undertaking and overseeing the effective operation of the OTA System and the Registration of Outbound Travel Information service? (Please list out the number, rank and remuneration information of the officers responsible for undertaking and overseeing the operation of the above two mechanisms.)

Asked by: Hon. TSE Wai-chun, Paul

Reply:

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Reply Serial No.

SB022

Question Serial
No.

1126

Head: 122 Hong Kong Police Force Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (3) Road Safety

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

[Note: The question below concerns matters under the policy purview of the Transport and Housing Bureau (THB). The reply was prepared by the Hong Kong Police Force and vetted by the THB.]

Question:

The actual number of prosecutions for speeding offences by the Force in 2010 was increased by more than 24 000 as compared with that in 2009. What are the reasons? Will the Force strengthen its manpower and equipment to cope with the above work? If so, what are the resources involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Hak-kan

Reply:

The total number of prosecutions for speeding offences in 2010 was 216 505, which represents an increase by about 24 000 over 2009. The 13% increase of this prosecution figure mainly reflects the effectiveness of the Force and the Transport Department (TD) in adjusting the road sections for installing existing speed enforcement cameras (SECs) under the "Expansion of Speed Enforcement Camera System, Phase 2" project. In this adjustment exercise, the Force installed SECs in road sections where there are more speeding offences so as to strengthen enforcement actions. The "Expansion of Speed Enforcement Camera System, Phase 2" project has been put on trial and the entire project will be completed in 2013.

The Force and the TD will jointly monitor the effectiveness of the above expansion projects, and from time to time review and examine the needs for the installation of more SECs.

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SB023

Question Serial
No.

1127

Head: 122 Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (3) Road Safety

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

[Note: The question below concerns matters under the policy purview of the Transport and Housing Bureau (THB). The reply was prepared by the Hong Kong Police Force and vetted by the THB.]

Question:

With respect to the combat against drink driving, please inform this Committee of the respective numbers of persons arrested and charged for drink driving and the number of casualties caused by drink driving in the past 3 years (i.e. 2008-09 to 2010-11).

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Hak-kan

Reply:

The numbers of persons arrested and charged for drink driving and the numbers of casualties caused by drink driving in the past 3 years are given in the following table:

	2008	2009	2010*
No. of persons arrested and charged for drink driving	1 293	891	920
No. of casualties in traffic accidents involving drink driving	367	170	113

* Provisional figures as at 24 February 2011.

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SB024

Question Serial
No.

1128

Head: 122 Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (3) Road Safety

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

[Note: The question below concerns matters under the policy purview of the Transport and Housing Bureau (THB). The reply was prepared by the Hong Kong Police Force and vetted by the THB.]

Question:

In respect of the combat against drink driving, please inform this Committee of the number of random breath tests conducted by the Force to date, and the figure and ratio of drivers refusing the test.

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Hak-kan

Reply:

Since the random breath test came into force on 9 February 2009, the Force has conducted a total of 170 194 random breath tests as at 28 February 2011. During the period, 33 people refused the test, representing 0.02% of the total number of people tested.

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Reply Serial No.

SB025

Question Serial
No.

1273

Head: 122 Hong Kong Police Force Subhead (No. & title):
Programme: (2) Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Please inform this Committee of the number of cases relating to drug abuse and narcotics offence in school campuses and the number of students involved in each of the past 3 academic years (i.e. 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11). Has the Administration reserved any resources and manpower to tackle the crimes?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Hak-kan

Reply:

The numbers of cases relating to drug abuse and narcotics offence in school campuses and the number of students involved in the past 3 years are as follows:

	2008	2009	2010
No. of cases	15	24	11
No. of students involved	24	41	14

The resources and manpower allocated to tackle the drug abuse problem in school campuses mainly include:

Police School Liaison Programme

School Liaison Officer posts are filled by officers at Sergeant rank under the command of Police Community Relations Officers in their respective districts. They pay regular visits to schools and maintain close liaison with the school community (including teachers, school social workers, school youth organisations and Parent-Teacher Associations). They advise school management on effective ways to handle undesirable behaviour of students in schools, and organise seminars and talks etc. to enhance the knowledge of students and teachers on the harmful effects of drug abuse and other delinquent acts.

Currently, School Liaison Officers and the school community have built a solid communication network and a good working relationship. To strengthen the communication and connection between the Police and schools, parents, students and social workers, as well as encouraging and motivating students to take part in healthy community activities, the Police will continue to implement the following measures and services:

- Increasing the frequency of school visits;
- Organising more anti-drug and anti-crime talks and other preventive education activities;
- Enhancing the knowledge of students and school management on the relevant legislation;
- Making further efforts in explaining to students and school management the trend of drug abuse and its serious consequences;
- Organising more anti-drug seminars, talks and forums; and
- Enhancing the Police's network for gathering intelligence on crimes involving youths, students, narcotics offences in school campuses and other offences.

In 2010-11, the Police have created 9 additional Police School Liaison Officer posts, making a total of 94 posts serving over 1 100 secondary and primary schools throughout Hong Kong. In 2010, the School Liaison Officers made a total of 18 407 visits to secondary and primary schools and organised 3 371 talks in schools.

Multi-Agency and Inter-Agency Co-operation

In the 2011 Operational Priorities of the Commissioner of Police, one important policy is to adopt a multi-agency and community-based approach, working together with schools, government departments, and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to prevent psychotropic drug abuse amongst students, juveniles and young people. So far, police districts and formations have jointly implemented 68 programmes targeting youth problems with government departments and NGOs. The Police will continue to enhance co-operation and communication with other government departments and NGOs and organise more anti-drug activities.

The expenditure for the above work is part of the total expenditure for the Programme of "Prevention and Detection of Crime". The Police do not specifically maintain a breakdown for this part of work and the expenditure involved.

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SB026

Question Serial
No.

1274

Head: 122 Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Please explain why there is a substantial increase in the amount of cocaine and No.4 heroin seized by the Police. Does this indicate a change in the demand of local drug abusers for various types of drugs?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Hak-kan

Reply:

The quantity of cocaine seized in 2010 recorded an increase over 2009. It was mainly due to the seizure of 372 kg and 70 kg cocaine in April and June 2010 respectively. Investigations showed that some of the cocaine was supplied to the local market. We believe that there is an increase in the local demand for cocaine.

The quantity of heroin seized in 2010 showed an increase over 2009. It was primarily attributed to the detection of 17 cases of heroin trafficking which involved over 1 kg heroin by the Police and the Customs and Excise Department at the airport (while there were only 6 cases in 2009). Investigations revealed that Hong Kong was not the final destination of such heroin. It is believed that there is no marked increase in the local demand for heroin.

One of the focus areas of the Force's combat against drug-related crimes is to cut off drug supply to curb the flow of drugs into the local market or the hands of drug abusers. The increase in the quantity of drugs seized in 2010 reflects the positive impact of intelligence-led strategic actions taken by law enforcement agencies against drug supply. The Police will continue to co-operate with overseas and Mainland law enforcement agencies to combat the sources of illicit drugs.

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SB027

Question Serial
No.

1679

Head: 122 Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (3) Road Safety

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

[Note: The question below concerns matters under the policy purview of the Transport and Housing Bureau (THB). The reply was prepared by the Hong Kong Police Force and vetted by the THB.]

Question:

Regarding the combat against drug driving, please provide the following details:

- (a) What were the number of persons arrested and charged for drug driving and the number of casualties caused by drug driving in each of the past 3 years (i.e. 2008-09 to 2010-11)?
- (b) What were the most common drugs taken by the arrested persons before driving? Please list the number of cases involved.

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Hak-kan

Reply:

- (a) & (b) Figures for drug driving are listed as follows:

	2008	2009	2010
Number of persons arrested	4	11	84
Number of persons charged	4	8	60
Number of casualties (death) involved	2(0)	0(1)	11(1)

The most common drug taken in drug driving is Ketamine. There are 87 cases involving the drug in the past 3 years, accounting for 88% of the total number of cases. Other common drugs taken are cough medicine (3 cases) and cocaine (3 cases), each accounting for 3% of the total number of cases.

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SB028

Question Serial
No.

2090

Head: 122 Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

What were the categories and figures of crimes involving students in 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Man-kwong

Reply:

The numbers of students involved in criminal cases and arrested by the Police from 2008 to 2010 are set out as below:

<u>Category of crimes</u>	2008	2009	2010
Shop theft	1 330	1 404	1 227
Miscellaneous theft	977	860	808
Wounding/serious assault	807	853	699
Indecent assault	184	189	226
Unlawful society offence	184	181	185
Criminal damage	195	182	161
Criminal intimidation	111	111	148
Disorderly conduct/fight in a public place	136	140	145
Serious narcotics offence	209	240	134
Deception	81	104	106
Other offences [@]	1 055	964	880
Total	5 269	5 228	4 719

Note: [@] Other offences include arson, blackmail, burglary, robbery, possession of offensive weapons, rape, offence against public order, unlawful sexual intercourse etc.

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SB029

Question Serial
No.

2091

Head: 122 Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

What were the categories and figures of campus crimes in 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Man-kwong

Reply:

The numbers of campus criminal cases handled by the Police from 2008 to 2010 are set out as below:

<u>Category of crimes</u>	2008	2009	2010
Miscellaneous theft	716	569	550
Wounding/serious assault	187	173	173
Burglary	69	67	74
Indecent assault	52	75	63
Criminal damage	58	50	53
Criminal intimidation	36	45	45
Blackmail	26	44	36
Unlawful society offence	28	46	34
Other offences [@]	112	106	94
Total	1 284	1 175	1 122

Note: @Other offences include arson, robbery, deception, disorderly conduct/fight in a public place, possession of offensive weapons, rape, unlawful sexual intercourse etc.

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SB030

Question Serial
No.

2092

Head: 122 Hong Kong Police Force Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

What were the numbers of domestic violence cases and death cases in 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Man-kwong

Reply:

The numbers of criminal cases involving domestic violence⁽¹⁾ handled by the Police from 2008 to 2010 are set out as below:

	2008	2009	2010
Criminal cases involving domestic	2 341	2 373	2 157

Note: (1) Domestic violence refers to “any behaviour involving an assault or a breach of the peace between parties who could be generally be described as married or having a family relationship”. “Married or having a family relationship” refers to married, separated or divorced couples, cohabitants and former cohabitants (irrespective of gender) and lovers or former lovers (irrespective of gender).

(2) Criminal cases involving domestic violence include murder, manslaughter, wounding, serious assault, rape, indecent assault, criminal intimidation, criminal damage, possession of offensive weapon etc.

The numbers of murder and manslaughter cases involving domestic violence from 2008 to 2010 are set out as below:

	2008	2009	2010
Murder and manslaughter	8	9	7

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SB031

Question Serial
No.

2093

Head: 122 Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

What are the measures and the provision for tackling youth drug abuse and campus drug problem in 2011-12?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Man-kwong

Reply:

Regarding the combat against youth drug abuse, the Police will continue to take actions to tackle the problem commensurate with the new trend in drug abuse. The Police will also interdict the inflow of illicit drugs through effective co-operation with the Mainland and overseas law enforcement agencies, and mount intelligence-led operations against drug traffickers, especially those exploiting minors and juveniles. We will make maximum use of the existing legislation to target drug traffickers and confiscate proceeds of drug trafficking, and adopt a multi-agency and community-based approach to tackle youth drug abuse through co-operation with schools, government departments and non-governmental organisations.

The problem of youth involvement in drugs can only be addressed effectively through the co-ordination of all related organisations in the aspects of prevention, education and publicity, drug addiction treatment and rehabilitation services, as well as legislation and law enforcement.

One very important policy in the 2011 Operational Priorities of the Commissioner of Police is to "adopt a multi-agency and community-based approach to promote awareness and prevent psychotropic drug abuse amongst students and juveniles". Besides stepping up the combat against drug abuse to curb drug supply, the Police have also devoted resources in continuing to organise various forms of activities and programmes with various community organisations and youth groups to encourage young people to foster a healthy attitude to life.

At the central level, the Police representatives attend the “Standing Committee on Young Offenders” and the “Committee on Services for Youth at Risk” respectively to assist in developing policies on juvenile delinquency and participate in deliberations on cross-departmental co-operation.

At the district level, the Police have currently organised a total of more than 60 youth initiatives at the levels of regions and police districts by adopting an “inter-departmental” and “multi-agency” approach, instilling a sense of discipline, civic responsibility and correct values in young people through various activities to achieve the goal of preventing juvenile delinquency and drug abuse.

The Narcotics Bureau will also co-organise the “Build a Healthy School Together” project with the Hong Kong Catholic Diocesan Schools Council in 2011 and 2012 to strengthen the will and skills of 93 000 Primary 4 to Form 7 students of nearly 130 Hong Kong Catholic Diocesan schools throughout the territory in rejecting drugs and help them foster a healthy and positive attitude to life, as well as promoting anti-drug education and publicity with the help of the young people participating in the project.

The Police have created 9 additional Police School Liaison Officer posts in 2010-11, making a total of 94 posts serving 1 100 secondary and primary schools throughout Hong Kong. They pay regular visits to schools and maintain close liaison with the school community (including teachers, school social workers, school youth organisations and Parent-Teacher Associations) to enhance the knowledge of students and teachers on drug abuse and delinquent behaviour.

The Police have noticed that young people may abuse psychotropic drugs alone or with friends at home. Besides enhancing the collection of intelligence through School Liaison Officers, police districts will also enhance liaison with the sport ground caretakers of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department or other stakeholders to identify drug abuse venues of young people. The information will be helpful for the Police in focusing resources to tackle youth drug abuse.

The expenditure for the above work is part of the total expenditure for the Programme of “Prevention and Detection of Crime”. No specific breakdown of the estimated expenditure in this respect is available.

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SB032

Question Serial
No.

2094

Head: 122 Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

What are the content of and the provision for youth and community initiatives?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Man-kwong

Reply:

In 2010-11, the Hong Kong Police Force has organised a total of about 60 "youth initiatives" throughout the territory with various social welfare organisations and other government departments. In the coming year, these youth initiatives will continue to be implemented in various districts to enhance publicity and education to the youth and raise their awareness of crime prevention. It is worth to note that with the funding support from the Beat Drugs Fund, the Narcotics Bureau will organise a two-year programme with the Hong Kong Catholic Diocesan Schools Council to provide youths with online anti-drug knowledge.

In the coming year, the Force will step up its publicity efforts to fight against cyber crimes, remind the youth to be careful with online friends and provide the youth with ways to avoid becoming victims of sexual assault. The Crime Prevention Bureau has also produced a training package on the prevention of sexual assault for School Liaison Officers to bring the message to schools in all districts. The package is designed to raise the youth's awareness of cyber crimes and teach them to protect themselves from becoming victims of sexual assault.

The expenditure for the above activities is part of the total expenditure for the Programme of "Prevention and Detection of crime" and no specific breakdown of the estimated expenditure in this respect is available. Moreover, in 2010-11 the Force conducted publicity campaigns on "Anti-shop Theft", "Be vigilant against Internet crime" and the combat against youth drug abuse through the Fight Crime Publicity Sub-Committee. The expenditure totalled at \$1.91m, with the majority spent on the prevention of youth crimes.

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No.

2095

Head: 122 Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Regarding the specific measures for the launch of an administrative scheme of sexual conviction record check for child and mentally incapacitated person related work, what are the manpower and provision involved? What is the implementation schedule?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Man-kwong

Reply:

The administrative scheme of sexual conviction record check will be implemented in pursuant to the recommendations of the Report released by the Law Reform Commission on 2 February 2010. The scheme would enable employers of persons undertaking child-related work or work relating to mentally incapacitated persons to check the criminal conviction records for sexual offences of their prospective employees.

Implementation of the scheme by the Police Force will involve 9 staff, including 8 civilian staff and one police officer.

A provision of \$9.838m was allocated for the establishment of the computer system and the telephone checking system required for the check. The scheme is planned for implementation in 2011. Subject to the actual situation after the implementation, the Police will review the resources required for the operation of the scheme from time to time.

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SB034

Question Serial
No.

0688

Head: 122 Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (1) – (4)

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Please inform this Committee of the expenditure in the training organised for all police officers on human rights, civic and political rights under constitutional protection as well as International Covenant on Civic and Political Rights in each of the past 5 years (i.e. 2006-07 to 2010-11); of the content of the training each year, the annual breakdown of the number of police officers trained by grade, rank and job nature; and the estimated expenditure for such training in 2011-12.

Asked by: Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply:

The Force organised courses relating to human and civic rights for new recruits and serving officers. The content broadly includes:

- (1) Courses on relevant legislation (including the Basic Law, the Hong Kong Bill of Rights Ordinance (Cap. 383), the Crimes (Torture) Ordinance (Cap. 427), the Race Discrimination Ordinance (Cap. 602), the Disability Discrimination Ordinance (Cap. 487), the Sex Discrimination Ordinance (Cap. 480) etc);
- (2) Courses on the inculcation of Force values (including integrity management, equal opportunities, service quality, professionalism) into officers; and
- (3) Courses relating to the execution of policing work (including courses on Rules and Directions for the Questioning of Suspects and the Taking of Statements; legal obligations and Force procedures – stop, search, arrest, detain, bail, care and custody of detained persons; the rights of detained persons; the Victim of Crime Charter etc).

The numbers of police officers trained in the past 5 years are as follows:

		2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Induction training	Probationary Inspector	66	123	130	151	150
	Recruit Police Constable	1 157	984	982	872	1 082
On-the-job training	Superintendent	14	18	22	31	45
	Chief Inspector	32	25	29	44	90
	Inspector / Senior Inspector	35	31	68	60	86
	Station Sergeant	69	62	62	74	104
	Sergeant	265	459	509	598	584

The Force also produced training materials for officers to enhance their knowledge on the following subjects.

- Discrimination Free (February 2009)
- Professional Sensitivity (August 2009)
- Searching of Detained Persons (October 2009)
- Diversity Management - Non-Ethnic Chinese (October 2010)

In 2010-11, the Force also invited experts and scholars on human rights laws to hold a thematic seminar for officers of Inspector rank and above with a view to studying the balance between human rights and law enforcement. There were about 150 attendees.

The expenditure on the training in enhancing police officers' awareness of human and civic rights falls under the daily training expenditure for the Hong Kong Police College. No detailed breakdown of the expenditure in this regard is available.

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SB035

Question Serial
No.

0689

Head: 122 Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (1) Maintenance of Law and Order in the Community

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Please inform this Committee of the date, theme and number of participants (by grade, rank and job nature) for each previous wave of "Living-the-Values Workshop" launched by the Force as well as its content and the expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply:

The theme of each wave of "Living-the-Values Workshop" and the expenditure involved are listed as follows:

<u>Date</u>		<u>Content and Theme</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>
December 1996 to March 1997	Wave I	- Introducing and achieving the "Force Vision, Statement of Common Purpose and Values"	\$850,000
December 1998 to September 1999	Wave II	- Discussing and achieving the values on "internal communication", "trust, support and encouragement" and "integrity and honesty"	\$830,000
November 2000 to July 2001	Wave III	- Enhancing the values of "integrity and honesty" and "Force communication", particularly focusing on "being less than prudent in private lives" and "taking unfair advantage of one's position"	\$290,000

<u>Date</u>	<u>Content and Theme</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>
April 2003 to September 2003	Wave IV - Upgrading “professionalism” of the Force – enhancing personal professional ethics and image	\$300,000
March 2005 to August 2006	Wave V - Building a Caring Workforce	\$300,000
September 2007 to July 2008	Wave VI - Fairness in All Our Dealings	\$370,000
September 2010 to March 2012	Wave VII - Professionalism in the Changing World	\$400,000*

Each wave of the workshop above covered all ranks of officers, including officers of Superintendent rank (Superintendents, Senior Superintendents and Chief Superintendents), Inspectorate officers (Inspectors, Senior Inspectors and Chief Inspectors) and junior police officers (Police Constables, Sergeants and Station Sergeants), as well as auxiliary police officers and civilian officers. A total of about 30 000 officers participate in each wave of the workshop.

*Estimated expenditure, including the actual expenditure of \$100,000 in 2010-11.

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Question Serial
No.

2349

Head: 122 Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (4) Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

The provision for 2011-12 is \$150.7m (5.8%) higher than the revised estimate last year (2010-11) mainly due to the creation of 104 counter-terrorism posts. In fact, the Force created counter-terrorism posts in each of the past few years. For example, 103 posts were created in 2009-10 while 115 posts were created in 2010-11. What are the reasons for the substantial increase in the number of counter-terrorism posts in recent years? After the creation of 104 counter-terrorism posts this year (2011-12), what is the total number of officers responsible for counter-terrorism work? What is the number of officers in each rank?

Asked by: Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply:

Given the complexity situation of current worldwide terrorist activities, as an international metropolis, Hong Kong needs to enhance the Force's overall capability in being alert to and preventing terrorism acts, to expand their scope of counter-terrorism protection and to designate a dedicated and professionally trained unit to execute counter-terrorism operations in an effective manner.

The posts created for counter-terrorism by the Force and their respective establishments from 2008-09 to 2011-12 are set out in the following table:

Rank	Number of officers			
	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Senior Superintendent	1	1	-	1
Superintendent	3	2	-	2
Chief Inspector	5	3	2	3
Inspector / Senior Inspector	18	14	8	19
Station Sergeant	-	1	3	-
Sergeant	23	16	12	21
Police Constable	47	59	75	54
Civilian Staff	3	4	-	-
Total	100	100	100	100

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No.

2350

Head: 122 Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (1) Maintenance of Law and Order in the Community

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

The District Council Election to be conducted in November this year (2011) will be followed by the Chief Executive Election and the Legislative Council Election. Has the Force reserved resources to maintain order at the elections and prevent election violence for the several coming major elections? If so, what are the manpower and expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply:

For the three major elections to be conducted this year and next year, including the District Council Election at the end of this year and the Chief Executive Election and the Legislative Council Election next year, the Force will, based on past experience, utilise and deploy resources of police districts (including regular and auxiliary police officers) in a flexible manner in line with election procedures to meet operational needs and maintain order at the elections.

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Question Serial
No.

0975

Head: 122 Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Currently, the Tseung Kwan O new town does not form an independent police district. Three Police Districts, namely Wong Tai Sin, Kwun Tong and Sai Kung, are each responsible for its various police duties. This has led to scattered police resources, affecting the law and order in the area. Please provide the information below:

- (a) Of the estimated expenditure of \$13,157.9m under the Head in 2011-12, how much is used for the police services of the Tseung Kwan O new town? Please make a comparison of the expenditure in 2009-10 and 2010-11.
- (b) The total establishment of the 4 Programmes under the Head is 33 232. Please list the number of police officers who are responsible for police service in the Tseung Kwan O new town by establishment and rank, and make a comparison of the numbers of officers in 2009-10 and 2010-11.

Asked by: Hon. LAM Kin-fung, Jeffrey

Reply:

- (a) The estimated expenditure of \$13,157.9m under the Head in 2011-12 is the overall estimated expenditure for the Force. The police service for Tseung Kwan O falls under the Programmes of "Maintenance of Law and Order in the Community" and "Prevention and Detection of Crime". The estimated expenditures for these two programmes are \$6,409.2m and \$2,677.8m respectively. The Force does not maintain a specific breakdown in this respect.

- (b) The establishment regarding police officers for the Tseung Kwan O new town is 255 for both 2009-10 and 2010-11. The estimated number of police officers for the year 2011-12, same as the past 2 years, remains at 255. The salary level of police officers concerned is given in the table below:

Rank	Police Pay Scale	Establishment	Monthly salary (HK\$) (with effect from 1 January 2010)	Monthly salary (HK\$) (with effect from 1 April 2010)
Superintendent	49-52	1	76,105-85,155	77,325-86,515
Chief Inspector	43-48	2	61,115-73,450	62,095-74,625
Inspector/Senior Inspector	23-42	9	29,460-58,880	29,625-59,820
Station Sergeant	22-31	14	28,785-40,900	28,945-41,130
Sergeant	15-24	31	23,805-30,370	23,940-30,540
Police Constable	3-15	198	16,655-23,805	16,750-23,940
Total		255		

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SB039

Question Serial
No.

0825

Head: 122 Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (4) Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

The provision under this Programme for 2011-12 is \$150.7m (5.8%) higher than the revised estimate for 2010-11. The main reasons include the creation of 104 posts for pursuing various counter-terrorism enhancement initiatives and carrying out front-line operations, additional provision for filling vacancies and increased operating expenses etc. Please list each reason in detail and the expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon. LAM Tai-fai

Reply:

The Force will create 104 posts under the Programme of "Operations" in 2011-12. Apart from the four civilian posts created to provide support for front-line operation, the remaining 100 disciplined posts are created to strengthen the Counter Terrorism Response Unit and to enhance the overall counter-terrorism capabilities. These 104 additional posts include 1 Senior Superintendent, 2 Superintendents, 3 Chief Inspectors, 19 Inspectors/Senior Inspectors, 21 Sergeants, 54 Police Constables and 4 civilian staff. The salary level of these officers is set out as below:

Rank	No. of staff	Police Pay Scale/ Master Pay Scale	Monthly salary (HK\$) (with effect from 1 April 2010)
Senior Superintendent	1	PPS 53-54a	90,145-96,885
Superintendent	2	PPS 49-52	77,325-86,515
Chief Inspector	3	PPS 43-48	62,095-74,625
Inspector / Senior Inspector	19	PPS 23-42	29,625-59,820
Sergeant	21	PPS 15-24	23,940-30,540

Rank	No. of staff	Police Pay Scale/ Master Pay Scale	Monthly salary (HK\$) (with effect from 1 April 2010)
Police Constable	54	PPS 3-15	16,750-23,940
Senior Technical Officer	2	MPS 23-29	30,785-40,515
Supplies Assistant	2	MPS 1-10	9,040-15,875
Total	104		

Moreover, additional provision is also required for the procurement of new and replacement police plant, equipment and specialised vehicles and to support front-line duties and daily operation.

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SB040

Question Serial
No.

2765

Head: 122 Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Regarding the indicators of key performance measures, why are the estimated figures for the two items “juveniles (aged 10-15) arrested for serious narcotics offence” and “young persons (aged 16-20) arrested for serious narcotics offence” in 2011 lower than the actual figures in 2009 and 2010? What is the comparison of the expenditures in this respect for the past 3 years (i.e. 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11)?

Asked by: Hon. LAM Tai-fai

Reply:

There was an overall decrease in the numbers of juveniles and young persons arrested for serious narcotics offence in 2009 and 2010. The figure for 2011 is estimated with reference to the actual number in 2010.

The handling and investigation of serious narcotics offences fall under the Programme of “Prevention and Detection of Crime”. As the above work is the daily routine of police districts, no specific breakdown of the expenditure in this respect is available.

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SB041

Question Serial
No.

2766

Head: 122 Hong Kong Police Force Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

It is stated in the Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2011-12 that the Force will prevent and reduce drug abuse, especially amongst juveniles and young persons through education, publicity and the Police School Liaison Programme. Will the Administration inform this Committee of the specific plans of the Force in preventing and reducing drug abuse amongst juveniles and young persons, the expenditure for those plans and the comparison of the expenditures for the past two years (2009-10 and 2010-11)?

Asked by: Hon. LAM Tai-fai

Reply:

Regarding the combat against youth drug abuse, the Police will continue to take actions to tackle the problem commensurate with the new trend in drug abuse. The strategies of the Police include:

- (i) Interdicting the inflow of illicit drugs through effective co-operation with the Mainland, Macau and overseas law enforcement agencies;
- (ii) Proactively target drug traffickers, especially those exploiting minors and juveniles;
- (iii) Making maximum use of the existing legislation to target drug traffickers and confiscate proceeds of drug trafficking; and
- (iv) Adopting a multi-agency and community-based approach to prevent students and juveniles from abusing psychotropic drugs through co-operation with schools, government departments and non-governmental organisations.

The problem of youth involvement in drugs can only be addressed effectively through the co-ordination of all related organisations in the aspects of prevention, education and

publicity, drug addiction treatment and rehabilitation services, as well as legislation and law enforcement.

One very important policy in the 2011 Operational Priorities of the Commissioner of Police is to “adopt a multi-agency and community-based approach to promote awareness and prevent psychotropic drug abuse amongst students and juveniles”. Besides stepping up the combat against drug abuse to curb drug supply, the Police have also devoted resources in continuing to organise various forms of activities and programmes with various community organisations and youth groups to encourage young people to foster a healthy attitude to life.

At the central level, the Police representatives attend the “Standing Committee on Young Offenders” and the “Committee on Services for Youth at Risk” respectively to assist in developing policies on juvenile delinquency and participate in deliberations on cross-departmental co-operation.

At the district level, the Police have currently organised a total of more than 60 youth initiatives at the levels of regions and police districts by adopting an “inter-departmental” and “multi-agency” approach, instilling a sense of discipline, civic responsibility and correct values in young people through various activities to achieve the goal of preventing juvenile delinquency and drug abuse.

The Narcotics Bureau will also co-organise the “Build a Healthy School Together” project with the Hong Kong Catholic Diocesan Schools Council in 2011 and 2012 to strengthen the will and skills of 93 000 Primary 4 to Form 7 students of nearly 130 Hong Kong Catholic Diocesan schools throughout the territory in rejecting drugs and help them foster a healthy and positive attitude to life, as well as promoting anti-drug education and publicity with the help of the young people participating in the project.

The Police have created 9 additional Police School Liaison Officer posts in 2010-11, making a total of 94 posts serving 1 100 secondary and primary schools throughout Hong Kong. They pay regular visits to schools and maintain close liaison with the school community (including teachers, school social workers, school youth organisations and Parent-Teacher Associations) to enhance the knowledge of students and teachers on drug abuse and delinquent behaviour.

The Police have noticed that young people may abuse psychotropic drugs alone or with friends at home. Besides enhancing the collection of intelligence through School Liaison Officers, police districts will also enhance liaison with the sport ground caretakers of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department or other stakeholders to identify drug abuse venues of young people. The information will be helpful for the Police in focusing resources to tackle youth drug abuse.

The expenditure for the above work is part of the total expenditure for the Programme of “Prevention and Detection of Crime”. No specific breakdown of the estimated expenditure in this respect is available.

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SB042

Question Serial
No.

2767

Head: 122 Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Under the Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2011-12, the Force will continue to adopt a multi-agency approach to address the problems of juvenile delinquency and youth involvement in crime and drugs. What are the specific measures included and what is the expenditure for each measure? What is the comparison with the past 2 years (i.e. 2009-10 and 2010-11)?

Asked by: Hon. LAM Tai-fai

Reply:

In 2010-11, the Hong Kong Police Force has organised a total of about 60 “youth initiatives” throughout the territory with various social welfare organisations and other government departments. In the coming year, these youth initiatives will continue to be implemented in various districts to enhance the publicity and education to the youth and raise their awareness of crime prevention. It is worth to note that with the funding support from the Beat Drugs Fund, the Narcotics Bureau will organise a two-year programme with the Hong Kong Catholic Diocesan Schools Council to provide youths with online anti-drug knowledge.

Moreover, in the coming year, the Force will step up its publicity efforts to fight against cyber crimes, remind the youth to be careful with online friends and provide the youth with ways to avoid becoming victims of sexual assault. The Crime Prevention Bureau has also produced a training package on the prevention of sexual assault for School Liaison Officers to bring the message to schools in all districts. The package is designed to raise the youth’s awareness of cyber crimes and teach them to protect themselves from becoming victims of sexual assault.

The expenditure for the above activities falls under the Programme under “Prevention and Detention of Crime” and no detailed breakdown of the expenditure in this regard is available. Moreover, the Force has held some publicity campaigns on “Anti-shop Theft”, “Be vigilant against Internet crime” and the combat against youth drug abuse through the Fight Crime Publicity Sub-Committee. The actual/estimated expenditures incurred in this respect by the Force from 2009-10 to 2011-12 are as follows:

<u>2009-10</u> <u>(Actual expenditure)</u>	<u>2010-11</u> <u>(Revised estimated expenditure)</u>	<u>2011-12</u> <u>(Estimated expenditure)</u>
\$ 1.6m	\$1.91m	\$1.62m

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SB043

Question Serial
No.

2956

Head: 122 Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (3) Road Safety

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

[Note: The question below concerns matters under the policy purview of the Transport and Housing Bureau (THB). The reply was prepared by the Hong Kong Police Force and vetted by the THB.]

Question:

In view of the upward trend of traffic accidents caused by drug driving in recent years, what measures are taken by the Police Force to step up the combat against drug driving? What are the details of the measures and the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kin-ye, Miriam

Reply:

The Force has always attached great importance to incidents involving drug driving. If a police officer suspects that the driver is under the influence of alcohol or drugs, he will take the following actions:

1. First, the police officer will conduct a screening breath test on the driver to ascertain whether he is under the influence of alcohol, and watch closely and record the behaviour of the driver.
2. If the result of the test indicates that the driver has not drunk any alcohol or the level of alcohol inside his body does not exceed the prescribed limit, but the police officer has reasons to suspect that the driver is under the influence of drugs, he will ask the driver if he has taken drugs, and search the driver and the vehicle to find out if he possesses dangerous drugs.
3. If the driver admits that he has taken drugs and the police officer finds dangerous drugs while searching the vehicle or the driver, the police officer will arrest the suspect.

4. If necessary, the police officer will refer the driver to medical examination subject to the consent of the driver.

The Force, the Transport and Housing Bureau and relevant departments have always proactively considered amending the legislation. For example, in the Road Traffic (Amendment) Ordinance 2010 which came into force on 17 December last year, it was added that if at the time of committing any dangerous driving offence, any amount of the specified illicit drugs (i.e. heroin, ketamine, “ice”, cannabis, cocaine or Ecstasy (MDMA)) is present in the driver’s body, the driver will be caught by the aggravating circumstance and subject to 50% higher penalties in terms of fine, imprisonment and minimum disqualification period for the offence concerned.

The Force will continue to remind motorists not to take lightly the effects of drugs and not to drive after taking drugs through various measures such as law enforcement, publicity and education to ensure road safety.

Combating drug driving falls under the Programme of “Road Safety”. No specific breakdown of the estimated expenditure in this respect is available.

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Question Serial
No.

2957

Head: 122 Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (3) Road Safety

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

[Note: The question below concerns matters under the policy purview of the Transport and Housing Bureau (THB). The reply was prepared by the Hong Kong Police Force and vetted by the THB.]

Question:

The Force will continue to combat inconsiderate driving and prevent traffic accidents according to the prevailing accident trends. Please inform this Committee of the plans and goals of the above work this year and the estimated expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kin-ye, Miriam

Reply:

The Force has always been committed to enhancing road safety in Hong Kong. It will continue to work with the Road Safety Council and other road safety stakeholders in 2011 to combat inconsiderate driving and prevent traffic accidents through a three-pronged approach which covers publicity, education and law enforcement in order to achieve Hong Kong's road safety vision of "Zero Accidents".

Combating inconsiderate driving and preventing traffic accidents fall under the Programme of "Road Safety". No specific breakdown of the estimated expenditure in this respect is available.

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SB045

Question Serial
No.

2958

Head: 122 Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (3) Road Safety

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

[Note: The question below concerns matters under the policy purview of the Transport and Housing Bureau (THB). The reply was prepared by the Hong Kong Police Force and vetted by the THB.]

Question:

What are the details of the plans and the expenditure involved for the road safety publicity activities organised by the Police Force this year to enhance road users' and pedestrians' awareness of observing traffic rules?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kin-ye, Miriam

Reply:

The Force has always been committed to enhancing road safety in Hong Kong. It will continue to work closely with the Road Safety Council and other road safety stakeholders in 2011 to promote community engagement in publicity and education activities on road safety and encourage public participation in order to prevent traffic accidents. Moreover, the Force will take strict enforcement actions. With the adoption of a multi-faceted approach, the Force will continue to and further enhance road users' and pedestrians' awareness of observing traffic rules so as to achieve Hong Kong's road safety vision of "Zero Accidents".

Road safety publicity activities fall under the Programme of "Road Safety". No specific breakdown of the estimated expenditure in this respect is available.

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Reply Serial No.

SB046

Question Serial
No.

2959

Head: 122 Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (3) Road Safety

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

[Note: The question below concerns matters under the policy purview of the Transport and Housing Bureau (THB). The reply was prepared by the Hong Kong Police Force and vetted by the THB.]

Question:

In 2011-12, the Force will continue to develop and promote government/commercial partnerships to achieve Hong Kong's road safety vision of 'Zero Accidents'. What are the details and objectives of the work, and the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kin-ye, Miriam

Reply:

The Force has always been committed to enhancing road safety in Hong Kong. It will continue to work with the Road Safety Council and other road safety stakeholders in 2011 to combat inconsiderate driving and prevent traffic accidents through a three-pronged approach which covers publicity, education and law enforcement in order to achieve Hong Kong's road safety vision of "Zero Accidents".

Achieving Hong Kong's road safety vision of "Zero Accidents" falls under the Programme of "Road Safety". Therefore, no specific breakdown of the estimated expenditure in this respect is available.

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Question Serial
No.

0114

Head: 122 Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (3) Road Safety

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

[Note: The question below concerns matters under the policy purview of the Transport and Housing Bureau (THB). The reply was prepared by the Hong Kong Police Force and vetted by the THB.]

Question:

What were the enforcement and prosecution figures for red light jumping and speeding offences last year? Does the Force have any plans to further strengthen enforcement actions for the enhancement of road safety and what are the details? Is it necessary to increase manpower and resources?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

Prosecution figures

The respective numbers of prosecutions for red light jumping and speeding offences instituted by the Force in 2010 are as follows:

	Red light jumping offence	Speeding offence
Prosecution figures in 2010	32 847	216 505

Regarding the enforcement actions against red light jumping offence, the "Expansion of Red Light Camera System, Phase 3" project was implemented in 2010-11 and there are 75 red light cameras (RLCs). The whole project was completed and put into operation in December 2010, increasing the number of RLCs in the territory to 155 sets.

Regarding the enforcement actions against speeding offence, there are 10 speed enforcement cameras (SECs) and 85 camera housings in the Force. Upon the completion of the “Expansion of Speed Enforcement Camera System, Phase 2” project in 2013, the total number of digital SECs and camera housings in the territory will be 20 and 135 respectively.

The Force and the Transport Department will jointly monitor the effectiveness of the above expansion projects, and from time to time review and examine the needs for the installation of more RLCs and SECs.

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Question Serial
No.

0115

Head: 122 Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (3) Road Safety

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

[Note: The question below concerns matters under the policy purview of the Transport and Housing Bureau (THB). The reply was prepared by the Hong Kong Police Force and vetted by the THB.]

Question:

There was an increase in the summonses issued by the Police against traffic offences last year, what was the breakdown? Have any assessments been made on the reasons for the increase? Is it necessary to put forward any corresponding actions?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

The Force issued a total of 72 117 summonses against traffic offences in 2010, an increase of 8 291 as compared to 63 826 in 2009. The overall increase is 13%. The main items increased and the details are listed as follows:

	2009	2010	Numbers increased	% increased
I Main items of offence				
(a) Careless driving	15 736	16 574	838	5%
(b) Others	4 223	4 715	492	12%
	19 959	21 289	1 330	7%
II Moving and miscellaneous offences				
(a) Offences related to cycling	7 008	9 227	2 219	32%
(b) Offences on vehicle construction and maintenance	4 991	6 402	1 411	28%
(c) Offences related to safety belts	1 256	1 939	683	54%

	2009	2010	Numbers increased	% increased
(d) Others	9 746	9 538	(208)	(2%)
	23 001	27 106	4 105	18%
III Prosecutions for pedestrian offences				
(a) Disobeying traffic light signal	15 753	17 573	1 820	12%
(b) Others	5 113	6 149	1 036	20%
	20 866	23 722	2 856	14%
Total	63 826	72 117	8 291	13%

The figures reflect the result of the strengthening of traffic enforcement actions by the Force according to circumstances. The Force will continue to enhance road safety through enforcement actions, publicity and education.

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Question Serial
No.

0221

Head: 122 Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (1) Maintenance of Law and Order in the Community

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

In attracting people with potential to join the Force, apart from the conduct of various recruitment campaigns in Hong Kong, has the Force invested any resources overseas to promote related career recruitment exercises to attract Hong Kong people with potential who live abroad to return to Hong Kong and join the Force, as well as fostering the Force's positive image?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

The Hong Kong Police Force welcomes all qualified persons who wish to become professional police officers and serve the community. Applicants for the posts of the Force must be permanent residents of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and have been living in Hong Kong for at least seven years. Having met the academic and language proficiency requirements and passed through a critical selection process, they will have a chance to join the Force and serve the public.

Information about the Force, recruitment procedures and entry requirements have been uploaded to the webpage of the Hong Kong Police Force. Qualified persons living in Hong Kong or overseas who are interested to join the Force may browse the webpage for relevant information.

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Question Serial
No.

1116

Head: 122 Hong Kong Police Force Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

What were the numbers and categories of technology crimes last year? How many cases were detected? Is there an upward trend in such crimes? What measures are in place to prevent and enhance the detection of technology crimes? Has the Force assessed the future trend to see whether it is necessary to increase manpower and resources to strengthen its work in this area?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

In 2010, the Police recorded a total of 1 643 cases of technology crimes. Of those, 231 cases were detected. The breakdown of the figures is shown as follows:

<u>Category of technology crimes</u>	<u>2010</u>
Crime related to online games	407
Online commercial fraud	623
Illegal access to a computer system	337
Others	276
Total	1 643

The overall number of technology crimes increased from 1 506 cases in 2009 to 1 643 cases in 2010, representing an increase of 9%.

The Police will continue to adopt multi-pronged measures to prevent and enhance the detection of technology crimes. Besides enhancing law enforcement, efforts have been

stepped up in computer forensic examination, investigation, training and crime prevention. The Police will also maintain close liaison with the industry as well as local and overseas law enforcement agencies in exchanging intelligence and tackling technology crimes together. The Police will also raise public awareness of technology crime through prevention and education. For example, short videos of the common modus operandi of offenders are produced to be broadcast in the “Police Magazine” programme.

The Police will monitor closely the trend in technology crime and regularly conducts reviews and deploys resources as and when appropriate through co-ordinating human resources and computer equipment to ensure that the Force possess professional investigation capabilities to tackle technology crimes. If necessary, the Police will bid for new resources in accordance with established procedures.

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SB051

Question Serial
No.

1117

Head: 122 Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

One of the key areas of work for the Police in the future is the prevention of street crime. What are the details of the measures? Is there sufficient manpower to strengthen street patrolling? Besides, the number of telephone deception cases last year increased substantially by 35%. What plans do the Police have in stepping up its combat against such crimes and enhancing publicity and education to warn the public against these deception cases? Is it necessary to increase manpower and resources for this purpose?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

The Police will adopt the following measures to prevent street crime:

(1) Strengthening patrol

The Police will continue to maintain a strong front-line police presence to curb street crime particularly at high-risk locations, and ensure strategic deployment of resources to problem areas.

(2) Publicity and education

The Police are committed to raising the vigilance of the public and securing community support to tackle street crime. The Police will remind the public of the crime and conduct publicity and educational campaigns such as distributing posters and leaflets; organising talks at elderly centres; publicising the message of street crime prevention through various media like the television programme "Police Magazine", radio programmes, the Police Force website etc. These are ways to raise the awareness of street crime prevention among the elderly, their relatives and friends or carers and remind them of the actions to be taken if they encounter street crime.

(3) Multi-agency approach

The Police will actively provide security recommendations to relevant government departments, property management companies and security guards to deter criminals from and reduce their chances of committing such crime. The Police will also maintain close liaison with community organisations and the banking industry to promote measures for the prevention of street crime. For example, when a bank staff member discovers that an elderly suddenly takes out a large amount of money and has reasons to suspect that the elderly is being cheated, the staff will inform police response groups for follow-up and investigation to prevent the elderly from being deceived.

(4) Co-operation with the Mainland

The Police will enhance liaison with the Mainland law enforcement agencies and exchange intelligence with them to appreciate the crime trend.

The Police have adopted the following measures to tackle telephone deception:

(1) Law enforcement

Tackling telephone deception is one of the 2011 Operational Priorities of the Commissioner of Police. The Police have requested Kowloon East Region to co-ordinate investigations of telephone deception cases throughout the territory and will strengthen intelligence-led law enforcement operations. The Police will also continue to monitor street crime trends through the “Street Deception Support Working Group”, concentrating resources to provide regularly information on the latest modus operandi and trends of street crime to front-line police officers for crime detection and control.

(2) Co-operation with the Mainland

The Police have enhanced co-operation and intelligence exchange with the Mainland to jointly tackle telephone deception. Under the co-operation of the Hong Kong Police and Shenzhen Public Security Bureau, Shenzhen Public Security Bureau arrested 3 male and 1 female Mainlanders at the end of 2010 and in early January 2011 in the Mainland. They were involved in 29 telephone deception cases that took place in Hong Kong.

(3) Multi-agency approach

The Police contact the banking industry and the owners and staff of various remittance agents and money changers from time to time to provide them with information on the latest modus operandi and urge the industry to stay alert.

(4) Publicity and education

The Police work with various organisations including telecommunications companies, banks, the Hong Kong Housing Authority, hospitals etc in launching various fraud prevention publicity campaigns to raise public awareness and vigilance. By adopting a multi-pronged strategy, the number of telephone deception cases has dropped substantially from 517 cases in December 2010 to 139 cases in January 2011,

representing a decrease of 73%. The Police will make appropriate manpower deployments as necessary to prevent and tackle street crime and telephone deception.

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Reply Serial No.

SB052

Question Serial
No.

1516

Head: 122 Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (1) Maintenance of Law and Order in the Community

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

In the past 3 years (i.e. 2008-09 to 2010-11), how much resources and manpower has the Force devoted to the use of the Internet in publicising and promoting the message and the work related to the maintenance of law and order in the community, including responding to netizens' enquiries in various major newsgroups, regularly reporting the latest crime situation or other police matters of public interest to the media and the public through online briefings and producing online video clips and programmes which increase the public understanding of and confidence in the police service? If the Force has not devoted any resources to carry out the online work, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

The Force has been sparing no efforts in publicising and promoting the message and the work related to the maintenance of law and order in the community. Besides, various media and channels have been used to increase the public understanding of and confidence in the police service. The resources and manpower devoted in this regard for the past 3 years are summarised as follows:

The Force has been closely keeping pace with the development of information technology. In order to attract more Internet users, the Force completed the "Police Force Public Page" Revamping Project on 1 March 2010. The objective of the project is to increase the transparency of the Force and address public demands by rearranging and reclassifying information on the webpage. This facilitates the public access to all useful information including crime prevention, police recruitment, special traffic and transport arrangements, community relations, the Force's new policies etc. The revamped "Police Force Public Page" provides an email system for public enquiries. Besides, the "e-Report room" also develops a new e-service platform for the public to provide crime information, report lost property etc online.

In addition, the Force often produces various types of promotional video clips for different objectives and themes. All video clips are uploaded to the “Police Force Public Page” for public browsing. Apart from the internal circulation of the bi-weekly departmental publication named “Offbeat”, there is now an electronic version of “Offbeat” with video clips on some subject matters for public viewing on the Internet. In order to promote anti-crime message and facilitate the co-operation between the Police and the community, the Force has been working for years with the Radio Television Hong Kong for the production of television programme “Police Magazine”. This programme provides the public with the latest crime trends and crime prevention tips, makes appeals for crime cases, announces the latest developments of the Force and increases public understanding of the legislation. Starting from June 2010, the Force has produced different series of “Police Stories” with the themes of bravery, care, professionalism and international co-operation and has uploaded them to the “Police Force Public Page” to enable the public to have a deeper understanding of the policing work from a wider perspective. Other types of publicity videos include advertisements on crime prevention produced by the Fight Crime Publicity Sub-committee and promotional advertisements on police recruitment.

For ad-hoc issues or police matters of public interest, the Force will timely issue press release through the 24-hour operational press room. Internet users can also access the “Police Force Public Page” to browse the releases. Moreover, press conferences on the law and order situation are regularly held and information is released to the public through mass media and the Internet.

For the past 3 years, the average annual expenditure for crime prevention publicity programmes by the Fight Crime Publicity Sub-committee is approximately \$2.15m.

The Force has been taking a consolidated strategy in publicising and promoting the message on the maintenance of law and order. The resources and manpower for the use of the Internet, mainly coordinated by the Police Public Relations Branch (PPRB), involve various internal formations and police districts. The PPRB has an establishment of 44 (including 24 disciplined officers and 20 civilian staff), together with 26 officers seconded from the Information Services Department, there are a total of 70 officers in the Branch. At present, there is no specific manpower or establishment dedicated for publicity and promotional work on the Internet, which is normally absorbed by individual officers in the PPRB.

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1517

Head: 122 Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

In respect of the prevention and detection of crime, what measures will the Force take to combat different types of consumer pitfalls in 2011-12? What preventive and detective actions will the Force take to fight against frauds such as unfair trade practices of pay television service or misleading contracts provided by slimming and beauty centres? What are the manpower and resources involved?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

The Commerce and Economic Development Bureau has earlier conducted a review on legislation to enhance consumer protection against unfair trade practices. It is proposed, among others, to create new criminal sanctions in order to fight against several types of unfair trade practices, namely, misleading omissions, aggressive practices, "bait-and-switch", and the practice of accepting payments without the intention or ability to supply the contracted goods or services. The Customs and Excise Department will be tasked to enforce the proposed legislations.

As for cases involving frauds, the Police will adopt the following four strategies:

(1) **Intelligence-led operations and efficient and effective investigations**

The Police have set up 20 different focus groups to enhance the collection of information on changes in trends and modus operandi of various types of frauds, including frauds involving soliciting sales, with a view to devising appropriate measures to tackle such crimes.

The Police will continue to conduct intelligence-led operations to crack down fraudulent companies involving soliciting sales and undertake efficient and effective investigations. These companies will be charged when there is enough evidence to establish a criminal case.

(2) **Prevention and education**

The Police will continue to raise public awareness of the modus operandi of frauds involving soliciting sales through education and publicity, such as through the Internet, the television programme “Police Magazine”, special reports of the “Choice” magazine and the distribution of leaflets to the public in various districts and in large-scale public activities. The Police has also produced a series of publicity posters, leaflets and recommendations on the prevention of frauds involving soliciting sales and uploaded them to the Force website for public browsing.

(3) **Multi-agency approach**

The Police adopts an inter-departmental and multi-agency approach to exert all efforts to tackle such frauds by working closely and actively exchanging intelligence with various government departments and non-governmental organisations such as the Consumer Council and the Labour Department. The Police will also refer cases to the Consumer Council or other relevant departments and organisations for follow-up when necessary.

(4) **Enhance training**

To enhance the knowledge of front-line officers on the modus operandi of frauds involving soliciting sales and equip them with the skills to handle such cases, the Police is now producing a e-learning package so that officers can acquire related knowledge through various means. The e-learning package is expected to be launched officially in the second half of 2011.

The resources and manpower involved

The Police will refer fraud cases involving soliciting sales to crime units of districts, regions or the Police Headquarters for investigation according to the nature, severity and the amount of money involved in those cases. The related expenditure is part of the total expenditure under the Programme of “Prevention and Detection of Crime”. No separate breakdown of the expenditure in this respect is available.

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Question Serial
No.

1518

Head: 122 Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

What is the main reason for the decrease in the number of juveniles arrested for serious narcotics offence since 2009? Is it related to the implementation of the voluntary school drug testing scheme and the large amount of resources devoted to anti-drug work in the past 2 years (i.e. 2009 and 2010)? If so, with the implementation of the voluntary school drug testing scheme across the territory, there should be a further substantial decrease in the number of juveniles arrested. Is the Force's estimation of the number of juveniles arrested in 2011 too conservative?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

The Government has always placed great emphasis on youth drug abuse. As early as in 2007, the Chief Executive appointed the Secretary for Justice to lead a high-level interdepartmental task force to tackle youth drug abuse. The task force published a report in November 2008 with more than 70 recommendations to enhance the well-established "five-pronged" strategy, namely publicity and education, treatment and rehabilitation, legislation and enforcement, external co-operation and research. To take a step further, the element of fostering a youth caring culture in the community is also included. In July 2009, the Chief Executive even personally led relevant Principal Officials and announced that the implementation of the task force's recommendations would be expedited and strengthened with a view to bringing the anti-drug campaign to a community-wide level.

There was a decrease in the number of juveniles arrested in 2010 with a drop of 25% particularly for serious narcotics offence. The number of juveniles arrested for involvement

in drugs dropped by almost 30%. The change in the overall trend may be attributed to a number of interrelated factors. We will not guess at or attribute to any single factor, nor will we judge the effectiveness of a particular scheme. We believe that it is a result of the intensified efforts in combating drugs and appropriate resources devoted by the Government in recent years, coupled with the thorough co-operation from all sectors of the community and all stakeholders to tackle the drug abuse by launching various anti-drug initiatives. The Trial Scheme on School Drug Testing in Tai Po District is an initiative of a larger scale and we plan to gradually extend the scheme to schools outside Tai Po District and in other districts. The estimation of the number of juveniles arrested in 2011 is made with reference to the actual number in 2010 and the Force will continue its efforts to tackle youth drug abuse.

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SB055

Question Serial
No.

1519

Head: 122 Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Please inform this Committee of:

- (a) the numbers of cases involving the infringement of children's rights received and detected by the Force in the past 3 years (i.e. 2008-09 to 2010-11) according to the different rights infringed; and
- (b) the resources and manpower devoted to the prevention and detection of cases about the infringement of children's rights, and the details of work.

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

- (a) The numbers of child abuse cases received by the Police in the past 3 years (2008, 2009 and 2010) are as follows:

Type of cases	2008		2009		2010	
	No. of cases received	No. of cases detected	No. of cases received	No. of cases detected	No. of cases received	No. of cases detected
Offences against children under 14 years old, including murder, manslaughter, wounding, serious assault	662	573	627	538	587	506
Sexual offences against children under 17 years old, including rape, indecent assault, unlawful sexual intercourse	981	755	888	677	921	710
Total	1 643	1 328	1 515	1 215	1 508	1 216

- (b) The Police take the protection of children's interests as the major premise when handling child abuse cases. It adopts an inter-departmental and multi-disciplinary approach to tackle child abuse problem and actively promotes the prevention of abuse or neglect of children, as well as emphasises the importance of early request for assistance.

The Police actively participates in the Committee on Child Abuse chaired by the Director of Social Welfare. The Committee, set up in 1983, is responsible for giving advice on strategies to prevent and combat child abuse. A Child Protection Policy Unit is also established in the Police Headquarters to study, formulate and implement relevant policies.

In investigating offences against children, the Police have set up the Child Abuse Investigation Unit (CAIU) in each land region. The Unit and social workers and clinical psychologists from the Family and Child Protective Services Unit of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will form the Child Protection Special Investigation Team to conduct joint investigation into serious or complicated child abuse cases. District/Divisional crime investigation teams will take over the investigation of those child abuse cases that fall outside the purview of the CAIUs.

In order to relieve the anxiety of a child witness and to help him/her to recall the details of the incident during investigation, the Police will designate a video interview suite situated in non-police premises to conduct a video-recorded interview with the child witness. Moreover, the Police will take part in the Multi-disciplinary Case Conference along with other professionals who are responsible for the handling and investigation of suspected child abuse case and the conference's focus is to protect the child and devise suitable plans for him/her.

When a child is arranged to give evidence in court, the Police will, under the Criminal Procedure Ordinance (Cap. 221), request the court to allow the child witness to give evidence-in-chief in court by the way of video-recorded interview or to be cross-examined via television link. The Police will also request the court to allow the child witness to give evidence in court in the company of a supporter who renders assistance and emotional support to the child.

Regarding the provision of resources and manpower, police officers will receive induction and in-service training on the procedures for handling child abuse cases. In addition, seminars and workshops are often organised for officers to enhance their knowledge and techniques in this regard. CAIU officers will receive the professional training in special investigation of child abuse cases under a joint training programme run by the Police and the SWD, followed by regular refresher training. From November 2009 to March 2010, the Police introduced in phases a self-learning package entitled "Family Harmony Project. It covers "child abuse", "elder abuse", "domestic violence" and "juvenile crime". Relevant training materials have been uploaded onto the Police intranet for download and perusal. The Police will continuously review the content of the training courses and the guidelines for handling such cases so as to ensure that front-line officers are kept informed of the latest information in handling child abuse cases and their investigation skills are continuously enhanced.

The above work falls under the Programme of “Prevention and Detection of Crime” and no breakdown of the estimated expenditure in this regard is available.

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No.

1520

Head: 122 Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Please inform this Committee:

- (a) of the numbers of sex crimes involving public transport received and detected by the Force in the past 3 years (i.e. 2008-09 to 2010-11) by different types of public transport; and
- (b) whether the Force has assessed the sex crimes that took place on public transport and put forward recommendations to the responsible public transport operators on how to further prevent and detect such crimes; if so, of the specific recommendations.

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

- (a) From 2008 to 2010, the statistics of indecent assault cases involving public transport / passenger waiting areas are as follows:

	2008		2009		2010	
	No. of cases received	No. of cases detected	No. of cases received	No. of cases detected	No. of cases received	No. of cases detected
MTR	135	89	112	77	148	114
Bus	73	53	70	56	56	43
Public Light Bus	20	15	14	9	8	4
Taxi	4	0	4	2	6	5
LRT	12	6	9	6	17	6
Ferry	1	1	4	3	0	0
Other public transport / passenger waiting areas	30	17	40	26	48	32

	2008		2009		2010	
	No. of cases received	No. of cases detected	No. of cases received	No. of cases detected	No. of cases received	No. of cases detected
Total number of indecent assault cases involving public transport / passenger waiting areas	275	181	253	179	283	204

- (b) In respect of crime prevention and public education, the Police actively combat sex crimes by offering tips on personal safety to the public, including ways to avoid becoming victims of sexual offences. These tips include: avoid walking alone at night, sit near the driver on public transport, not to sleep while travelling and not to take free rides. Apart from uploading the above tips onto the Force webpage for public information, publicity leaflets on personal safety are also distributed to the general public in public places.

The Police also keep close contact with relevant public transport operators on further prevention of such crimes.

Moreover, the Police, in order to fight against indecent assault cases in the railway premises, will continue to take targeted preventive and enforcement measures, including the production of a series of posters titled “Don’t be a Silent Victim, Report Indecent Assault”. The posters are displayed in the railway premises and inside train compartments to encourage victims to report indecent assault offences so that the Police can take enforcement actions effectively. The Police Public Relations Branch also produced a special on “Indecent Assault Cases in Railway Police District” which was broadcast in the television programme “Police Magazine” so as to raise public awareness of crime prevention.

Furthermore, Railway Police District will make an analysis of such cases and then deploy Task Force officers, in uniform or in plainclothes, to patrol in relevant areas where necessary to prevent similar cases and take arrest actions. Moreover, the Police will continue to strengthen enforcement actions against indecent assault offences in platform areas during peak hours and organise anti-crime publicity campaigns for the public. The Police will also hold anti-crime meetings with the MTRCL from time to time in order to keep close contact and jointly devise methods to fight against railway offences with the latter.

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SB057

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No.

1619

Head: 122 Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (1) Maintenance of Law and Order in the Community

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

In the past 3 years, there were repeated occurrences of serious cases within the Force which damaged the image that the Force has worked hard to build. In this connection, how will the police public relations strategies implemented by the Force in the past repair and enhance the image of the Force? Were surveys conducted to gauge public satisfaction with the Force during the early and later stages of the implementation of the public relations strategies? What were the results? What were the improvement measures implemented in response to the findings and how much resources were allocated for this purpose?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

The Force attaches great importance to public expectations and has always worked hard to earn the recognition of the public for its work and enhance public confidence in the Force. The Force adopts proactive and comprehensive public relations strategies to demonstrate its positive, professional and caring image. Moreover, the Force strengthens its communication with the mass media as well as the public to enable them to have a better understanding of and support its work in the maintenance of law and order. When any individual incidents occurred that affect the reputation of the Force, the Force will activate a crisis management mechanism, including the timely establishment of a public relations crisis communication group to review the incident quickly and make improvements in order to enhance public confidence in the Force.

Besides, the Force frequently emphasises that the implementation of public relations strategies is the responsibility of every officer. The performance of officers forms the basis of the positive image of the Force. Therefore, when officers carry out duties, they must be professional and always mindful of their image. When recruiting and selecting officers for appointment, the Force will not only stress on personal qualities but also expect police officers to live by the Force Vision and assume the mission of a Force ambassador.

It has been the practice of district commanders to take heed of community views through District Councils, Fight Crime Committees and police community relations networks.

Besides, in order to implement the Force Survey Strategy, external independent organisations have been commissioned to conduct (1) Public Survey Strategy, (2) Customer Satisfaction Survey and (3) Staff Opinion Survey every 3 years since 1999. This aims to collect public and staff opinion on the service quality of the Force for analysis to assess the views about the Force from all sectors of the community and identify the areas for improvement. The last Public Opinion Survey and Customer Satisfaction Survey were completed in 2008. In short, the public remained generally confident in the Force and most people considered Hong Kong to be very safe day and night. The level of customer satisfaction with the police service in respect of contact and interaction with the Force was very high. The next round of Public Opinion Survey and Customer Satisfaction Survey will be conducted from September to October 2011.

The Force public relations strategies are mainly co-ordinated by the Police Public Relations Branch and implemented in various police districts. The relevant measures are part of the Programme of “Maintenance of Law and Order in the Community” and no specific breakdown of the expenditure in this respect is available. The total expenditure for the 3 opinion surveys in 2007-08 was \$460,000 and the total expenditure in 2010-11 is estimated to be \$590,000.

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SB058

Question Serial
No.

2443

Head: 122 Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (4) Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

What are the actual work and the expenditure involved in the expansion of the Counter Terrorism Response Unit and the enhancement on counter-terrorism capabilities by the Force?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply:

The counter-terrorism duties of the Force involve a number of areas including:

Strategy

- (i) Co-ordinating the liaison and co-operation with international law enforcement agencies regarding counter-terrorism;
- (ii) Analysing and assessing counter-terrorism intelligence;
- (iii) Heightening counter-terrorism awareness and vigilance for members of the public and private and public sectors.

Training

- (i) Intensifying exercises for various major incidents (including counter-terrorism);
- (ii) Enhancing the capabilities in response to incidents or threats of explosive devices, and carrying out research and training duties;
- (iii) Conducting regular multi-agency joint exercises to practise and hone counter-terrorism contingency plans.

Preventive Measures

- (i) Continuously enhancing the counter-terrorism capabilities of specialised operation units of the Force, such as the Special Duties Unit, the Airport Security Unit, the Explosive Ordnance Disposal Bureau, the Counter Terrorism Response Unit (CTRU), the Police Negotiation Cadre etc;
- (ii) Strengthening the liaison with counter-terrorism units of international law enforcement agencies.

Front-line Officers

- (i) Heightening counter-terrorism awareness and vigilance for front-line officers (such as training, briefings, command training and information);
- (ii) Reinforcing the co-ordination and co-operation of front-line officers with specialised units through regular exercises.

Protection

Extending the scope of protection and enhancing the overall counter-terrorism capability of the Force. This covers the consular and sensitive premises, key points, critical infrastructures, and port facilities under the International Ship and Port Facility Security Code.

The threat level of terrorist attack against Hong Kong remains “moderate” currently. Given the complexity of the modern-day counter-terrorism situation, as an international metropolis, Hong Kong needs to establish specialised teams, including the Counter Terrorism Response Unit, the Critical Infrastructure Security Co-ordination Centre etc. to enhance the Force’s overall capability in being alert to and preventing terrorist acts.

The Force will create 104 posts under the Programme of “Operations” in 2011-12. Apart from the four civilian posts created to provide support for front-line operation, the remaining 100 disciplined posts are created to expand the Counter Terrorism Response Unit and enhance the overall counter-terrorism capability. The salary level of the 104 additional posts is listed as follows:

Rank	Number of posts	Police Pay Scale/Master Pay Scale	Monthly salary (HK\$) (with effect from 1 April 2010)
Senior Superintendent	1	PPS 53-54a	90,145-96,885
Superintendent	2	PPS 49-52	77,325-86,515
Chief Inspector	3	PPS 43-48	62,095-74,625
Inspector / Senior Inspector	19	PPS 23-42	29,625-59,820
Sergeant	21	PPS 15-24	23,940-30,540

Rank	Number of posts	Police Pay Scale/Master Pay Scale	Monthly salary (HK\$) (with effect from 1 April 2010)
Police Contable	54	PPS 3-15	16,750-23,940
Senior Technical Officer	2	MPS 23-29	30,785-40,515
Supplies Assistant	2	MPS 1-10	9,040-15,875
Total	104		

Among the 100 additional disciplined posts in 2011-12, 60 posts would be used to establish a Critical Infrastructure Security Co-ordination Centre. The Co-ordination Centre is specifically responsible for the implementation of prevention and protection operations under the Force's Counter Terrorism Strategy. It will maintain close and effective contact with stakeholders of the infrastructure and conduct timely risk assessments. Moreover, to enhance the overall counter-terrorism capability, the Co-ordination Centre will provide professional recommendations to stakeholders on security improvement and help them formulate effective security plans on the basis of the threat level assessments.

Furthermore, to strengthen the front-line counter-terrorism capability, the Force will create 40 posts for the Counter Terrorism Response Unit, mainly for the protection of critical infrastructures and the effective implementation of the Force's Counter Terrorism Strategy.

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SB059

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No.

2444

Head: 122 Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Prevention and Detection of Crime (4) Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Will the Force acquire additional anti-riot equipment? If so, what additional equipment will be acquired? What are the quantity and the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply:

Owing to "occupational safety and health" considerations, the Force has begun to procure flame retardant police uniform for officers who have such need in phases. Subsequent to the Police Tactical Unit, the Force will procure 1 175 sets of the above uniform for the officers of the Regional Emergency Units and Quick Reaction Forces in 2011-12. The expenditure involved is about \$1.3m. The Force will review the need for the improvement of anti-riot equipment from time to time.

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SB060

Question Serial
No.

2445

Head: 122 Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (4) Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

In 2011-12, will the Police acquire additional surveillance and video-recording equipment for handling demonstrations and assemblies? If so, what additional equipment will be acquired? What are the quantity and the expenditure involved? What are the expenditure and manpower involved in the consolidation, storage and processing of the database of video-recordings of demonstrations and assemblies?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply:

The Force may take video records of an individual event on a need basis, such as video recording of the overall movement of any public procession. The video records are used to facilitate internal review and strategy evaluation with a view to continuously improving the management and response capabilities of the Force in dealing with public order events.

In 2011-12, the Force will replace surveillance and video-recording equipment as necessary. The measures related to the replacement of equipment and the processing of the data of the video-recordings of public order events fall under the Programme of "Operations". No specific breakdown of the estimated expenditure and manpower in this respect is available.

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SB061

Question Serial
No.

2446

Head: 122 Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

What were the expenditures for the police formations involved in liaising and gathering intelligence of demonstrators in the past 3 years and in 2011-12? What are the establishment, strength and gender proportion of the formations?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply:

In the past 3 years and in 2011-12, liaison with the event organizer of public meeting and processions is mainly undertaken by the Police Community Relations Office and the Public Events Liaison Office of the Operations Wing. In March 2011, the establishment, strength and salary level of the above formations are listed in the tables below:

(a) Police Community Relations Office

Rank	Establishment	Strength	Police Pay Scale	Monthly salary (HK\$) (with effect from 1 April 2010)
Chief Inspector	20	19	43-48	62,095-74,625
Inspector / Senior Inspector	2	2	23-42	29,625-59,820
Station Sergeant	19	19	22-31	28,945-41,130
Sergeant	190	187	15-24	23,940-30,540
Police Constable	28	28	3-15	16,750-23,940
Total	259	255		

It is not possible to provide the gender proportion of the officers of the Police Community Relations Office due to the frequent transfer of officers.

(b) Public Events Liaison Office of the Operations Wing

Rank	Establishment	Strength	Police Pay Point	Monthly salary (HK\$) (with effect from 1 April 2010)
Inspector / Senior Inspector	2	2	23-42	29,625-59,820
Police Constable	3	3	3-15	16,750-23,940
Total	5	5		

The current gender proportion of the officers of the Public Events Liaison Office of the Operations Wing is 4 females to 1 male.

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Question Serial
No.

2447

Head: 122 Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

The Police have maintained close liaison and co-operation with the Mainland, Macao and overseas jurisdictions. What are the substantial work items and the expenditure and establishment involved? Regarding the exchange of intelligence, skills and experience with law enforcement agencies in the Mainland and Macao, what are the expenditure and establishment involved? What are the cross-boundary enforcement items and the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply:

The Police Force and the Mainland public security agencies and Macao law enforcement agencies have all along conducted regular meetings and visits to develop strategies in the co-operation of combating cross-boundary crime and to exchange experience in investigating cross-boundary crime. The topics covered in these meetings include triads, narcotics, commercial crimes, technology crimes, professional exchanges, etc. The Liaison Bureau responsible for this area of work has an establishment of 27 in both 2010-11 and 2011-12.

The Police Force's contacts with overseas police authorities are mainly made through Interpol and overseas police liaison officers in Hong Kong. The Liaison Bureau arranges for general liaison whilst operational units under the Crime Wing contact their overseas counterparts on various crime issues. Co-operation issues include the fight against transnational organised crimes, narcotics offences, frauds, technology crimes, money laundering and professional exchanges.

The liaison of the Police Force with the Mainland and other overseas police authorities does not include cross-boundary law enforcement.

The expenditure for the above work is part of the total expenditure for the Programme of "Prevention and Detection of Crime". The Police do not maintain a specific breakdown in this respect.

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SB063

Question Serial
No.

2448

Head: 122 Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

In 2011-12, what are the expenditure for and the establishment of the Force involved in education, publicity, the Police School Liaison Programme and law enforcement to prevent and reduce drug abuse amongst juveniles and young persons?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply:

In 2011-12, the Force will adopt a multi-agency approach to prevent and reduce drug abuse amongst juveniles and young persons. In terms of the overall law enforcement aspect, the Force will prevent juveniles and young persons from being tempted to abuse drugs through education and publicity. The Force will also co-operate with law enforcement agencies overseas to tackle drug abuse at its source and prevent the inflow of drugs. Intelligence-led operations will be mounted targeting drug trafficking, especially the provision of drugs to minors and the use of minors in drug trafficking.

School Liaison Officers play an important role in education and publicity by advertising the harmful effects of drugs to students through school talks and anti-drug activities. In 2011-12, a total of 94 School Liaison Officers will assist in the implementation of education and publicity work to enhance the effectiveness of the programmes. Besides, the Force has also received funding support from the Beat Drugs Fund. The Narcotics Bureau will work with the Hong Kong Catholic Diocesan Schools Council to launch a two-year programme to provide youths with online anti-drug knowledge.

The education, publicity, the Police School Liaison Programme and law enforcement for the prevention and reduction of drug abuse among juveniles and young persons fall under the Programme of "Prevention and Detection of Crime" and no specific breakdown of the estimated expenditure in this respect is available.

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2449

Head: 122 Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

What are the initiatives actually carried out by the Police in addressing technology crime and computer related crime and the expenditure involved? Of the computer related crimes, what are those relating to online speech of netizens and what are the past prosecution figures and the resources involved?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply:

The Technology Crime Division (TCD) under the Commercial Crimes Bureau (CCB) of the Police Force is dedicated for tackling technology crime and computer related crime. It has the same establishment of 71 in 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12. Having regard to the technology required for the investigation of each case, the Police will refer technology crime cases to district and divisional investigation units, regional Technology Crime Prevention Units or the TCD under the CCB as appropriate for investigation.

The expenditure for tackling technology crime and computer related crime is part of the total expenditure for the Programme of "Prevention and Detection of Crime". The Police Force does not maintain a separate breakdown of the expenditure in this respect.

The Force does not maintain statistics in respect of whether a criminal act involves online speech of netizens.

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SB065

Question Serial
No.

2450

Head: 122 Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (1) Maintenance of Law and Order in the Community

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

How much resources are allocated to induction and in-service training for police officer? How are the resources allocated? Do the induction and in-service training for police officer include courses on human rights and the enhancement of sensitivity to race, disability and gender? If so, what are the duration and content? What is the expenditure involved? Is the assessment of the improvement in the sensitivity of police officers in these areas included in the evaluation of training?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply:

The Force organised courses relating to human and civic rights for new recruits and serving officers. The content broadly includes:

- (1) Courses on relevant legislation (including the Basic Law, the Hong Kong Bill of Rights Ordinance (Cap. 383), the Crimes (Torture) Ordinance (Cap. 427), the Race Discrimination Ordinance (Cap. 602), the Disability Discrimination Ordinance (Cap. 487), the Sex Discrimination Ordinance (Cap. 480) etc);
- (2) Courses on the inculcation of Force values (including integrity management, equal opportunities, service quality, professionalism) into officers; and
- (3) Courses relating to the execution of policing work (including courses on Rules and Directions for the Questioning of Suspects and the Taking of Statements; legal obligations and Force procedures – stop, search, arrest, detain, bail, care and custody of detained persons; the rights of detained persons; the Victim of Crime Charter etc).

The Force also produced training materials for officers to enhance their knowledge on the following subjects.

- Discrimination Free (February 2009)

- Professional Sensitivity (August 2009)
- Searching of Detained Persons (October 2009)
- Diversity Management - Non-Ethnic Chinese (October 2010)

In 2010-11, the Force also invited experts and scholars on human rights laws to hold a thematic seminar for officers of Inspector rank and above with a view to studying the balance between human rights and law enforcement. There were about 150 attendees.

The total training hours of the above courses are as follows:

Recruit Police Constable: not less than 87 hours

Probationary Inspector: not less than 92 hours

Newly-promoted Sergeant/Station Sergeant: not less than 6 hours

Serving Inspectors/newly-promoted Chief Inspector/newly-promoted Superintendent-grade officer: not less than 7 hours

Crime investigation training (Police Constable to Inspectorate rank): not less than 3 hours

The Hong Kong Police College provides comprehensive training in the protection of human rights. The quality of the courses is monitored by the Force Steering Committee on Human Resources Management. For individual trainees, the methods of assessing training effectiveness include tests, examinations, class discussions, practical work, paper writing etc. The knowledge of and improvement in the sensitivity of police officers in these areas are also a key focus of assessment.

The expenditure on the training in enhancing police officers' awareness of human and civic rights falls under the daily training expenditure for the Hong Kong Police College. No detailed breakdown of the expenditure in this regard is available.

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Question Serial
No.

2891

Head: 122 Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (4) Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

In the past 3 years (i.e. 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11), what were the electronic or mechanical equipment installed within a radius of 100 metres from the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (the Liaison Office) for observation, monitoring, messaging or recording purpose? What were the respective numbers of those items installed? What were the respective expenditures involved in the purchase, installation, maintenance, operation, data processing and data disposal of the equipment? Why did the Force install those facilities? When will those facilities be put into operation and in use? What are the estimated expenditures for such items in 2011-12?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply:

The Force may take video records of an individual public order event on a need basis, such as video recording of the overall movement of any public procession. The video records are used to facilitate internal review and strategy evaluation with a view to continuously improving the management and response capabilities of the Force in dealing with public order events. The Force does not maintain any figures relating to the use of recording equipment at the location of previous public order events. The expenditure for the above item is part of the total expenditure for the Programme of "Operations". No specific breakdown of the estimated expenditure in this respect is available.

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Question Serial
No.

2892

Head: 122 Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (4) Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

In the past 3 years (i.e. 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11), what were the items and expenditure involved in handling demonstrations and assemblies? In particular, what were the respective expenditures involved in the allocation of police resources, the installation of surveillance video-recording equipment along the routes, the Force video teams and the command centre set up for demonstrations and assemblies? How long will the audio-visual recordings, voice recordings and photos be kept? What are the arrangements for and the costs of videoing, recording, usage, retention and disposal?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply:

Maintenance of public order and safety is one of the core responsibilities of the Force. In handling public meetings and processions, the Force will deploy appropriate manpower resources according to the scale and particulars of the public order event to ensure that the event is conducted in a peaceful, orderly and safe manner. Regional command centres operate 24 hours throughout the year and play the roles of commanding and co-ordination. This item falls under the Programme of "Operations". No specific breakdown of the estimated expenditure in this respect is available.

During the period of public order events, the Force may take video records of an individual event on a need basis, such as video recording of the overall movement of any public procession. The video records are used to facilitate internal review and strategy evaluation with a view to continuously improving the management and response capabilities of the Force in dealing with public order events.

The Force has clear and strict guidelines and procedures for handling information recorded in order to ensure, inter alia, its safe custody, proper handling and timely destruction. It is laid down in the guidelines that video records can only be handled by designated law-enforcement officers and recorded items are usually destroyed within three months.

This item falls under the Programme of “Operations”. No specific breakdown of the estimated expenditure in this respect is available.

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Question Serial
No.

0351

Head: 122 Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (3) Road Safety

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

[Note: The question below concerns matters under the policy purview of the Transport and Housing Bureau (THB). The reply was prepared by the Hong Kong Police Force and vetted by the THB.]

Question:

Regarding road safety, please inform this Committee of:

- (a) the progress, the expenditure and manpower involved and the proportion of the expenditure involved to the annual overall expenditure of the Police Force in each of the past 3 years (i.e. 2008-09 to 2010-11) in respect of the use of Red light and Speed Enforcement Camera System;
- (b) the progress, the expenditure and manpower involved and the proportion of the expenditure involved to the annual overall expenditure of the Police Force in each of the past 3 years (i.e. 2008-09 to 2010-11) in respect of the actions against drink driving and drug driving.

Asked by: Hon. Lee Wing-tat

Reply:

- (a) The respective numbers of prosecutions for red light and speeding offences instituted by the Force with the assistance of the Red Light Camera System and Speed Enforcement Camera System from 2008 to 2010 are as follows:

	Prosecution Figures	
	Through the Red Light Camera System	Through the Speed Enforcement Camera System
2008	49 498	90 889
2009	39 670	84 707
2010	29 812	116 109

Regarding the enforcement actions against red light offences, there were 96 red light cameras (RLCs) in the Force in 2008-09. The Finance Committee (FC) of the Legislative Council (LegCo) approved the allocation of \$86.34m in 2007 for the implementation of the “Expansion of Red Light Camera System, Phase 3” project. The whole project was completed and put into operation in December 2010, increasing the number of RLCs in the territory to 155 sets.

The annual expenditure required for equipment maintenance and manpower resources under this expansion project is \$14.08m. The project necessitates the creation of 33 posts to be realised in 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12 respectively.

Regarding the enforcement actions against speeding offences, there are 10 speed enforcement cameras (SECs) and 85 camera housings in the Force. The FC of the LegCo approved the allocation of \$47.39m in 2008 for the implementation of the “Expansion of Speed Enforcement Camera System, Phase 2” project which has been put on trial. Upon completion of the whole project in 2013, the total number of digital SECs and camera housings in the territory will be 20 and 135 respectively.

The “Expansion of Speed Enforcement Camera System, Phase 2” project necessitates the creation of 43 posts. The annual expenditure required for equipment maintenance and manpower resources under this expansion project is \$15.37m.

- (b) The numbers of persons arrested for drink driving or drug driving from 2008 to 2010 are as follows:

	Number of persons arrested for drink driving	Number of persons arrested for drug driving
2008	1 485	4
2009	1 024	11
2010	1 146	84

The Road Traffic Legislation (Amendment) Ordinance 2008 has empowered the Force to conduct random breath tests to combat drink driving. To be in line with the implementation of the new legislation, the Force spent \$550,000 to procure 120 breath alcohol testing instruments in 2008-09. The testing instruments facilitate an initial swift test to check whether the alcohol level in the driver’s breath is likely to exceed the

prescribed limit. Moreover, the Force has also procured 280 breath alcohol testing instruments at a cost of about \$1.4m in 2010-11 to enhance its equipment in combating drink driving. The instruments are scheduled for operation shortly. The combat against drink driving and drug driving is part of the traffic enforcement work of the Force. No specific breakdown of the estimated expenditure in this respect is available.

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Question Serial
No.

0639

Head: 122 Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (4) Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

The Estimates listed the numbers of crowd management events from 2009 to 2011. How many of them involved the management of demonstrations and petitions? What were the estimated expenditure and manpower involved?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The numbers of crowd management events from 2009 to 2011 listed in the Estimates generally included the annual district activities but excluded those public order events involving demonstrations and petitions. The Force does not make any estimation on the number of public meetings and public processions to be held, but there were more than 5 000 public meetings and processions in 2010. The work in this respect falls under the Programme of "Operations" and no specific breakdown of the estimated expenditure is available.

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SB070

Question Serial
No.

2048

Head: 122 Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Commissioner of Police

Officer:

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

What was the number of domestic violence cases in each of the past 3 years?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The statistics of criminal cases involving domestic violence⁽¹⁾ handled by the Police from 2008 to 2010 are set out as below:

	2008	2009	2010
Criminal cases involving domestic violence ⁽²⁾	2 341	2 373	2 157

- Note:
- (1) Domestic violence refers to “any behavior involving an assault or a breach of the peace between parties who could be generally be described as married or having a family relationship”. “Married or having a family relationship” refers to married, separated or divorced couples, cohabitants or former cohabitants (irrespective of gender) and lovers or former lovers (irrespective of gender).
 - (2) Criminal cases involving domestic violence include murder, manslaughter, wounding, serious assault, rape, indecent assault, criminal intimidation, criminal damage, possession of offensive weapon etc.

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SB071

Question Serial
No.

2049

Head: 122 Hong Kong Police Force Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

What was the number of reported cases or records seeking help that involved elder abuse in each of the past 3 years?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The statistics of the reported elder abuse⁽¹⁾ cases handled by the Police from 2008 to 2010 are set out as below:

Elder abuse	2008	2009	2010
Physical abuse ⁽²⁾	208	181	204
Embezzlement of	72	94	99
Psychological abuse ⁽⁴⁾	35	40	56
Sexual abuse ⁽⁵⁾	0	0	0
Total	315	315	359

Note: (1) "Elder abuse" refers to the commission or omission of any act that endangers the welfare or safety of an elder, with the abused elders and abusers being known to each other or involving abusers who are responsible for the care of the abused elders. "Elders" are defined as persons aged 60 or above.

(2) Physical abuse includes murder/attempt to murder, wounding, serious assault and administering poison so as to inflict bodily harm etc.

(3) Embezzlement of property includes robbery, theft, deception, blackmail, using false instruments and uttering forged banknotes and coins etc.

(4) Psychological abuse refers to criminal intimidation.

(5) Sexual abuse includes indecent assault and rape etc.

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Question Serial
No.

2050

Head: 122 Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

What was the number of common assault cases investigated by crime unit detectives in each of the past 3 years?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The statistics of common assault cases investigated by the Regional Crime Units from 2008 to 2010 are set out as below:

2008	2009	2010
6	10	9

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No.

1651

Head: 122 Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

In 2011-12, the Hong Kong Force will increase 140 non-directorate posts. What are the justifications for such an increase? What is the actual expenditure involved? Please provide a breakdown for the 140 posts including their ranks and salaries, and the distribution of these posts.

Asked by: Hon. SHEK Lai-him, Abraham

Reply:

The 140 posts created by the Force in 2011-12 are mainly for strengthening its overall counter- terrorism capabilities, increasing the manpower of the Police College, combating and deterring drug driving, implementing the Sexual Conviction Record Check Scheme, etc. These 140 additional posts include 1 Senior Superintendent, 2 Superintendents, 4 Chief Inspectors, 22 Inspectors/Senior Inspectors, 2 Station Sergeants, 26 Sergeants, 69 Police Constables and 14 civilian staff. The salary level of these officers is shown as below:

Rank	No. of staff	Salary points of police officers/civilian staff (Police Pay Scale/ Master Pay Scale)	Monthly salary (HK\$) (with effect from 1 April 2010)
Senior Superintendent	1	PPS 53-54a	90,145-96,885
Superintendent	2	PPS 49-52	77,325-86,515
Chief Inspector	4	PPS 43-48	62,095-74,625
Inspector/Senior Inspector	22	PPS 23-42	29,625-59,820
Station Sergeant	2	PPS 22-31	28,945-41,130
Sergeant	26	PPS 15-24	23,940-30,540

Rank	No. of staff	Salary points of police officers/civilian staff (Police Pay Scale/ Master Pay Scale)	Monthly salary (HK\$) (with effect from 1 April 2010)
Police Constable	69	PPS 3-15	16,750-23,940
Executive Officer II	1	MPS 15-27	20,950-36,945
Senior Technical Officer	2	MPS 23-29	30,785-40,515
Technical Officer	1	MPS 9-22	14,975-29,400
Vehicle Tester	1	MPS 9-12	14,975-17,905
Assistant Clerical Officer	1	MPS 3-15	10,250-20,950
Clerical Assistant	4	MPS 1-10	9,040-15,875
Supplies Assistant	4	MPS 1-10	9,040-15,875
Total	140		

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Question Serial
No.

3215

Head: 122 Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Regarding the estimated expenditure for the Information Technology Management Unit (ITMU) of the Force:

- (a) what is the estimated expenditure for 2011-12? What is the change as compared to the actual expenditure in 2010-11? What are the reasons for the above change in the expenditure?
- (b) what are the main projects in the 2011-12 estimated expenditure? Of those, which are ongoing items and which are new items? What are the number of officers, the costs and the implementation timetable for each item? Of the manpower involved in each item, what are the make up of civil servants, non-civil service contract staff and outsourced staff respectively?
- (c) is there any provision for the implementation of e-citizen engagement initiatives and public sector information access measures? If so, what is the specific content of the initiatives/measures, including the name of the item, the details, the manpower involved, the costs and the implementation timetable? If not, what are the reasons and will such initiatives/measures be considered for implementation in the future?
- (d) what are the permanent establishment, the number of existing officers and the number of vacancies of the ITMU? Will the manpower be increased next year? If so, how many posts will be created, which ranks do they involve, and are they permanent posts and are they employed on civil service terms? If there are no plans to increase manpower, what are the reasons?
- (e) has any comprehensive review been conducted on the effectiveness of the ITMU? If so, what are the results of the reviews and what specific enhancement measures are involved? If no reviews have been conducted, what are the reasons and will reviews be conducted in the future?

Asked by: Hon. TAM Wai-ho, Samson

Reply:

(a) The estimated recurrent expenditure for the Information Technology Branch (ITB) of the Police Force in 2011-12 is \$169.9m. It is similar to the actual recurrent expenditure in 2010-11. In addition, the Force has provided \$47.75m under the Capital Works Reserve Fund Head 710 Computerisation in 2011-12 for the launch of various computerisation projects. This amount is \$47.13m higher than the sum provided in 2010-11, mainly due to the expenditure for the launching of four major items in (b) below.

(b) The specific projects of the Force in information technology in 2011-12 are all ongoing items. All items involve officers of all ranks and outsourced staff in the ITB. No specific breakdown of the manpower involved in each item is available. The main items include:

The estimated expenditure for the development of the Third Generation of Major Incident Investigation and Disaster Support System project in 2011-12 is about \$2.2m. The project is expected to be completed in September 2013.

The estimated expenditure for the redevelopment of the Personnel Information Communal System project in 2011-12 is about \$7.94m. The project is expected to be completed in May 2013.

The estimated expenditure for the development of the Second Generation of Communal Information System project in 2011-12 is about \$5.92m. The project is expected to be completed in November 2015.

The estimated expenditure for the enhancement of information technology infrastructure by using virtual workstation (initial implementation) project in 2011-12 is about \$31.26m. The project is expected to be completed in December 2012.

(c) The public may now browse information of the Force through the police public website and may report certain incidents to the Police such as property loss, noise complaints etc through e-mail to e-report rooms. The expenditure for the implementation of e-citizen engagement initiatives and public sector information access measures is part of the estimated recurrent expenditure for the ITB. No detailed breakdown of the estimated expenditure in this regard is available.

In order to open a more convenient channel for the public to report crimes and in light of the development of the Force's Second Generation of Communal Information System, the Force plans to introduce an e-report centre to provide more convenient, higher interactive and broader services in 2014-15. The detailed recommendations, such as the operational details and the scope of services, as well as the system design blueprint of the new e-report centre are still under planning.

(d) As at 1 March 2011, the permanent establishment, the existing strength and the number of vacancies of the ITB are 140, 134 and 6 respectively. The ITB currently has no plans to expand its permanent establishment in 2011-12. However, it will closely monitor the

manpower situation and adopt appropriate measures when necessary, including flexible allocation of resources, to maintain its service quality.

- (e) The Force has established an Information and Communications Systems Strategy Steering Committee to review the performance of the ITB regularly to ensure that the Force can make good use of information technology to improve its operations and services. In the latest review, the Committee recommended tightening time control in the implementation of projects. The ITB follows closely the improvement recommendations. Besides, according to Notice No. 3/2007 of the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer (OGCIO) – “Funding Arrangement for Computerisation Projects”, the ITB will submit a departmental post-project implementation report to the OGCIO within 6 months after the implementation of each project to review the effectiveness achieved.

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No.

0762

Head: 122 Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

- (a) Please list the establishment, strength and expenditure, both actual and estimated, of the Criminal Intelligence Bureau (CIB) by rank for 2010-11 and 2011-12.
- (b) Please list the establishment, rank, number and remuneration of the officers responsible for interception of communications and covert surveillance in the CIB.

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

- (a) The establishments of the Criminal Intelligence Bureau (CIB) in 2010-11 and 2011-12 are the same. The information is set out as follows:

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Establishment in 2010-11 and 2011-12</u>	<u>No. of staff as at 7 March 2011</u>
<u>Disciplined Staff</u>		
Chief Superintendent	1	1
Senior Superintendent	1	1
Superintendent	7	7
Chief Inspector	20	20
Inspector/Senior Inspector	51	46
Station Sergeant	35	35
Sergeant	145	141
Police Constable	355	345
<i>Disciplined Staff Sub-total:</i>	<u>615</u>	<u>596</u>

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Establishment in 2010-11 and 2011-12</u>	<u>No. of staff as at 7 March 2011</u>
<u>Civilian Staff</u>		
Executive Officer I	1	1
Official Languages Officer II	1	1
Clerical Officer	1	1
Assistant Clerical Officer	3	3
Personal Secretary II	7	6
Confidential Assistant	23	22
Typist	1	2
Clerical Assistant	2	2
Supplies Assistant	2	2
<i>Civilian Staff Sub-total:</i>	<u>41</u>	<u>40</u>
Total (Disciplined and Civilian Staff)	<u>656</u>	<u>636</u>

The estimated expenditure for the CIB in both 2010-11 and 2011-12 is about \$200m.

- (b) The work of the CIB involves police operations of a confidential nature. Disclosing the information on the duties and internal staffing arrangement of the CIB may reveal detailed operation arrangements of the Force and its law enforcement capabilities to criminals, who may be able to elude justice, thus jeopardising the Police's capabilities in crime investigation. Therefore, we are unable to provide the requested information.

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SB076

Question Serial
No.

0763

Head: 122 Hong Kong Police Force Subhead (No. & title): 103 - Rewards and
Special Services

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

- (a) Please provide the expenditures relating to the payment for information useful to investigation provided overseas for 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11 and the places involved.
- (b) Please provide the expenditures relating to the payment for information useful to investigation provided locally for 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11.
- (c) What is the percentage of the estimated expenditure for the payment for information useful to investigation provided overseas in the proposed total provision for 2011-12?

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

- (a) and (b) The expenses paid under Rewards and Special Services involve police operations of a confidential nature, including the fight against terrorist activities, serious crimes, narcotics offences, and security matters. Disclosing the information of the actual expenditure under this Subhead may reveal detailed operation arrangements of the Force and its law enforcement capabilities to criminals, who may be able to elude justice, thus jeopardising public interest. Therefore, we are unable to provide the requested information.
- (c) The estimated provision under Rewards and Special Services in 2010-11 will be used for the fight against terrorist activities, serious crimes, narcotics offences, and security matters. No specific provision is allocated under this Subhead for the payment for information useful to investigation provided overseas. Provision will be allocated to cover necessary expenditure as actual needs arise.

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Reply Serial No.

SB077

Question Serial
No.

0764

Head: 122 Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (4) Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Please inform this Committee of the actual and estimated expenditure of the Security Wing in 2010-11 and 2011-12. What is its establishment? What are the strength and establishment responsible for counter-terrorism duties? What are the strength and establishment of those units responsible for other duties such as VIP protection?

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

The revised estimated expenditure for the Security Wing in 2010-11 is about \$220m and the estimated expenditure in 2011-12 is about \$240m.

The establishment of the Security Wing in 2010-11 and 2011-12 is as follows:

	2010-11 (Establishment)	2011-12 (Estimated establishment)
Disciplined staff	581	641
Civilian staff	84	84
Total	665	725

The Security Wing is responsible for a number of matters relating to the internal security of Hong Kong, including VIP protection, the prevention and tackling of terrorist activities etc. As the work of the Security Wing involves police operations of a confidential nature,

disclosing the details of the duties of the Security Wing and its internal establishment may reveal detailed operation arrangements of the Force and its law enforcement capabilities to criminals, who may be able to elude justice. Therefore, we cannot provide the requested information.

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SB078

Question Serial
No.

0765

Head: 122 Hong Kong Police Force Subhead (No. & title): 103 - Rewards and Special Services

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Please inform this Committee:

whether the Administration conducted surprise inspections on the provisions under the Subhead "Rewards and Special Services" in the past 3 financial years to ensure that the provisions were used justifiably and according to proper procedures; if so, of the ranks of the officers conducting the surprise inspections and the number of such inspections; if not, of the reasons for that and whether there will be plans for conducting surprise inspections in the future.

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

The numbers of surprise inspections conducted by officers responsible for inspecting the provisions under Rewards and Special Services from 2008-09 to 2010-11 are given below:

<u>Inspecting Officer</u>	No. of Inspections <u>2008-09</u>	No. of Inspections <u>2009-10</u>	No. of Inspections <u>2010-11</u> (as at now)
Commissioner of Police	8	8	8
Deputy Commissioner of Police (Operations)	10	10	10
Deputy Commissioner of Police (Management)	3	3	3
Director of Crime and Security	22	22	22
Assistant Commissioner of Police (Crime)	21	21	21

<u>Inspecting Officer</u>	No. of Inspections <u>2008-09</u>	No. of Inspections <u>2009-10</u>	No. of Inspections <u>2010-11</u> (as at now)
Assistant Commissioner of Police (Security)	3	3	3
Regional Commander (Hong Kong Island)	15	15	17
Regional Commander (Kowloon East)	15	15	15
Regional Commander (Kowloon West)	18	18	18
Regional Commander (New Territories North)	15	16	15
Regional Commander (New Territories South)	18	22	18
Regional Commander (Marine)	3	3	4
Senior Executive Officer (Internal Audit)	34	34	34

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SB079

Question Serial
No.

0766

Head: 122 Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

- (a) Please list the breakdown of the establishment of the Technical Services Division (TSD) by rank and the total provisions for 2010-11 and 2011-12.
- (b) Please give the details of the work of the TSD in 2010-11, including the technical services provided.
- (c) Please list the establishment, rank, number and remuneration of the officers responsible for interception of communications and covert surveillance in the TSD.

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

- (a) The breakdowns of the establishment of the Technical Services Division (TSD) by rank in 2010-11 and 2011-12 are the same. The information is set out as follows:

Rank

Disciplined Staff

Chief Superintendent	1
Senior Superintendent	1
Superintendent	5
Chief Inspector	8
Inspector/Senior Inspector	22
Station Sergeant	16
Sergeant	24
Police Constable	39
Sub-total	<hr/> 116 <hr/>

Civilian Staff

Confidential Assistant	8
Police Communications Officer	2
Assistant Clerical Officer	1
Personal Secretary I	1
Personal Secretary II	2
Clerical Assistant	1
Technical Officer	1
Workman II	1
Sub-total	<u>17</u>
Total	<u>133</u>

The total provisions for the TSD for 2010-11 and 2011-12 are the same, approximately \$48.5m.

- (b) and (c) The functions of the TSD include providing technical support for formations and assistance in crime investigations. Disclosing the details of the duties of the TSD may reveal the Force's law enforcement capabilities to criminals, who may be able to elude justice, thus jeopardising public interest.

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SB080

Question Serial
No.

0963

Head: 122 Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (4) Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

- (a) The provision for 2011-12 is \$150.7m (5.8%) higher than the revised estimate for 2010-11 due to the creation of 104 posts for pursuing various counter-terrorism enhancement initiatives and carrying out front-line operations. Please inform this Committee of the justifications for and details of the creation of such posts and the justifications for the continuous increase in the manpower for performing counter-terrorism duties and carrying out front-line operations in recent years.
- (b) Are there any figures or intelligence suggesting a steady rise in the risk level of Hong Kong being a target for terrorism and therefore it is necessary to continuously increase the manpower for performing counter-terrorism duties and carrying out front-line operations?

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

- (a) The Force will create 104 posts under the Programme of "Operations" in 2011-12. Apart from the four civilian posts created to provide support for front-line operation, the remaining 100 disciplined posts are created to expand the Counter Terrorism Response Unit and enhance the overall counter-terrorism capability. Details of the 104 additional posts are listed as follows:

Formation	Rank	No. of posts
Operations Wing	Inspector / Senior Inspector	1
Counter Terrorism Response Unit	Sergeant	3
	Police Constable	36
Sub-total		40

Formation	Rank	No. of posts
Security Wing	Senior Superintendent	1
	Superintendent	2
	Chief Inspector	3
	Inspector / Senior Inspector	18
	Sergeant	18
	Police Constable	18
Sub-total		60
Civilian staff	Senior Technical Officer	2
	Supplies Assistant	2
Total		104

Among the 100 additional disciplined posts, 60 posts would be used to establish a Critical Infrastructure Security Co-ordination Centre. The Co-ordination Centre is specifically responsible for the implementation of prevention and protection operations under the Force's Counter Terrorism Strategy. It will maintain close and effective contact with stakeholders of the infrastructure and conduct timely risk assessments. Moreover, to enhance the overall counter-terrorism capability, the Co-ordination Centre will also provide professional recommendations to stakeholders on security improvement and help them formulate effective security plans on the basis of the threat level assessments.

Furthermore, to strengthen the front-line counter-terrorism capability, the Force will create 40 posts for the Counter Terrorism Response Unit mainly for the protection of critical infrastructures and the effective implementation of the Force's Counter Terrorism Strategy.

- (b) The threat level of terrorist attack against Hong Kong remains to be "moderate" currently. Giving the complexity of the modern-day counter-terrorism situation worldwide, as an international metropolis, Hong Kong needs to enhance the Force's overall capability in being alert to and preventing terrorist acts, to expand their scope of counter-terrorism protection and to designate a dedicated and professionally trained unit to execute counter-terrorism operations in an effective manner.

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SB081

Question Serial
No.

0964

Head: 122 Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (4) Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

The provision for 2011-12 is \$150.7 m (5.8%) higher than the revised estimate for 2010-11 due to the creation of 104 posts for pursuing various counter-terrorism enhancement initiatives and carrying out front-line operations. Under which formation's establishment do these 104 newly created posts fall? Which ranks are included and what is the number of posts for each rank? What is the estimated expenditure for each rank? What is the total expenditure of these 104 posts?

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

The Force will create 104 posts under the programme of "Operations" in 2011-12. Apart from the four civilian posts created to provide support for front-line operation, the remaining 100 posts are created to strengthen the Counter Terrorism Response Unit and enhance the overall counter-terrorism capabilities. These 104 additional posts include 1 Senior Superintendent, 2 Superintendents, 3 Chief Inspectors, 19 Senior Inspectors/Inspectors, 21 Sergeants, 54 Police Constables and 4 civilian staff. The salary level of these officers is set out as below:

Rank	No. of staff	Police Pay Scale/ Master Pay Scale	Monthly salary (HK\$) (with effect from 1.4.2010)
Senior Superintendent	1	PPS 53-54a	90,145-96,885
Superintendent	2	PPS 49-52	77,325-86,515
Chief Inspector	3	PPS 43-48	62,095-74,625

Rank	No. of staff	Police Pay Scale/ Master Pay Scale	Monthly salary (HK\$) (with effect from 1.4.2010)
Inspector / Senior Inspector	19	PPS 23-42	29,625-59,820
Sergeant	21	PPS 15-24	23,940-30,540
Police Constable	54	PPS 3-15	16,750-23,940
Senior Technical Officer	2	MPS 23-29	30,785-40,515
Supplies Assistant	2	MPS 1-10	9,040-15,875
Total	104		

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SB082

Question Serial
No.

0965

Head: 122 Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (4) Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Please list the posts created under this Programme in each of the past 5 years for performing counter-terrorism duties and carrying out front-line operations (please list them by year, the formations to which the newly created posts belong, rank, number, the estimated expenditure for each rank and the total expenditure for the newly created posts).

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

From 2008-09 to 2010-11, the establishment and related details of the posts created for counter-terrorism by the Force are set out in the following table:

Formation	Rank	Number of officers			Police Pay Scale/ Master Pay Scale	Monthly salary (HK\$) (with effect from 1 April 2010)
		2008-09	2009-10	2010-11		
Security Wing	Senior Superintendent	1	1		PPS 53-54a	90,145-96,885
	Superintendent	3	2		PPS 49-52	77,325-86,515
	Chief Inspector	5	3	1	PPS 43-48	62,095-74,625
	Inspector / Senior Inspector	18	13	6	PPS 23-42	29,625-59,820
	Station Sergeant			1	PPS 22-31	28,945-41,130
	Sergeant	23	13	5	PPS 15-24	23,940-30,540

Formation	Rank	Number of officers			Police Pay Scale/ Master Pay Scale	Monthly salary (HK\$) (with effect from 1 April 2010)
		2008-09	2009-10	2010-11		
	Police Constable	47	29	21	PPS 3-15	16,750-23,940
	Confidential Assistant	3			MPS 9-17	14,975-23,115
	Clerical Officer		1		MPS 16-21	22,005-28,065
	Assistant Clerical Officer		3		MPS 3-15	10,250-20,950
Sub-total		100	65	34		

Formation	Rank	Number of officers			Police Pay Scale/ Master Pay Scale	Monthly salary (HK\$) (with effect from 1 April 2010)
		2008-09	2009-10	2010-11		
Counter Terrorism Response Unit, Operations Wing	Chief Inspector			1	PPS 43-48	62,095-74,625
	Inspector / Senior Inspector		1	2	PPS 23-42	29,625-59,820
	Station Sergeant		1	2	PPS 22-31	28,945-41,130
	Sergeant		3	7	PPS 15-24	23,940-30,540
	Police Constable		30	54	PPS 3-15	16,750-23,940
Sub-total		-	35	66		
Total		100	100	100		

Before 2008-09, the Force did not make special provision for dedicated counter-terrorism posts.

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SB083

Question Serial
No.

0966

Head: 122 Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title): 103 - Rewards and Special
Services

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Please give details of:

- (a) the uses and components of the actual expenditures under the Subhead "Rewards and Special Services" in 2008-09 and 2009-10;
- (b) the uses and components under the Subhead "Rewards and Special Services" in 2010-11 and the rationale for the revised estimate;
- (c) the detailed rationale for making an estimate of \$80m for the Subhead "Rewards and Special Services" in 2011-12.

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

- (a) and (b) The expenses paid under Rewards and Special Services are used for purposes including the fight against terrorist activities, serious crimes, narcotics offences, and security matters. As these expenses involve police operations of a confidential nature, disclosing the uses and components of the actual expenditure under this Subhead may reveal detailed operation arrangements of the Force and its law enforcement capabilities to criminals, who may be able to elude justice, thus jeopardising public interest. Therefore, we are unable to provide the requested information.
- (c) The estimated provision under Rewards and Special Services in 2011-12 will be used for the fight against terrorist activities, serious crimes, narcotics offences, and security matters. Provision under this Subhead will be allocated as actual needs arise. The estimated expenditure is also made on this basis.

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SB084

Question Serial
No.

0970

Head: 122 Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Please state the figures and overall trend of the crimes alleged to be committed by police officers in the recent 3 years (i.e. 2008 to 2010). Please list the crimes by type.

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

The numbers of regular police officers alleged to have committed criminal offences and have been arrested in the recent 3 years and the breakdown of the various types of crime involved are set out as below:

Crime	2008	2009	2010
Wounding and serious assault	3	7	6
Shop theft	2	1	4
Miscellaneous theft	2	2	3
Deception	2	2	1
Rape	2	-	-
Indecent assault	2	3	1
Forgery	1	-	1
Disorder conduct/fight in a public place	3	-	1
Criminal damage	1	-	2
Making a false oath	-	4	-
Others	5	5	8
Total	23	24	27

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Reply Serial No.

SB085

Question Serial
No.

2861

Head: 122 Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (3) Road Safety

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

[Note: The question below concerns matters under the policy purview of the Transport and Housing Bureau (THB). The reply was prepared by the Hong Kong Police Force and vetted by the THB.]

Question:

Traffic bollards all over the territory are often damaged and the nuts are suspected of being stolen for resale. Fallen bollards always pose a threat to road users. Does the Police Force know of such cases? If so, please provide the figures of similar cases in the past 3 years (i.e. 2008-2010), the repair expenditure involved and the countermeasures taken by the Police Force.

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

The Force does not maintain any figures of cases in which traffic bollards are suspected of being stolen. The maintenance of road facilities is within the ambit of the Highways Department. According to the information of the department, the number of cases involving missing nuts of traffic bollards and the relevant repair costs are listed in the following table:

Financial year	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11*
Number of cases in which the nuts of traffic bollards were found to be lost	108	82	92
Repair costs involved (\$)	\$99,700	\$76,400	\$86,500

* Figures recorded as at 8 March 2011

If the Force finds that fallen bollards affect the safety of other road users, police officers will make appropriate arrangements after assessing the on-site traffic conditions and carry out regular reviews until the bollards are fixed.

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SB086

Question Serial
No.

2862

Head: 122 Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Under the Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2011-12, it is mentioned that the Force will enhance its capability in tackling technology crime. Please list the categories and figures of crimes involving the Internet or computer related crime and technology crime in 2010.

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

The categories and figures of crimes involving the Internet or computer related crime and technology crime in 2010 are as follows:

Nature	2010
Crime related to online games	407
Online commercial fraud	623
Illegal access to a computer system	337
Others	276
Total	1 643

In handling technology crime statistics, the Police used to categorise them under relatively technical “names of offences”, using legal terms such as “unauthorised access to computer data by telecommunications”, “access to computer data with criminal or dishonest intent”, “obtaining property by deception” and “obtaining services by deception”. The Police have categorised technology crime by “nature” since 2010 in order to reflect the various modus operandi and trends of technology crime in a clearer and more accurate manner for the easy understanding of the public. This also helps the Police in formulating strategies to tackle technology crime and promoting crime prevention messages.

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SB087

Question Serial
No.

2864

Head: 122 Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (1) Maintenance of Law and Order in the Community

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

The number of reportable complaints registered by the Complaints Against Police Office (CAPO) in 2011-12 is estimated to be 3 600. Does the Police Force have any measures in place to prevent or reduce complaints by the public to support this estimation? If so, what are the details and effectiveness of the measures implemented?

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

The number of reportable complaint cases registered by CAPO in 2010 was 3 320, which represents a decrease of 21.6% over the 4 232 cases registered in 2009 (as at 31 December 2010 after adjustment).

The Force has always attached great importance to the communication with the public and is committed to preventing any avoidable complaints. A "Regional Complaints Prevention Committee" was set up in every Force region during 2009 in order to enhance complaints prevention work. The Committee is mainly responsible for monitoring the trend of district complaints and formulating district-based plans for the prevention of complaints against police.

At the same time, the Force established the "Force Complaints Prevention Committee". The Committee is chaired by the Assistant Commissioner of Police (Service Quality) and its members include representatives from other major formations of the Force. It is responsible for monitoring the trend of complaints against police, examining policing procedures which might lead to complaints, reviewing various measures and strategies, making recommendations to reduce or prevent complaints and implementing complaints prevention policies through education, publicity and the enhancement of community relations.

“Enhancing the personal and professional qualities of Force members” is also one of the Strategic Directions of the Force. The Force will strengthen the professional sensitivity and communication skills of officers through various training courses and reinforce Force values from various aspects to ensure that officers at all ranks clearly understand and accept their professional responsibilities. Besides, CAPO will also ensure that front-line officers and commanders are aware of the latest trend of complaints through visiting front-line formations and other communication channels, such as the “Force Complaints Prevention Committee Bulletin” and “Tips for Smart Cops”. The Force also organises various activities or competitions for the promotion of complaints prevention from time to time to raise officers’ awareness of complaints prevention. Moreover, CAPO will continue to enhance the public understanding of the law enforcement areas of the Force through the media to avoid complaints caused by misunderstandings.

The various measures above are considered effective in preventing or reducing avoidable complaints.

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SB088

Question Serial
No.

3316

Head: 122 Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

What were the numbers of prosecution cases related to sex worker crime in the past 3 years (i.e. 2008, 2009 and 2010)? Please list the numbers by crime category.

Asked by: Hon. TO kun-sun, James

Reply:

The crime figures maintained by the Police do not have a separate category of statistics on offences committed by sex workers.

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SB089

Question Serial
No.

3317

Head: 122 Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (1) Maintenance of Law and Order in the Community

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Please list the establishment and strength of the Complaints Against Police Office (CAPO), the number of cases handled and the actual expenditure incurred by it in 2010-11, and the estimated establishment and expenditure of CAPO in 2011-12.

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

The actual/estimated establishment and expenditure of CAPO in 2010-11 and 2011-12, and the strength in 2010-11 are as follows:

<u>Rank</u>	<u>2010-11</u>		<u>2011-12</u>
	<u>Establishment</u>	<u>Strength</u> (As at 1 March 2011)	<u>Establishment</u> (Estimated)
<u>CAPO</u>			
Senior Superintendent	1	1	1
Superintendent	4	4	4
Chief Inspector	11	11	11
Senior Inspector	22	22	22
Station Sergeant	7	7	7
Sergeant	50	50	50
Police Constable	1	1	1
Assistant Clerical Officer	2	2	2
Clerical Assistant	1	1	1
Personal Secretary II	3	2	3
<u>Complaints and Internal Investigations Branch</u>			
Administrative, Statistics and Translation Staff	29	29	29
	131	130	131

	2010-11	2011-12
Revised estimated / Estimated expenditure	<u>Revised estimated expenditure</u> \$46.05m	<u>Estimated expenditure</u> \$46.06m
<u>No. of reportable complaint cases handled by CAPO in 2010</u> (1 Jan to 31 Dec)	3 320	

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SB090

Question Serial
No.

3318

Head: 122 Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Please provide:

- (a) the details of the inspection of bars and restaurants in relation to liquor licences by the Licensing Office of the Force; and
- (b) the numbers of complaints received and relevant prosecutions brought against bars and restaurants on liquor licences in the past 3 years (2008, 2009 and 2010).

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

- (a) The Food and Health Bureau is the bureau responsible for the liquor licensing system. The Force is one of the enforcement departments of the Dutiable Commodities (Liquor) Regulations (Cap 109B). The main duties of the Licensing Office of the Police are to formulate enforcement policies relating to liquor licences and to advise the Liquor Licensing Board on all types of applications for liquor licences. Police districts will decide the frequency of inspections to be conducted according to the nature of liquor licensed premises and their past records. Should there be any irregularities, the Force will take appropriate actions (including issuance of warning to licensees, application for prosecution summons against licensees, application to the Liquor Licensing Board for suspension of relevant licences or addition of licence conditions etc).
- (b) The Force does not maintain figures in this regard.

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Reply Serial No.

SB091

Question Serial
No.

3138

Head: 122 Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title): 000 Operational expenses

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Regarding the employment of "non-civil service contract (NCSC) staff", please provide the following information:

	2011-12	2010-11	2009-10	2008-09
Number of NCSC staff	()	()	()	()
Details of the positions held by NCSC staff				
Expenditure on the salaries of NCSC staff	()	()	()	()
Monthly salary range of NCSC staff				
- \$30,001 or above	()	()	()	()
- \$16,001 - \$30,000	()	()	()	()
- \$8,001 - \$16,000	()	()	()	()
- \$6,501 - \$8,000	()	()	()	()
- \$5,001 - \$6,500	()	()	()	()
- \$5,000 or below	()	()	()	()
- number of staff with a monthly salary lower than \$5,824	()	()	()	()
- number of staff with a monthly salary between \$5,824 and \$6,500	()	()	()	()
Length of employment of NCSC staff				
- more than 5 years	()	()	()	()
- more than 3 years to 5 years	()	()	()	()
- 1 year to 3 years	()	()	()	()
- less than 1 year	()	()	()	()
Number of NCSC staff successfully converted to civil servants	()	()	()	()
Number of NCSC staff failed to convert to civil servants	()	()	()	()
Percentage of NCSC staff to the total number of staff in the department	()	()	()	()

	2011-12	2010-11	2009-10	2008-09
Percentage of amount paid to NCSC staff to the total departmental staff cost	()	()	()	()
Number of NCSC staff with paid meal break	()	()	()	()
Number of NCSC staff without paid meal break	()	()	()	()
Number of NCSC staff working 5 days a week	()	()	()	()
Number of NCSC staff working 6 days a week	()	()	()	()

Figures in () denote year-on-year changes.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply:

The employment details of "NCSC staff" are set out in the following table:

	2011-12 (Note)	2010-11 (as at 31.12.2010)	2009-10	2008-09
Number of NCSC staff	()	121 (-16.55%)	145 (-6.45%)	155 (-)
Details of the positions held by NCSC staff		Work related to information technology (69), professional technology (24), material supplies (13), administration training (9) and clerical support (6).	Work related to information technology (78), professional technology (26), material supplies (19), administration training (12) and clerical support (10).	Work related to information technology (82), professional technology (24), material supplies (19), administration training (15) and clerical support (15).
Expenditure on the salaries of NCSC staff	()	\$31,681,550 (-33.59%)	\$47,703,496 (+1.82%)	\$46,850,330 (-)
Monthly salary range of NCSC staff				
- \$30,001 or above	()	48 (0%)	48 (-5.88%)	51 (-)
- \$16,001 - \$30,000	()	33 (-17.5%)	40 (+8.11%)	37 (-)
- \$8,001 - \$16,000	()	34 (-34.62%)	52 (-13.33%)	60 (-)
- \$6,501 - \$8,000	()	5 (+25%)	4 (-33.33%)	6 (-)
- \$5,001 - \$6,500	()	1 (0%)	1 (0%)	1 (-)
- \$5,000 or below	()	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
- number of staff with a monthly salary lower than \$5,824	()	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
- number of staff with a monthly salary between \$5,824 and \$6,500	()	1 (0%)	1 (0%)	1 (-)
Length of employment of NCSC staff				
- more than 5 years	()	68 (+3.03%)	66 (+24.53%)	53 (-)
- more than 3 years to 5 years	()	27 (-44.90%)	49 (+11.36%)	44 (-)
- 1 year to 3 years	()	17 (-26.09%)	23 (-46.51%)	43 (-)
- less than 1 year	()	9 (+28.57%)	7 (-53.33%)	15 (-)

	2011-12 (Note)	2010-11 (as at 31.12.2010)	2009-10	2008-09
Number of NCSC staff successfully converted to civil servants	The Force does not make arrangements for NCSC staff to be converted to civil servants. There is also no information on the successful cases of NCSC staff joining the civil service on their own.			
Number of NCSC staff failed to convert to civil servants				
Percentage of NCSC staff to the total number of staff in the department	()	0.37% (-15.91%)	0.44% (-6.38%)	0.47% (-)
Percentage of amount paid to NCSC staff to the total departmental staff cost	()	0.38% (-11.63%)	0.43% (-2.27%)	0.44% (-)
Number of NCSC staff with paid meal break	()	121 (-13.57%)	140 (-4.76%)	147 (-)
Number of NCSC staff without paid meal break	()	0 (-100%)	5 (-37.5%)	8 (-)
Number of NCSC staff working 5 days a week	()	121 (-16.55%)	145 (-6.45%)	155 (-)
Number of NCSC staff working 6 days a week	()	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)

Figures in () denote year-on-year changes.

Note: Figures are not available as the requirement for NCSC staff will vary from time to time according to service and operational needs.

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Post Title Commissioner of Police

Date 17.3.2011

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No.

SB092

Question Serial
No.

3139

Head: 122 Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title):000 Operational expenses

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Regarding the employment of “agency workers”, please provide the following information:

	2011-12	2010-11	2009-10	2008-09
Number of contracts for engaging employment agencies	()	()	()	()
Contract sum paid to each employment agency	()	()	()	()
Total amount of commission paid to each employment agency	()	()	()	()
Length of contract for each employment agency	()	()	()	()
Number of agency workers	()	()	()	()
Details of positions held by agency workers	()	()	()	()
Monthly salary range of agency workers				
- \$30,001 or above	()	()	()	()
- \$16,001 - \$30,000	()	()	()	()
- \$8,001 - \$16,000	()	()	()	()
- \$6,501 - \$8,000	()	()	()	()
- \$5,001 - \$6,500	()	()	()	()
- \$5,000 or below	()	()	()	()
- number of workers with a monthly salary lower than \$5,824	()	()	()	()
- number of workers with a monthly salary between \$5,824 and \$6,500	()	()	()	()
Length of employment of agency workers				
- more than 5 years	()	()	()	()
- more than 3 years to 5 years	()	()	()	()
- 1 year to 3 years	()	()	()	()
- less than 1 year	()	()	()	()
Percentage of agency workers to the total number of staff in the department	()	()	()	()
Percentage of amount paid to employment	()	()	()	()

	2011-12	2010-11	2009-10	2008-09
agencies to the total departmental staff cost				
Number of workers with paid meal break	()	()	()	()
Number of workers without paid meal break	()	()	()	()
Number of workers working 5 days a week	()	()	()	()
Number of workers working 6 days a week	()	()	()	()

Figures in () denote year-on-year changes.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply:

The employment details of “agency workers” are set out in the following table:

	2011-12 (Note)	2010-11 (as at 28.2.2011)	2009-10	2008-09
Number of contracts for engaging employment agencies	()	11 (0%)	11 (+175%)	4 (-)
Contract sum paid to each employment agency	()	\$6,592,331 (+58.04%)	\$4,171,180 (+32.92%)	\$3,138,066 (-)
Total amount of commission paid to each employment agency	()	The contract only specified the sum, not the commission, paid to an employment agency.		
Length of contract for each employment agency	()	4 months to 1.5 years		
Number of agency workers	()	54 (-16.92%)	65 (+160%)	25 (-)
Details of positions held by agency workers	()	Activities co-ordination and implementation, community liaison, general clerical and office duties	Activities co-ordination and implementation, general clerical and office duties	Activities co-ordination and implementation
Monthly salary range of agency workers				
- \$30,001 or above	()	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
- \$16,001 - \$30,000	()	2 (0%)	2 (0%)	2 (-)
- \$8,001 - \$16,000	()	28 (21.74%)	23 (0%)	23 (-)
- \$6,501 - \$8,000	()	24 (-17.24%)	29 (-)	- (-)
- \$5,001 - \$6,500	()	- (-100%)	11 (-)	- (-)
- \$5,000 or below	()	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
- number of staff with a monthly salary lower than \$5,824	()	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
- number of staff with a monthly salary between \$5,824 and \$6,500	()	- (-100%)	11 (-)	- (-)
Length of employment of agency workers		No information		
- more than 5 years	()			
- more than 3 years to 5 years	()			
- 1 year to 3 years	()			
- less than 1 year	()			
Percentage of agency workers to the total number of staff in the	()	0.16% (-20%)	0.20% (+150%)	0.08% (-)

	2011-12 (Note)	2010-11 (as at 28.2.2011)	2009-10	2008-09
department				
Percentage of amount paid to employment agencies to the total departmental staff cost	()	0.06% (+50%)	0.04% (+33.33%)	0.03% (-)
Number of workers with paid meal break	()	Pay for meal breaks is determined by the employment agency and agency workers when they conclude the contract. Therefore, we do not have any information that agency workers enjoy paid meal breaks or not.		
Number of workers without paid meal break	()			
Number of workers working 5 days a week	()	54 (-16.92%)	65 (+160%)	25 (-)
Number of workers working 6 days a week	()	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)

Figures in () denote year-on-year changes.

Note: Figures are not available as the requirement for staff provided by employment agencies will vary from time to time according to service and operational needs.

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Reply Serial No.

SB093

Question Serial
No.

3140

Head: 122 Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title): 000 Operational expenses

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Regarding the employment of "outsourced workers", please provide the following information:

	2011-12	2010-11	2009-10	2008-09
Number of outsourced service contracts	()	()	()	()
Total amount paid to outsourced service providers	()	()	()	()
Length of contract for each outsourced service provider	()	()	()	()
Number of workers employed through outsourced service providers	()	()	()	()
Details of the positions held by outsourced workers (e.g. customer service, property management, security, cleaning, information technology etc.)	()	()	()	()
Monthly salary range of outsourced workers				
- \$30,001 or above	()	()	()	()
- \$16,001 - \$30,000	()	()	()	()
- \$8,001 - \$16,000	()	()	()	()
- \$6,501 - \$8,000	()	()	()	()
- \$5,001 - \$6,500	()	()	()	()
- \$5,000 or below	()	()	()	()
- number of workers with a monthly salary lower than \$5,824	()	()	()	()
- number of workers with a monthly salary between \$5,824 and \$6,500	()	()	()	()
Length of employment of outsourced workers				
- more than 5 years	()	()	()	()
- more than 3 years to 5 years	()	()	()	()
- 1 year to 3 years	()	()	()	()
- less than 1 year	()	()	()	()
Percentage of outsourced workers to the total	()	()	()	()

	2011-12	2010-11	2009-10	2008-09
number of staff in the department				
Percentage of amount paid to outsourced service providers to the total departmental staff cost	()	()	()	()
Number of workers with paid meal break	()	()	()	()
Number of workers without paid meal break	()	()	()	()
Number of workers working 5 days a week	()	()	()	()
Number of workers working 6 days a week	()	()	()	()

Figures in () denote year-on-year changes.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply:

The employment details of “outsourced workers” are set out in the following table:

	2011-12 (Note)	2010-11 (as at 31.3.2011)	2009-10	2008-09
Number of outsourced service contracts		101 (6.32%)	95 (6.74%)	89 (-)
Total amount paid to outsourced service providers		\$86,989,045 (19.00%)	\$73,100,564 (14.05%)	\$64,094,764 (-)
Length of contract for each outsourced service provider				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 12 months or below ● more than 12 months to 24 months ● more than 24 months to 36 months ● 48 months to 60 months 		74 (4.23%) 24 (9.09%) 3 (50%) - (-)	71 (-1.39%) 22 (37.5%) 2 (100%) - (-)	72 (-) 16 (-) 1 (-) - (-)
Number of workers employed through outsourced service providers		932 (8.88%)	856 (8.77%)	787 (-)
Details of the positions held by outsourced workers (e.g. customer service, property management, security, cleaning, information technology etc.)		Cleaning, gardening, odd jobs, security, customer service, property management, lifeguard	Cleaning, gardening, odd jobs, security, customer service, property management, lifeguard	Cleaning, gardening, odd jobs, security, customer service, property management, lifeguard
Monthly salary range of outsourced workers		The monthly salaries of outsourced workers are agreed by the outsourcing services provider and it's employees in the employment contract. We do not have any information on the monthly salary range of outsourced workers. When signing service contracts with outsourcing services providers, we have requested them to set the monthly salary level of outsourced workers according to the average monthly salary of the relevant industry announced by the Census and Statistics Department every quarter in the “Quarterly Report of Wage and Payroll Statistics”.		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - \$30,001 or above - \$16,001 - \$30,000 - \$8,001 - \$16,000 - \$6,501 - \$8,000 - \$5,001 - \$6,500 - \$5,000 or below 				
- number of workers with a monthly salary lower than \$5,824				

	2011-12 (Note)	2010-11 (as at 31.3.2011)	2009-10	2008-09
- number of workers with a monthly salary between \$5,824 and \$6,500				
Length of employment of outsourced workers - more than 5 years - more than 3 years to 5 years - 1 year to 3 years - less than 1 year		The length of employment of outsourced workers is set by outsourcing services providers. We do not have any information on the length of employment of outsourced workers.		
Percentage of outsourced workers to the total number of staff in the department		2.82 (7.63%)	2.62 (8.26%)	2.42% (-)
Percentage of amount paid to outsourced service providers to the total departmental staff cost		0.77% (+18.46%)	0.65% (+8.33%)	0.60% (-)
Number of workers with paid meal break Number of workers without paid meal break		Pay for meal breaks is determined by the outsourcing provider and its employees when they conclude the employment contract. We do not have any information that outsourced workers enjoy paid meal break or not.		
Number of workers working 5 days a week		148 (25.42%)	118 (93.44%)	61 (-)
Number of workers working 6 days a week		784 (6.23%)	738 (1.65%)	726 (-)

Figures in () denote year-on-year changes.

Note: Figures are not available as the requirement for outsourced service contracts will vary from time to time according to service and operational needs.

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Reply Serial No.

SB094

Question Serial
No.

3537

Head: 122 Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (1) Maintenance of Law and Order in the Community

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Regarding the "provision for 2011-12 is \$115 m (1.8%) higher than the revised estimate for 2010-11", please inform this Committee of:

- (a) the details of the 20 posts to be created; and
- (b) the reasons for an increased cash flow requirement for capital items.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-kin

Reply:

- (a) Under the Programme of "Maintenance of Law and Order in the Community", the Police Force will create 20 posts in 2011-12, including 18 disciplined posts created to enhance operational capability and 2 civilian posts to support front-line work. The newly created 20 posts include 1 Chief Inspector, 2 Inspectors/Senior Inspectors, 2 Station Sergeants, 4 Sergeants, 9 Police Constables and 2 civilian staff.
- (b) The increase in cash flow requirement for capital items is mainly due to an increase in the demand for the replacement of plant and equipment in police districts.

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Reply Serial No.

SB095

Question Serial
No.

3538

Head: 122 Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (4) Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Regarding “the creation of 104 posts for pursuing various counter-terrorism enhancement initiatives and carrying out front-line operations”, please inform this Committee of:

- (a) the detailed expenditure of the above post creation; and
- (b) the number of directorate posts and general posts to be created, and whether any supernumerary posts or temporary posts are included; if so, of the reasons for that.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-kin

Reply:

- (a) & (b) The Force will create 104 non-directorate permanent posts under the Programme of “Operations” in 2011-12. Apart from the four civilian posts created to provide support for front-line operation, the remaining 100 disciplined posts are created to expand the Counter Terrorism Response Unit and enhance the overall counter-terrorism capability. These 104 additional posts include 1 Senior Superintendent, 2 Superintendents, 3 Chief Inspectors, 19 Inspectors/Senior Inspectors, 21 Sergeants, 54 Police Constables and 4 civilian staff. The salary level of these officers is listed as follows:

Rank	No. of staff	Police Pay Scale/ Master Pay Scale	Monthly salary (HK\$) (with effect from 1 April 2010)
Senior Superintendent	1	PPS 53-54a	90,145-96,885
Superintendent	2	PPS 49-52	77,325-86,515
Chief Inspector	3	PPS 43-48	62,095-74,625
Inspector / Senior Inspector	19	PPS 23-42	29,625-59,820
Sergeant	21	PPS 15-24	23,940-30,540
Police Constable	54	PPS 3-15	16,750-23,940
Senior Technical Officer	2	MPS 23-29	30,785-40,515
Supplies Assistant	2	MPS 1-10	9,040-15,875
Total	104		

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Reply Serial No.

SB096

Question Serial
No.

1413

Head: 122 Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (1) Maintenance of Law and Order in the Community
(2) Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Regarding internal security, please inform this Committee:

- (a) of the manpower of Railway Police District in railway policing and the expenditure involved in each of the past 5 years (i.e. 2006-07 to 2010-11); and
- (b) whether consideration has been given to increasing manpower to combat railway crimes; if so, of the details, the timetable and the expenditure.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Sing-chi

Reply:

- (a) The Force will adjust the establishment of Railway Police District as necessary to suit the developments of the Mass Transit Railway Corporation. With the operation of the Ma On Shan Line in 2004, Lok Ma Chau Station on the East Rail Line in 2007 and Lohas Park Station on the Tseung Kwan O Line in 2009, the establishment of Railway Police District has been increased accordingly from 341 in 2004 to 380 at present. The distribution of the current establishment and salary level of Railway Police District is as follows:

Rank	No. of staff	Police Pay Scale	Monthly salary (HK\$) (with effect from 1 April 2010)
Senior Superintendent	1	53-54a	90,145-96,885
Superintendent	1	49-52	77,325-86,515
Chief Inspector	2	43-48	62,095-74,625
Inspector/Senior Inspector	10	23-42	29,625-59,820
Station Sergeant	20	22-31	28,945-41,130
Sergeant	67	15-24	23,940-30,540
Police Constable	279	3-15	16,750-23,940
Total	380		

- (b) Railway Police District will arrange internal redeployment in a flexible manner and work with the police districts to combat specific crimes. This strategy can be targeted at related crimes and enables the effective use of district resources. The Force will also monitor the manpower requirement closely.

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Reply Serial No.

SB097

Question Serial
No.

1416

Head: 122 Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (1) Maintenance of Law and Order in the Community
(2) Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Regarding the railway development, please inform this Committee:

- (a) of the manpower of Railway Police District in railway policing and the expenditure involved in each of the past 5 years (i.e. 2006-07 to 2010-11);
- (b) whether consideration has been given to increasing manpower to combat railway crimes; if so, of the details, the timetable and the expenditure; and
- (c) whether the Government has plans to combat railway crimes; if so, of the specific work plans, the timetable and the expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Sing-chi

Reply:

- (a) The Force will adjust the establishment of Railway Police District as necessary to suit the developments of the Mass Transit Railway Corporation Limited (MTRCL). With the operation of the Ma On Shan Line in 2004, Lok Ma Chau Station on the East Rail Line in 2007 and Lohas Park Station on the Tseung Kwan O Line in 2009, the establishment of Railway Police District has been increased accordingly from 341 in 2004 to 380 at present. The distribution of the current establishment and salary pay level of Railway Police District is as follows:

Rank	No. of staff	Police Pay Scale	Monthly salary (HK\$) (with effect from 1 April 2010)
Senior Superintendent	1	53-54a	90,145-96,885
Superintendent	1	49-52	77,325-86,515
Chief Inspector	2	43-48	62,095-74,625
Inspector/Senior Inspector	10	23-42	29,625-59,820
Station Sergeant	20	22-31	28,945-41,130
Sergeant	67	15-24	23,940-30,540
Police Constable	279	3-15	16,750-23,940
Total	380		

- (b) Railway Police District will arrange internal redeployment in a flexible manner and work with the police districts to combat specific crimes. This strategy can be targeted at related crimes and enables the effective use of district resources. The Force will monitor the manpower requirement closely.
- (c) The Force has always taken targeted preventive measures to combat railway crimes. Apart from consistently strengthening patrols at crime blackspots, the public is also encouraged to co-operate with the Force by reporting crimes quickly to the police or station staff should they encounter incidents or witness crimes, so as to bring offenders to justice. The Force has also joined with the public to promote anti-crime messages. For example, projects such as “Little Smart Cop” and “Senior Smart Cop” are regularly organised to encourage the public to report crimes actively and raise their awareness of fighting crimes. District officers will also arrange for the public to participate in fight crime activities and visit the railway system. Having completed these activities, they will be awarded a certificate and become “Little Smart Cops” and “Senior Smart Cops” to assist the Force in combating crimes and promoting anti-crime messages. Besides, Railway Police District and the MTRCL keep close contact by regularly holding anti-crime meetings to jointly review and formulate measures to combat offences in the railway premises.

The officers of Railway Police District will also deliver talks on crime prevention to the MTRCL station staff. Moreover, “Project Eyes and Ears” and “Project Light Fingers” have also been introduced to strengthen the co-operation among the Force, station staff and shop staff, and enhance intelligence collection for the combat against crime.

The Force also works with the MTRCL from time to time to promote anti-crime messages, including the production of a series of posters titled “Don't be a Silent Victim, Report Indecent Assault”. The posters are displayed in the railway premises and inside train compartments to encourage victims to report offences. They have also organised "Stay alert, watch out!" anti-crime campaign to remind the public to stay alert and avoid becoming victims of indecent assault and "under skirt photo-taking" cases.

In respect of educating the public on crime prevention, the Force has produced short videos on the modus operandi of common crimes in the railway premises which were broadcast in the television programme "Police Magazine".

The Force will continue to work with the MTRCL actively in preventing and combating crimes in the railway premises.

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Reply Serial No.

SB098

Question Serial
No.

1417

Head: 122 Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (1) Maintenance of Law and Order in the Community
(2) Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Regarding the combat against sex crimes in the railway premises, will the Government inform this Committee:

- (a) whether the Government has discussed with the MTRCL on the strengthening of measures against sex crimes in each of the past 5 years (i.e. 2006-07 to 2010-11); if so, of the details; if not, of the reasons for that;
- (b) whether the Government will consider displaying posters or other publicity materials in conspicuous areas within MTR stations to encourage victims or witnesses not to remain silent by itself or by requesting assistance from the MTRCL; if so, of the action plan and its schedule as well as the estimated expenditure; if not, of the reasons for that;
- (c) whether the Government will consider setting up a task team to handle sex crimes in the railway premises by itself or by requesting assistance from the MTRCL; if so, of the action plan and its schedule as well as the estimated expenditure; if not, of the reasons for that?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Sing-chi

Reply:

- (a) Railway Police District and the MTRCL regularly hold anti-crime meetings to jointly review and formulate measures to combat offences in the railway premises, including sex crimes. The Force has always taken targeted preventive and enforcement measures to combat crimes. Apart from strengthening patrols at crime blackspots, the public is encouraged to co-operate with the Force by reporting crimes quickly to the police or station staff should they encounter incidents or witness crimes, so as to bring offenders to justice.

The officers of Railway Police District will regularly deliver talks on crime prevention to the MTRCL station staff. Two projects, "Project Eyes and Ears" and "Project Light Fingers", have also been introduced to strengthen the co-operation among station staff, shop staff and the Police, and enhance intelligence collection for the combat against crime.

On the other hand, the Force has also joined with the public to promote anti-crime messages. For example, Railway Police District regularly organises projects such as "Little Smart Cop" and "Senior Smart Cop" to encourage the public to report crimes actively and raise their awareness of fighting crimes. District officers will also arrange for the public to participate in fight crime activities and visit the railway system. Having completed these activities, they will be awarded a certificate and become "Little Smart Cops" and "Senior Smart Cops" to assist the Force in combating crimes and promoting anti-crime messages. Besides, the Force has produced short videos on the modus operandi of common crimes in the railway premises including indecent assaults which were broadcast in the television programme "Police Magazine".

The Force will continue to work with the MTRCL actively in combating crimes, including the prevention of sex crimes in the railway premises.

- (b) As for sex crimes, the Force works with the MTRCL from time to time to promote anti-crime messages, including the production of a series of posters titled "Don't be a Silent Victim, Report Indecent Assault". The posters are displayed in the railway premises and inside train compartments to encourage victims to report offences. The Force has also organised "Stay alert, watch out!" anti-crime campaign to remind the public to stay alert and avoid becoming victims of indecent assault and "under skirt photo-taking" cases. The above work falls under the programmes of "Maintenance of Law and Order in the Community" and "Prevention and Detention of Crime". No specific breakdown of the expenditure in this respect is available.
- (c) Railway Police District currently deploys its manpower in a flexible manner, carrying out various anti-crime patrols in crime blackspots and working with officers of police districts from time to time to combat specific crimes. This strategy can be targeted at related crimes and enables the effective use of district resources.

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Reply Serial No.

SB099

Question Serial
No.

1433

Head: 122 Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (1) Maintenance of Law and Order in the Community
(2) Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Regarding the work of the Police Force, please inform this Committee:

- (a) of the manpower of Railway Police District in railway policing and the expenditure involved in each of the past 5 years (i.e. 2006-07 to 2010-11);
- (b) whether consideration has been given to increasing manpower to combat railway crimes; if so, of the details, the timetable and the expenditure; and
- (c) whether the Government has plans to combat railway crimes; if so, of the specific work plans, the timetable and the expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Sing-chi

Reply:

- (a) The Force will adjust the establishment of Railway Police District as necessary to suit the developments of the Mass Transit Railway Corporation Limited (MTRCL). With the operation of the Ma On Shan Line in 2004, Lok Ma Chau Station on the East Rail Line in 2007 and Lohas Park Station on the Tseung Kwan O Line in 2009, the establishment of Railway Police District has been increased accordingly from 341 in 2004 to 380 at present. The distribution of the current establishment and salary pay level of Railway Police District is as follows:

Rank	No. of staff	Police Pay Scale	Monthly salary (HK\$) (with effect from 1 April 2010)
Senior Superintendent	1	53-54a	90,145-96,885
Superintendent	1	49-52	77,325-86,515
Chief Inspector	2	43-48	62,095-74,625
Inspector/Senior Inspector	10	23-42	29,625-59,820
Station Sergeant	20	22-31	28,945-41,130
Sergeant	67	15-24	23,940-30,540
Police Constable	279	3-15	16,750-23,940
Total	380		

- (b) Railway Police District will arrange internal redeployment in a flexible manner and work with the police districts to combat specific crimes. This strategy can be targeted at related crimes and enables the effective use of district resources. The Force will monitor the manpower requirement closely.
- (c) The Force has always taken targeted preventive measures to combat railway crimes. Apart from consistently strengthening patrols at crime blackspots, the public is also encouraged to co-operate with the Force by reporting crimes quickly to the police or station staff should they encounter incidents or witness crimes, so as to bring offenders to justice. The Force has also joined with the public to promote anti-crime messages. For example, Railway Police District regularly organises projects such as “Little Smart Cop” and “Senior Smart Cop” to encourage the public to report crimes actively and raise their awareness of fighting crimes. District officers will also arrange for the public to participate in fight crime activities and visit the railway system. Having completed these activities, they will be awarded a certificate and become “Little Smart Cops” and “Senior Smart Cops” to assist the Force in combating crimes and promoting anti-crime messages. Besides, Railway Police District and the MTRCL keep close contact by regularly holding anti-crime meetings to jointly review and formulate measures to combat offences in the railway premises.

The officers of Railway Police District will also deliver talks on crime prevention to the MTRCL station staff. Moreover, two projects, i.e. “Project Eyes and Ears” and “Project Light Fingers”, have also been introduced to strengthen the co-operation among the Force, station staff and shop staff and enhance intelligence collection for the combat against crime.

The Force also works with the MTRCL from time to time to promote anti-crime messages, including the production of a series of posters titled “Don't be a Silent Victim, Report Indecent Assault”. The posters are displayed in the railway premises and inside train compartments to encourage victims to report offences. They have also organised “Stay alert, watch out!” anti-crime campaign to remind the public to stay alert and avoid

becoming victims of indecent assault and "under skirt photo-taking" cases.

In respect of educating the public on crime prevention, the Force has produced short videos on the modus operandi of common crimes in the railway premises which were broadcast in the television programme "Police Magazine".

The Force will continue to work with the MTRCL actively in preventing and combating crimes in the railway premises.

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Name in block letters TSANG WAI HUNG

Post Title Commissioner of Police

Date 16.3.2011

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2011-12
CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No.

SB100

Question Serial
No.

1434

Head: 122 Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (3) Road Safety

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

[Note: The question below concerns matters under the policy purview of the Transport and Housing Bureau (THB). The reply was prepared by the Hong Kong Police Force and vetted by the THB.]

Question:

Regarding illegal road racing, please inform this Committee of:

- (a) the number of illegal road racing cases, persons prosecuted and persons convicted in each of the past 3 years (i.e. 2008-09 to 2010-11);
- (b) the future action plan, the expenditure and manpower involved; and
- (c) the work progress, the expenditure and manpower involved in each of the past 3 years (i.e. 2008-09 to 2010-11).

Asked by: Hon. WONG Sing-chi

Reply:

- (a) to (c) The figures for the enforcement actions taken by the Force against illegal road racing are shown as follows. The number of persons convicted is not available.

	2008	2009	2010
Number of police operations against illegal road racing	372	422	291
Number of persons prosecuted in the operations*	12 080	9 746	2 949

[* Offences prosecuted include illegal road racing, dangerous driving, careless driving and speeding.]

Enhancement of road safety remains one of the 2011 Operational Priorities of the Commissioner of Police. The Force combat illegal road racing by publicity, education, enforcement, as well as collecting relevant intelligence and conducting special operations from time to time.

As the combat against illegal road racing is part of the traffic enforcement work of the Force, it falls under the Programme of “ Road Safety”. No specific breakdown of the estimated expenditure in this respect is available.

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Name in block letters TSANG WAI HUNG

Post Title Commissioner of Police

Date 17.3.2011

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

SB101

Question Serial
No.

2312

Head: 70 Immigration Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (1) Pre-entry Control

Controlling Officer: Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

It is stated in Programme (1) of Head 70 that the Immigration Department adopts liberal immigration schemes to facilitate entry of talent, professionals and investors. Will the Administration inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) What are the contents and objectives of the liberal immigration schemes? How are they different from the existing policy? What is the amount of expenditure involved?
- (b) The Administration announced in July last year the inclusion of investment-linked assurance scheme (ILAS) products in the Permissible Investment Asset class. Will funds be earmarked for the processing and approving of ILAS products for inclusion in the Permissible Investment Asset class?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Kin-por

Reply:

- (a) To complement the policy of attracting talents, professionals and investors to settle in Hong Kong, the Immigration Department introduced respectively the Admission Scheme for Mainland Talents and Professionals and the Capital Investment Entrant Scheme in 2003, as well as the Quality Migrant Admission Scheme in 2006. The contents and objectives of these immigration schemes are as follows:
 - (i) The Admission Scheme for Mainland Talents and Professionals aims at attracting qualified Mainland talents and professionals to work in Hong Kong in order to meet local manpower needs and enhance Hong Kong's competitiveness in the global market. The Mainland talents and professionals must possess skills and knowledge not readily available or in shortage locally. Admitted talents and professionals must be able to contribute to the operation of the firms and sectors concerned with a view to facilitating economic development in Hong Kong.

- (ii) The Capital Investment Entrant Scheme aims at facilitating the application for entry for residence in Hong Kong by persons who make investment but will not engage in the running of business in Hong Kong, so as to attract foreign capital into Hong Kong to generate additional local economic and financial activities. The scheme includes five types of specified financial assets under the Permissible Investment Assets class, providing entrants with flexible investment choices.
- (iii) The Quality Migrant Admission Scheme is a quota-based entrant scheme. It seeks to attract highly skilled or talented persons who are fresh entrants not having the right to enter and remain in Hong Kong to settle here in order to enhance Hong Kong's economic competitiveness in the global market. Successful applicants are not required to secure an offer of local employment before their entry to Hong Kong for settlement.

The number of posts created for the above immigration schemes and the salary costs for 2011-12 are tabulated as follows:

Immigration Scheme	Posts created					Total	Salary Costs (in terms of notional annual mid-point salary) (\$million)
	Senior Immigration Officer	Immigration Officer	Chief Immigration Assistant	Assistant Clerical Officer	Clerical Assistant		
Admission Scheme for Mainland Talents and Professionals	2	10	2	1	2	17	6.98
Capital Investment Entrant Scheme	5	5	-	-	3	13	6.01
Quality Migrant Admission Scheme	4	9	4	-	2	19	8.36

- (b) The Government agreed to include investment-linked assurance scheme products as an Eligible Collective Investment Scheme of the specified financial assets under the Capital Investment Entrant Scheme so as to provide entrants with flexible investment choices. The Department will handle the processing and approving work with existing resources.

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Name in block letters Y L PEH

Post Title Director of Immigration

Date 17 March 2011

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

SB102

Head: 70 Immigration Department Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

2492

Programme: (1) Pre-entry Control

Controlling Officer: Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

What are the numbers of visitors coming to Hong Kong on the strength of a Two Way Permit (TWP) in the past 5 years? What are their backgrounds?

		2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
a.	No. of TWP visitors					
b.	No. of those coming to Hong Kong for visiting relatives as "spouse" on a TWP with a "one-year multiple-entry endorsement"					
c.	No. of those coming to Hong Kong for visiting relatives as "spouse" on a TWP with an endorsement valid for one year or below					
d.	No. of those coming to Hong Kong for "taking care of their children" as a single parent on a TWP with a "one-year multiple-entry endorsement"					
e.	No. of those coming to Hong Kong for "taking care of their children" as a single parent on a TWP with an endorsement valid for more than 91 days but less than a year					
f.	No. of those coming to Hong Kong for "taking care of their children" as a single parent on a TWP with an endorsement valid for 90 days					
g.	No. of those coming to Hong Kong for "taking care of their children" as a single parent on a TWP with an endorsement valid for 89 days or below					

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

From 2006 to 2010, the numbers of visitors coming to Hong Kong on the strength of a Two Way Permit (TWP) are as follows:

	Number of visitors holding a TWP	Number of TWP visitors with an endorsement for visiting relatives	Number of TWP visitors with a “one-year multiple exit endorsement for visiting relatives” ^{Note} among those with an endorsement for visiting relatives
2006	11 536 014	1 740 120	
2007	13 259 683	1 838 703	
2008	14 612 140	1 945 928	
2009	15 675 381	1 824 803	27
2010	20 020 445	1 822 046	192 786
Total	75 103 663	9 171 600	192 813

Note: The Mainland authorities have started to issue “one-year multiple exit endorsement for visiting relatives” to eligible Mainland residents since 25 December 2009.

The Immigration Department does not have the figures requested in items (b) to (g) of the question.

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Name in block letters Y L PEH

Post Title Director of Immigration

Date 16 March 2011

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

SB103

Head: 70 Immigration Department Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

2493

Programme: (1) Pre-entry Control

Controlling Officer: Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Does the Administration have any plan or policy to facilitate Mainland parents of single-parent cross-boundary families to come to Hong Kong for family reunion? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

According to Article 22 of the Basic Law, people from other parts of China must apply for approval for entry into the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR). Mainland residents who wish to settle in Hong Kong must apply for a Permit for Proceeding to Hong Kong and Macao (commonly known as "One Way Permit" (OWP)) from the Exit and Entry Administration Offices of the Public Security Bureau of their household registration in the Mainland. For making social visits in Hong Kong, sightseeing or other purposes, Mainland residents may apply for a Permit for Travelling to and from Hong Kong and Macao (commonly known as "Two Way Permit" (TWP)) and an appropriate endorsement from the relevant Mainland authorities. The acceptance of application, approval and issue of OWP, TWP and exit endorsement fall outside the remit of the HKSAR Government. The HKSAR Government will continue to reflect the views of various sectors in Hong Kong to the Mainland authorities.

The Mainland authorities have started to issue "one-year multiple exit endorsement for visiting relatives" to eligible Mainland residents since 25 December 2009. This arrangement aims to further facilitate Mainland residents who are separated from their spouses to come to Hong Kong to take care of their minor children as well as those with special family difficulties, to visit relatives in Hong Kong. Upon receipt of requests for assistance, the Immigration Department will reflect the special circumstances of these cases to the Exit and Entry Administration Offices in the Mainland for their active and discretionary consideration.

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Name in block letters Y L PEH

Post Title Director of Immigration

Date 16 March 2011

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

SB104

Head: 70 Immigration Department Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

3126

Programme: (4) Personal Documentation

Controlling Officer: Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

- (a) In the past 5 years, how many parents of single-parent cross-boundary families were directly granted Hong Kong identity cards by the Administration in view of their special family circumstances and discretionary reasons?
- (b) In the past 5 years, how many parents of single-parent cross-boundary families were granted one way permits after their cases had been reflected and referred to the Mainland authorities by the HKSAR Government in view of their special family circumstances and discretionary reasons?
- (c) In the past 5 years, how many parents of single-parent cross-boundary families were not granted one way permits although their cases had been reflected and referred to the Mainland authorities by the HKSAR Government in view of their special family circumstances and discretionary reasons?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

In the past 5 years, the Director of Immigration exercised his discretion under the Immigration Ordinance, Cap.115, to allow 97 persons to stay in Hong Kong. Since the circumstances of each case are different, the Director, in exercising his discretion, will consider individual cases having regard to all relevant circumstances. It is therefore inappropriate to categorise the cases by making straight-forward references to the reason(s) for such applications.

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to and from Hong Kong and Macao (commonly known as “Two Way Permit (TWP)”) and an appropriate endorsement from the relevant Mainland authorities. The acceptance of application, approval and issue of OWP, TWP and exit endorsement fall outside the remit of the HKSAR Government. The HKSAR Government will continue to reflect the views of various sectors in Hong Kong to the Mainland authorities.

Upon receipt of requests for assistance, the Immigration Department will reflect the special circumstances of these cases to the Exit and Entry Administration Offices in the Mainland for their active and discretionary consideration. As the approval of OWP falls outside the remit of the HKSAR Government, the Department does not have the figures of the decisions made by the Mainland authorities on the referred cases.

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Name in block letters _____ Y L PEH _____

Post Title _____ Director of Immigration _____

Date _____ 16 March 2011 _____

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

SB105

Head: 70 Immigration Department Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1448

Programme: (5) Nationality and Assistance to HKSAR Residents outside Hong Kong

Controlling Officer: Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Could the Administration list the number of times the Government sent chartered flights to bring Hong Kong residents home, the amount of money involved, and the amount recovered from the passengers in the past 5 years (i.e. 2006-07 to 2010-11)?

Asked by: Hon. EU Yuet-mee, Audrey

Reply:

When the personal safety of Hong Kong residents is affected by sudden incidents outside Hong Kong, the HKSAR Government may, depending on the circumstances, arrange chartered flights (or chartered seats) to bring them back to Hong Kong, and the expenses incurred will be dealt with in accordance with the user-pay principle. In general, the Immigration Department will issue demand notes to those who are required to pay, requesting them to make payment by a specified date. If they fail to pay by that date, the Department will issue reminders to them. When there are difficulties in the recovery of arrears or the reminders are repeatedly ignored, the Department will seek legal advice from the Department of Justice based on the circumstances of individual cases to decide whether legal action would be taken for the recovery of arrears.

The HKSAR Government sent chartered flights to bring back Hong Kong residents in distress on 2 occasions in the past 5 years.

During the disturbance in Thailand in late 2008, the HKSAR Government sent a total of 4 chartered flights to bring back 211 Hong Kong residents from Pattaya, Thailand on 1 and 2 December at a cost of about HK\$1.35 million. Passengers were notified that they were required to pay HK\$1,100 each. Since the contact details provided by the passengers were not complete, the HKSAR Government could not recover the fee from 52 people.

Following the hostage-taking incident in Manila on 23 August 2010, the bodies of the 8 Hong Kong victims and the 27 surviving travellers and their relatives were flown home on 25 August on a flight chartered by the HKSAR Government. The airline which had

arranged the chartered flight indicated afterwards that it would not charge the HKSAR Government or the passengers concerned any fee.

The special flight to bring back 170 Hong Kong travellers from Luxor, Egypt on 2 February 2011, although having been requested by the HKSAR Government, was provided by a Mainland airline under the direction of the Central Government. The HKSAR Government will follow up with the Travel Industry Council directly on the expenses incurred in accordance with the user-pay principle.

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Name in block letters Y L PEH

Post Title Director of Immigration

Date 16 March 2011

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

SB107

Head: 70 Immigration Department Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

0432

Programme: (3) Control after Entry

Controlling Officer: Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Please provide the respective figures of expenditure on the repatriation of illegal immigrants for the last 2 financial years (2009-10 and 2010-11) as well as the estimated figure of such expenditure for 2011-12.

Asked by: Hon. HO Chung-tai, Raymond

Reply:

The expenditure incurred from removals (including illegal immigrants, refused landing passengers, offenders who have served a sentence etc) by the Immigration Department is as follows:

2009-10 (Actual expenditure)	\$5.67 million
2010-11 (Revised estimate)	\$6.59 million
2011-12 (Estimate)	\$7.53 million

The Immigration Department does not have detailed breakdown on the expenditure on removal of illegal immigrants.

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Name in block letters Y L PEH

Post Title Director of Immigration

Date 16 March 2011

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

SB109

Head: 70 Immigration Department Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1670

Programme: (3) Control after Entry

Controlling Officer: Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Are there any cases where the repatriation of illegal immigrants is not effected as a result of their places of origin not being successfully identified? If yes, please provide the respective figures for the last two financial years (2009-10 and 2010-11). Are there any officers in the Immigration Department specifically assigned to follow up on such cases? If yes, please provide the respective figures of these officers for the last two financial years (2009-10 and 2010-11) as well as for 2011-12.

Asked by: Hon. HO Chung-tai, Raymond

Reply:

In the last two financial years (2009-10 and 2010-11), the Immigration Department did not have any cases where the repatriation of illegal immigrants could not be effected as a result of their places of origin not being successfully identified.

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Name in block letters Y L PEH

Post Title Director of Immigration

Date 16 March 2011

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

SB110

Head: 70 Immigration Department Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

0826

Programme: (1) Pre-entry Control
Controlling Officer: Director of Immigration
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2011-12, it is stated that the Immigration Department will continue to provide immigration facilitation to complement the policy objective of attracting more non-local students to study in our higher educational institutions and facilitate them to stay and work in Hong Kong after graduation. Will the Administration provide details of the relevant measures and the amounts of expenditure involved respectively as compared with those of the last two years?

Asked by: Hon. LAM Tai-fai

Reply:

To complement the policy objective of further developing Hong Kong as a regional education hub, the Immigration Department has implemented the following measures as agreed with the Education Bureau since the 2008-09 academic year:

- (a) Allowing the admission of non-local students from the Mainland, Macao and Taiwan for short-term studies in Hong Kong, subject to the conditions that the programmes concerned are offered by Hong Kong higher educational institutions with degree-awarding powers (excluding their continuing and professional education arms), and that the cumulative duration of short-term studies taken up by any student should not exceed 180 days within any 12-month period;
- (b) Relaxing the employment restriction on non-local students of full-time locally-accredited programmes at degree level or above whose study period is not less than one academic year, by allowing them to take up part-time on-campus jobs for up to 20 hours per week, off-campus summer jobs and study/curriculum-related internships;
- (c) Facilitating non-local students to stay or return to work in Hong Kong after graduation. All non-local fresh graduates who have obtained a degree or higher qualification in a full-time and locally-accredited programme in Hong Kong,

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

SB111

Head: 70 Immigration Department Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

0089

Programme: (1) Pre-entry Control
Controlling Officer: Director of Immigration
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

215 178 applications for entry visa were received in 2010, of which 204 370 were processed. The difference is greater than that of 2009. What are the reasons for this? Besides, what is the breakdown of the applications yet to be processed? Are there enough resources to process the applications?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

Entry visa applications received by the Immigration Department which are not processed by 31 December of the year will be brought forward to the next year. Most applications brought forward to the next year will be processed in the first few weeks of that year.

Although the difference between the number of entry visa applications received and processed in 2010 is greater than that of 2009, the Department is generally able to fulfil its performance pledge of completion of processing within 4 to 6 weeks upon receipt of all documents required. In fact, the number of entry visa applications received in 2010 is 17.2% more than that of 2009, and the number of applications processed during the same period registers an increase of 11.4% over that of 2009.

The applications yet to be processed include applications for entry under various immigration schemes, and those for entry to Hong Kong for employment, training, investment, study as well as for residence as dependants.

The Department will continue to handle the applications through various measures such as streamlining application procedures, application of information technology and flexible staff deployment.

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

SB112

Head: 70 Immigration Department Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

0090

Programme: (1) Pre-entry Control

Controlling Officer: Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

How many non-local students have been studying in our higher educational institutions in 2010? What is the breakdown by nationality? Do these figures show a rising trend? Is the number of non-local students studying in Hong Kong expected to keep increasing? Has any assessment been made to determine whether additional manpower or resources are required to complement the policy of attracting more non-local students to study in Hong Kong?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

In 2009 and 2010, the figures of non-local students coming to Hong Kong to study in higher educational programmes (sub-degree or above) are as follows:

Year	No. of applications received		No. of applications approved	
	Mainland students	Non-Mainland students	Mainland students	Non-Mainland students
2009	8 765	3 994	8 650	3 859
	Total 12 759		12 509	
2010	10 308	5 146	10 129	5 049
	Total 15 454		15 178	

Note: Exchange students are included.

The Immigration Department does not maintain statistics of non-Mainland students by nationality.

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

SB113

Head: 70 Immigration Department Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

0091

Programme: (1) Pre-entry Control

Controlling Officer: Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

In 2010, on examining the bona fides of foreign visitors seeking to enter Hong Kong, how many non-bona fide visitors were detected? For those non-bona fide visitors, does the Administration know their purposes of seeking entry? Is the situation more serious than before?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

In 2010, 2 944 applications for visit visa were refused, representing 5.3% of the total applications of the year. In 2009, 3 557 applications were refused, representing 6.9% of the total applications of the year. We do not keep figures on reasons of refusal. However, visit visa applications are refused normally due to:

- (a) bona fides of visit to Hong Kong in doubt;
- (b) not having adequate funds to cover the duration of stay without working;
- (c) not holding a valid travel document with sufficient returnability to his/her country of residence or citizenship;
- (d) having an adverse record;
- (e) may pose security threat to Hong Kong; or
- (f) likely to become a burden to Hong Kong.

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Name in block letters Y L PEH

Post Title Director of Immigration

Date 16 March 2011

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

SB114

Head: 70 Immigration Department Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

0092

Programme: (1) Pre-entry Control

Controlling Officer: Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

In 2010, what are the respective numbers of applications processed and entry permits issued under the Admission Scheme for Mainland Talents and Professionals? Compared with those in the past two years (i.e. 2008 and 2009), do the figures indicate any trend of increase? If yes, has the Administration made any assessment on whether additional staff or resources are required to process these applications in 2011?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

The numbers of applications processed by the Immigration Department under the Admission Scheme for Mainland Talents and Professionals over the past 3 years are tabulated below:

Year	No. of applications received	No. of applications approved
2008	7 722	6 744
2009	8 055 (+4.3%)	6 514 (-3.4%)
2010	8 396 (+4.2%)	7 445 (+14.3%)

Note: Figures in brackets () indicate the percentage of increase / decrease compared with the previous year.

The figures show that the number of applications received in 2010 slightly increased when compared with the previous two years. It is expected that the situation in 2011 will be similar to that in the past. The Department will continue to streamline application procedures to reduce the processing time and redeploy staff as necessary to cope with increased workload.

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

SB115

Head: 70 Immigration Department Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

0093

Programme: (2) Control upon Entry

Controlling Officer: Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

There was an increase in the number of arriving passengers in 2010. What was the breakdown by nationality? What were the numbers of entry and the growth rates at all control points? What are the estimated growth rates of arriving passengers, vehicles and vessels in 2011? Are additional resources and manpower required to cope with the work?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

A breakdown of the number of visitor traffic (excluding Hong Kong residents) in 2010 by nationality is tabulated as follows:

	Nationality / Region	No. of arrivals	Growth rate (compared with 2009)
1	The Mainland of China	22 466 278	27.0%
2	Japan	1 346 605	8.8%
3	U.S.A.	1 191 572	9.7%
4	South Korea	921 817	39.7%
5	Australia	656 916	8.5%
6	Singapore	631 786	20.0%
7	The Philippines	607 961	6.9%
8	Malaysia	607 210	26.5%
9	India	549 376	39.6%
10	United Kingdom	537 650	-0.3%
11	Others	6 513 160	12.3%
	Total	36 030 331	21.8%

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

SB117

Head: 70 Immigration Department Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

0095

Programme: (4) Personal Documentation

Controlling Officer: Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

What are the breakdown figures for birth / death / adoption and marriage registrations in 2010? Do these figures indicate a rising trend compared with those of the past few years? Has the Administration estimated the future demand for such registrations and applications? Is there a need to increase the resources to cope with the demand?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

The figures for birth, death, adoption and marriage registrations from 2007 to 2010 are tabulated as follows:

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Birth Registration	70 445	78 786	82 953	88 232
Death Registration	39 963	41 530	41 034	42 705
Marriage Registration	47 433	46 994	51 082	52 618
Adoption Registration	122	119	134	111

The above figures indicate that there were increases in the registration of births, deaths and marriages in 2010, as compared with the past few years. Based on this trend, the Immigration Department anticipates that the figures for birth, death and marriage registrations will keep increasing next year. In order to maintain the service standard, the Department will continue to monitor closely the demand for such services. In addition to efficient use of resources and flexible deployment of manpower, the Department will review and streamline the working procedures regularly so as to enhance its service efficiency and to cope with the increasing workload.

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

SB118

Head: 70 Immigration Department Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

0096

Programme: (3) Control after Entry

Controlling Officer: Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

In 2010, what were the respective numbers of overstayers, illegal immigrants, illegal workers and other immigration offenders arrested? How many operations were conducted? Will additional manpower be required for conducting the above operations in 2011? If yes, what are the details?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

In 2010, the Immigration Department conducted 11 203 enforcement actions as well as joint operations with other law enforcement agencies. The number of relevant arrests is tabulated as follows:

	No. of arrests*
Overstay	4 908
Illegal entry / remaining	3 092
Unlawful employment (e.g. breach of conditions of stay)	6 518
Others	1 138
Total:	15 656

* The above figures include some arrested persons who involve in more than one unlawful activity.

In 2011, the Department will continue to take strong enforcement actions and make flexible staff redeployment as necessary.

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Name in block letters Y L PEH

Post Title Director of Immigration

Date 16 March 2011

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

SB119

Head: 70 Immigration Department Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

0097

Programme: (3) Control after Entry

Controlling Officer: Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

In 2010, how effective was the investigation of and operations against the use or manufacture of forged travel documents by individuals or syndicates?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

The number of operations against forgery activities conducted by the Immigration Department increased from 23 687 in 2009 to 25 038 in 2010, in which 475 and 491 persons were investigated respectively. In 2010, a total of 1 299 forged documents (including impersonation of other persons' travel documents) were intercepted, an increase of 7.6% from 1 207 in 2009.

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Name in block letters K K CHAN

Post Title Ag. Director of Immigration

Date 15 March 2011

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

SB120

Head: 70 Immigration Department Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

0098

Programme: (3) Control after Entry

Controlling Officer: Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Is there a rising trend for visitors from the Mainland seeking entry under the disguise of marriages with Hong Kong residents? In 2010, what was the manpower required for conducting investigations and enforcement actions in this area? What plan does the Administration have in stepping up the enforcement actions in 2011?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

The Immigration Department has set up a special task force to investigate bogus marriage cases. To allow more vigorous enforcement, the task force has increased its strength from the original 15 members to 24 since 1 February 2010. In addition, various sections under the Investigation Sub-division also work together to combat these offences. In 2009 and 2010, the Department uncovered 1 033 and 1 283 cases of bogus marriages between Mainland and Hong Kong residents. In 2011, the Department will combat bogus marriages through the following measures:

- (1) To step up immigration examination upon arrival

The Department will step up immigration examination upon arrival at all control points and strictly scrutinize doubtful visitors coming to visit their spouses in Hong Kong on the strength of "Tanqin" exit endorsements.

- (2) Anti-unlawful employment operations

Since those involved in bogus marriages mainly take up unlawful employment after their entry into Hong Kong, we will pay particular attention to Mainland residents holding "Tanqin" exit endorsements during anti-unlawful employment operations.

- (3) To step up operations against the middlemen

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

SB121

Head: 70 Immigration Department Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

0123

Programme: (1) Pre-entry Control

Controlling Officer: Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Starting from 1 April 2011, adult Mainland children born to Hong Kong residents may apply for One Way Permit to come to Hong Kong. With the additional work and arrangements, what are the estimated expenditure and manpower involved?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong wah

Reply:

The Central Government has decided that, starting from 1 April 2011, eligible Mainland adult children (also known as "overage children") of Hong Kong residents may apply to the Public Security Bureau (PSB) in the Mainland for One Way Permits (OWPs) to come to Hong Kong for reunion with their natural parents.

It is learned that the submission, processing and approval procedures of application from "overage children" for settlement in Hong Kong will largely follow those of existing OWP applications. Starting from 1 April this year, eligible applicants may submit OWP applications in phases at the Exit and Entry Administration Offices of the PSB at the county or above level of their household registration. The PSB in the Mainland has already promulgated the detailed arrangements for application.

During the processing of applications by the PSB in the Mainland, the Immigration Department will verify the information of the applicants' Hong Kong parents in cases where verification is requested. Besides, the Department will also be responsible for the issue of identity cards and travel documents to those "overage children" allowed to come to Hong Kong upon receiving applications.

The Department will handle the work involved through internal redeployment of manpower and resources, and it will review the relevant arrangements when necessary.

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Name in block letters Y L PEH

Post Title Director of Immigration

Date 16 March 2011

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

SB122

Head: 70 Immigration Department Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

0878

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

In a court case (*Hong Kong Association of Falun Dafa & Others v Director of Immigration, CACV 119/2007*), the sudden revelation of the destruction of relevant information drew criticism from the Court of Appeal on the record-keeping of immigration control documents by the authorities. In its judgment, the court criticised that the Administration had failed to fulfil its duty of candour. Have improvement measures been formulated and implemented by the Administration to fulfil its duty of candour and to ensure that the court can monitor the law enforcement agencies for any abuse of power? What are the details of the improvement measures and what is the amount of expenditure involved in the implementation of such measures?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply:

Standard Immigration Department practice is in place for the handling of files in the Immigration Department. All file records are always handled in strict compliance with the practice according to business needs. Nevertheless, taking the comments of the court into account, the Department has already further enhanced the "retention period" and procedures in handling files. In addition to record disposal schedules drawn up for different categories of file records and information, the Department is committed to striking a balance among personal data protection, enhancement of work efficiency and proper keeping of documents. To this end, all documents and information related to a decision made by the Department will be retained for 3 months at least. If a decision is subject to judicial review during that period, the records of the relevant documents and information will be specifically retained for the reference of the court.

This improvement measure on file retention practice does not incur any additional expenditure.

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Name in block letters Y L PEH

Post Title Director of Immigration

Date 16 March 2011

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

SB123

Head: 70 Immigration Department Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

0316

Programme: (2) Control upon Entry

Controlling Officer: Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

The numbers of non-local pregnant visitors giving birth in Hong Kong have been rising in recent years. Regarding the prevention of non-local pregnant visitors from coming to Hong Kong to give birth, how many officers of the Immigration Department are responsible for such work and what is the establishment? What is the expenditure for on-the-job training in this area?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Wong-fat

Reply:

Visitors whose purpose of visit is believed to be giving birth in Hong Kong are required to produce proof of booking arrangements with a local hospital. If they cannot produce such proof, they may be persuaded to leave. As this duty is integral to immigration control, the Department does not have detailed breakdown on the number of officers responsible for such work and the training expenditure involved.

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Name in block letters _____ K K CHAN

Post Title Ag. Director of Immigration

Date _____ 15 March 2011

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

SB124

Head: 70 Immigration Department Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1972

Programme: (1) Pre-entry Control

Controlling Officer: Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

One of the Immigration Department's aims is to prevent the entry of undesirable persons who are likely to pose a threat to the security, prosperity and well-being of Hong Kong. What kind of threat will WANG Dan and QIN Jin pose to Hong Kong? By what criteria does the Immigration Department define a person as undesirable?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The Immigration Department will not comment on individual cases. In assessing an application for entry, the Department will take into consideration all relevant factors and circumstances in accordance with Hong Kong law and the current immigration policies to decide whether the individual application will be approved.

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Name in block letters K K CHAN

Post Title Ag. Director of Immigration

Date 14 March 2011

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

SB126

Head: 70 Immigration Department Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1059

Programme: (5) Nationality and Assistance to HKSAR Residents outside Hong Kong

Controlling Officer: Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

- (a) Over the past 3 years (2008, 2009 and 2010), how many chartered flights have been arranged to bring back Hong Kong people travelling or working overseas? Please give a breakdown of the reasons for arranging a chartered flight, the number of such flights, the date of arranging such flights, the destination country and place, the number of people flown back etc. by occasion in tabulated form.
- (b) Please give a breakdown in tabulated form the cost incurred and the amount recovered on each occasion of chartering a flight over the past 3 years.
- (c) Of the Hong Kong people flown back to Hong Kong by chartered flights over the past 3 years (2008, 2009 and 2010), what is the percentage of those refusing to pay afterwards? What is the amount of loss thus incurred? Please give the percentage by occasion.
- (d) Will the Administration take further action to recover the money from those who still refuse to pay for the chartered flight they took? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Mei-fun, Priscilla

Reply:

When the personal safety of Hong Kong residents is affected by sudden incidents outside Hong Kong, the HKSAR Government may, depending on the circumstances, arrange chartered flights (or chartered seats) to bring them back to Hong Kong, and the expenses incurred will be dealt with in accordance with the user-pay principle. In general, the Immigration Department will issue demand notes to those who are required to pay, requesting them to make payment by a specified date. If they fail to pay by that date, the Department will issue reminders to them. When there are difficulties in the recovery of arrears or the reminders are repeatedly ignored, the Department will seek legal advice from the Department of Justice based on the circumstances of individual cases to decide whether legal action would be taken for the recovery of arrears.

From 2008 to 2010, the HKSAR Government sent chartered flights to bring back Hong Kong residents in distress on 2 occasions.

During the disturbance in Thailand in late 2008, the HKSAR Government sent a total of 4 chartered flights to bring back 211 Hong Kong residents from Pattaya, Thailand on 1 and 2 December at a cost of about HK\$1.35 million. Passengers were notified that they were required to pay HK\$1,100 each. Since the contact details provided by the passengers were not complete, the HKSAR Government could not recover the fee from 52 people.

Following the hostage-taking incident in Manila on 23 August 2010, the bodies of the 8 Hong Kong victims and the 27 surviving travellers and their relatives were flown home on 25 August on a flight chartered by the HKSAR Government. The airline which had arranged the chartered flight indicated afterwards that it would not charge the HKSAR Government or the passengers concerned any fee.

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Name in block letters Y L PEH

Post Title Director of Immigration

Date 16 March 2011

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

SB127

Head: 70 Immigration Department Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

2676

Programme: (1) Pre-entry Control
Controlling Officer: Director of Immigration
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

The Central Government and the HKSAR Government announced earlier that the policy on the entry of Mainland children of Hong Kong residents would be relaxed to allow the “overage children” to come to Hong Kong for settlement. Starting from April this year, the Immigration Department will accept applications for entry from these Mainland children of Hong Kong residents. How many applications does the Immigration Department expect to receive this year? Does the Immigration Department need to set up any special section or increase manpower to cope with the additional workload in order to complement the new policy? If yes, please provide the details. If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. NG Margaret

Reply:

The Central Government has decided that, starting from 1 April 2011, eligible Mainland adult children (also known as “overage children”) of Hong Kong residents may apply to the Public Security Bureau (PSB) in the Mainland for One Way Permits (OWPs) to come to Hong Kong for reunion with their natural parents.

It is learned that the submission, processing and approval procedures of application from “overage children” for settlement in Hong Kong will largely follow those of existing OWP applications. Starting from 1 April this year, eligible applicants may submit OWP applications in phases at the Exit and Entry Administration Offices of the PSB, at the county or above level of their household registration. The PSB in the Mainland has already promulgated the detailed arrangements for application.

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The Department will handle the work involved through internal redeployment of manpower and resources, and it will review the relevant arrangements when necessary.

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Post Title Director of Immigration

Date 16 March 2011

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

SB128

Head: 70 Immigration Department Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

3217

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Regarding the estimates of expenditure of the information technology management unit of the department:

- (a) What is the estimated expenditure for 2011-12? What is the percentage change compared with the actual expenditure for 2010-11? What account for this percentage change in expenditure?
- (b) What specific projects are involved in the estimates of expenditure for 2011-12? Which of them are ongoing and new projects respectively? What are the staff number, cost and implementation timetable of each project? Among the staff involved, how many of them are civil servants, non-civil service contract staff and staff of outsourced services respectively?
- (c) Whether funds have been reserved for promoting electronic civic participation and public sector information access? If yes, what are the specific details, including the titles and particulars of the initiatives, the manpower and cost involved, and the implementation timetable? If no, what are the reasons and will consideration be given to introducing the initiatives in the future?
- (d) What are the permanent establishment and the number of existing staff and vacancies of the information technology unit? Is manpower expected to increase in the coming year? If yes, how many additional posts will be created? What ranks will be involved? Will they be permanent posts? Will they be appointed on civil service terms? If there will be no increase in manpower, what are the reasons?
- (e) Has there been any comprehensive review of the effectiveness of the information technology unit? If yes, what are the results and the specific improvement measures involved? If no, what are the reasons and will a review be conducted in the future?

Asked by: Hon. TAM Wai-ho, Samson

Reply:

- (a) The estimated expenditure of the Immigration Department for Departmental Expenses - Data Processing (including information technology management) under Subhead 000 of Head 70 for 2011-12 is about \$178 million, comparable to the revised estimated expenditure of about \$176 million for 2010-11.
- (b) The estimated expenditure for 2011-12 will mainly be used for the maintenance, repair and management of various computer systems to continually support the key services of the Immigration Department including immigration control, issue of personal documents, registration of births, deaths and marriages, issue of visas and entry permits, investigation and prosecution, etc.

The estimated numbers of staff of the Information Systems Branch of the Department in 2011-12 are tabulated below:

Civil servants	334
Non-civil service contract staff	18
Outsourced workers (IT staff)	66
Agency workers	13

- (c) Various electronic services have been launched by the Department since 2007, including online appointment booking, application for HKSAR Passport, etc. The Department adopts an open attitude towards the promotion of electronic civic participation and public sector information access. It will actively consider and participate if there are suitable initiatives in these areas.
- (d) In 2010-11, the Information Systems Branch of the Department has a permanent establishment of 329 posts. There are no vacancies at present. Five posts will be created in 2011-12, including a Senior Immigration Officer, an Immigration Assistant, a Systems Manager and Analyst/Programmers I and II.
- (e) In accordance with the guidelines promulgated by the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer, the Department has set up a Steering Committee on Information Technology to conduct business review regularly to ensure the effective planning, management and use of information systems resources.

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Name in block letters Y L PEH

Post Title Director of Immigration

Date 17 March 2011

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

SB129

Head: 70 Immigration Department Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

2868

Programme: (2) Control upon Entry

Controlling Officer: Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

- (a) Please provide a breakdown of the number of people who were refused entry in 2010 by passengers, seamen, reasons and places of origin.
- (b) How many cases of appeal were lodged in respect of the above cases of refused entry and what were the results of the appeals?
- (c) Of those who were refused entry, how many were so refused entry because of "bona fides of visit in doubt"? What were the purposes of such visits furnished to the Government by these people?

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

- (a) In 2010, a total of 28 564 passengers and seamen were refused entry. The reasons for refusal are broadly classified into "doubtful purpose of visit" and travel document related categories. A breakdown by the number of those passengers and seamen, their places of origin and the reasons for refusal is tabulated as follows:

Reason for refusal \ Place of origin	Africa	Asia Pacific (other than Mainland China)	Europe	Mainland China	North America	South America	Total
Doubtful purpose of visit – visitor	996	5 358	32	15 497	18	135	22 036
Doubtful purpose of visit – seamen	0	0	0	79	0	0	79
Improperly documented	248	2 374	150	2 903	46	53	5 774
Forged travel document	167	132	12	352	1	11	675
Total	1 411	7 864	194	18 831	65	199	28 564

- (b) In 2010, the Immigration Department did not receive any appeal cases lodged under section 53 of the Immigration Ordinance, Cap. 115, against the Director of Immigration’s decision to refuse entry.
- (c) In 2010, there were 22 115 passengers and seamen being refused entry because of “doubtful purpose of visit”. In general, these people claimed various purposes of visit, including sightseeing, business, visiting relatives, or in transit. The Immigration Department does not have a breakdown of the figure by the purposes of visit so claimed.

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Name in block letters Y L PEH

Post Title Director of Immigration

Date 16 March 2011

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

SB131

Head: 70 Immigration Department Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

2899

Programme: (3) Control after Entry

Controlling Officer: Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

What is the expenditure involved for the Immigration Department to process torture claims under the enhanced mechanism? When compared with the last 2 financial years (2009-10 and 2010-11) (with the fast growing number of applications for judicial reviews lodged by torture claimants), how many additional officers are required by the Immigration Department in the new financial year (2011-12) for expediting the processing of torture claims? (Please provide details on the number, rank and salary of the officers handling the said mechanism)

Asked by: Hon. TSE Wai-chun, Paul

Reply:

The Immigration Department added more posts on its establishment in the last 2 financial years for implementing the enhanced mechanism for torture claims. Details are as follows:

Rank	2009-10		2010-11	
	No. of Posts	Notional Annual Mid-point Salary(\$)	No. of Posts	Notional Annual Mid-point Salary(\$)
Chief Immigration Officer	2	1,668,960	9	7,371,540 (7,489,260)
Senior Immigration Officer	27	18,038,700	88	57,726,240 (58,650,240)
Immigration Officer	50	22,218,000	51	22,662,360 (22,787,820)
Chief Immigration Assistant	1	322,440	3	1,026,900 (1,032,660)
Senior Immigration Assistant	2	531,600	7	1,971,060 (1,981,980)
Immigration Assistant	6	1,211,760	18	3,635,280 (3,655,800)
Clerical Officer	1	303,840	1	303,840

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

SB134

Head: 70 Immigration Department Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

0991

Programme: (2) Control upon Entry

Controlling Officer: Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

In the new financial year (2011-12), how many additional staff and resources (including new hardwares) will be required by the Immigration Department to cope with the influx of visitors during major holidays of the Mainland so as to avoid massive overcrowding with Mainland visitors at various control points as it happened on a number of occasions last year (please provide details on the number of officers, types and number of hardwares etc.)?

Asked by: Hon. TSE Wai-chun, Paul

Reply:

In 2011-12, the Immigration Department (ImmD) will have an increase of 26 posts on its establishment under Programme (2) for improving the handling capacity of Shenzhen Bay Control Point to cope with the rise in passenger and vehicle throughput as well as meeting other operational needs.

To handle the increase in passenger traffic during holidays, ImmD will maintain close liaison with the tourism industry to assess and estimate the passenger traffic and deploy existing resources flexibly and efficiently so as to cope with the traffic in different periods. ImmD will also closely monitor the overall growing trend in visitor traffic and review its manpower and other resources requirement in a timely manner as required.

ImmD will also upgrade and enhance the processing capacity of computer systems at control points. From 2012 onwards, the Mainland authorities will introduce electronic Exit-Entry Permit for Travelling to and from Hong Kong and Macao (e-EEP) to Mainland residents by phases. To meet the requirements arising from such new arrangements, ImmD has secured in July 2010 funding approval from the Finance Committee for upgrading its computer systems and installing facilities for enabling Mainland visitors using e-EEP to visit Hong Kong. The system will also allow eligible frequent Mainland visitors to use the e-Channel service after enrolment.

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

SB135

Head: 70 Immigration Department Subhead 000 Operational
(No. & title): Expenses

Question Serial No.

3141

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

Regarding the employment of non-civil service contract (NCSC) staff, please provide the following information:

	2011-12	2010-11	2009-10	2008-09
Number of NCSC staff	()	()	()	()
Details of NCSC staff posts				
Salary costs of the NCSC staff	()	()	()	()
Monthly salary range of NCSC staff				
• \$30,001 or above	()	()	()	()
• \$16,001 - \$30,000	()	()	()	()
• \$8,001 - \$16,000	()	()	()	()
• \$6,501 - \$8,000	()	()	()	()
• \$5,001 - \$6,500	()	()	()	()
• \$5,000 or below	()	()	()	()
• Number of staff with monthly salary below \$5,824	()	()	()	()
• Number of staff with monthly salary between \$5,824 and \$6,500	()	()	()	()
Length of employment of NCSC staff				
• 5 years or above	()	()	()	()
• 3 – 5 years	()	()	()	()
• 1 – 3 years	()	()	()	()
• less than 1 year	()	()	()	()
Number of NCSC staff successfully transferring to civil service	()	()	()	()
Number of NCSC staff failing to transfer to civil service	()	()	()	()
Number of NCSC staff as a percentage of the total number of staff in the department	()	()	()	()
Staff costs on NCSC staff as a percentage of the total staff costs in the department	()	()	()	()
Number of NCSC staff with paid meal break	()	()	()	()
Number of NCSC staff without paid meal break	()	()	()	()
Number of NCSC staff on 5-day week	()	()	()	()
Number of NCSC staff on 6-day week	()	()	()	()

() denotes percentage of increase or decrease each year

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply:

The relevant information is as follows:

	2011-12	2010-11 (as at 31.12.2010)	2009-10 (as at 31.3.2010)	2008-09 (as at 31.3.2009)
Number of NCSC staff		148 (-19%)	183 (-24%)	242 (-)
Details of NCSC staff posts		Including professional, technical, administrative and clerical NCSC staff positions, etc.		
Salary costs of the NCSC staff		About \$18 m (-36%)	About \$28 m (-13%)	About \$32 m (-)
Monthly salary range of NCSC staff	Note ¹			
• \$30,001 or above		4 (+33%)	3 (0%)	3 (-)
• \$16,001 - \$30,000		19 (-17%)	23 (-18%)	28 (-)
• \$8,001 - \$16,000		125 (-20%)	157 (-26%)	211 (-)
• \$6,501 - \$8,000		()	()	()
• \$5,001 - \$6,500		()	()	()
• \$5,000 or below		()	()	()
• Number of staff with monthly salary lower than \$5,824		()	()	()
• Number of staff with monthly salary between \$5,824 and \$6,500	()	()	()	
Length of employment of NCSC staff				
• 5 years or above		41 (+46%)	28 (+12%)	25 (-)
• 3 years to less than 5 years		60 (+33%)	45 (+55%)	29 (-)
• 1 years to less than 3 years		44 (-58%)	104 (-8%)	113 (-)
• less than 1 year		3 (-50%)	6 (-92%)	75 (-)
Number of NCSC staff successfully transferring to civil service	The Department does not have the relevant information. NCSC staff is not required to furnish such information to the Department.			
Number of NCSC staff failing to transfer to civil service				
Number of NCSC staff as a percentage of the total number of staff in the department	Note ¹	2.2 % (-19%)	2.7% (-25%)	3.6% (-)
Staff costs on NCSC staff as a percentage of the total staff costs in the department		1.0% (-17%)	1.2% (-14%)	1.4% (-)
Number of NCSC staff with meal break included in working hours		143 (-19%)	177 (-25%)	236 (-)
Number of NCSC staff with meal break not included in working hours		5 (-17%)	6 (0%)	6 (-)
Number of NCSC staff on 5-day week		87 (-)	Note ²	Note ²
Number of NCSC staff on 5.5-day week		61 (-)		
Number of NCSC staff on 6-day week		0 (-)		

() denotes percentage of increase or decrease each year

Note ¹ : The number of NCSC staff varies according to service and operational needs. The relevant figures for 2011-12, therefore, are not available at present.

Note ² : The Department does not have the relevant figures as at March 31 for 2008-09 and for 2009-10.

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

SB136

Question Serial No.

Head: 70 Immigration Department Subhead 000 Operational
(No. & title): Expenses

3142

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Regarding the employment of agency workers, please provide the following information:

	2011-12	2010-11	2009-10	2008-09
Number of contracts of engaging employment agencies	()	()	()	()
Contract sum paid to each employment agency	()	()	()	()
Total amount of commission paid to each employment agency	()	()	()	()
Length of contract for each employment agency	()	()	()	()
Number of agency workers	()	()	()	()
Details of the posts held by agency workers				
Monthly salary range of agency workers				
• \$30,001 or above	()	()	()	()
• \$16,001 - \$30,000	()	()	()	()
• \$8,001 - \$16,000	()	()	()	()
• \$6,501 - \$8,000	()	()	()	()
• \$5,001 - \$6,500	()	()	()	()
• \$5,000 or below	()	()	()	()
• number of workers with monthly salary below \$5,824	()	()	()	()
• number of workers with monthly salary between \$5,824 and \$6,500	()	()	()	()
Length of employment of agency workers				
• 5 years or longer	()	()	()	()
• 3 - 5 years	()	()	()	()
• 1 - 3 years	()	()	()	()
• less than 1 year	()	()	()	()
Percentage of the number of agency workers to the total number of staff in the department	()	()	()	()
Percentage of the sum paid to employment agencies to the total departmental staff cost	()	()	()	()
Number of workers with paid meal break	()	()	()	()
Number of workers without paid meal break	()	()	()	()
Number of workers on 5-day week	()	()	()	()
Number of workers on 6-day week	()	()	()	()

() denotes percentage of increase or decrease each year

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply:

	2011-12 ⁽¹⁾	2010-11 ⁽²⁾	2009-10	2008-09 ⁽³⁾
Number of contracts of engaging employment agencies	-	1 (-50%)	2 (+100%)	1
Contract sum paid to each employment agency	-	\$197,000 (-76%)	\$821,000 in total (+1,040%)	\$72,000
Total amount of commission paid to each employment agency	We only keep information on the contract sum but not the amount of commission paid to employment agencies.			
Length of contract for each employment agency	-	3 months	3 to 12 months	12 months
Number of agency workers	-	8 (-11%)	9 (+13%)	8
Details of the posts held by agency workers	-	Clerical	Clerical	Clerical
Monthly salary range of agency workers				
• \$30,001 or above	-	-	-	-
• \$16,001 - \$30,000	-	-	-	-
• \$8,001 - \$16,000	-	-	-	-
• \$6,501 - \$8,000	-	8 (-11%)	9 (+13%)	8
• \$5,001 - \$6,500	-	-	-	-
• \$5,000 or below	-	-	-	-
• number of workers with monthly salary below \$5,824	-	-	-	-
• number of workers with monthly salary between \$5,824 and \$6,500	-	-	-	-
Length of employment of agency workers	We do not have information on the length of service of agency workers.			
• 5 years or longer				
• 3 - 5 years				
• 1 - 3 years				
• less than 1 year				
Percentage of the number of agency workers to the total number of staff in the department	-	0.12% (-8%)	0.13% (+8%)	0.12%
Percentage of the sum paid to employment agencies to the total departmental staff cost	-	0.008% (-77%)	0.035% (+1,067%)	0.003%
Number of workers with paid meal break Number of workers without paid meal break	We do not have information on whether agency workers have paid meal break or not.			
Number of workers on 5-day week	-	8 (-11%)	9 (+13%)	8
Number of workers on 6-day week	-	-	-	-

() denotes percentage of increase or decrease each year

Notes:

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

SB137

Head: 70 Immigration Department Subhead 000 Operational
(No. & title): Expenses

Question Serial No.

3143

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Immigration

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Regarding the employment of “outsourced workers”, please provide the following information:

	2011-12	2010-11	2009-10	2008-09
Number of outsourced service contracts	()	()	()	()
Total amount paid to outsourced service providers	()	()	()	()
Length of contract for each outsourced service provider	()	()	()	()
Number of workers engaged through outsourced service providers	()	()	()	()
Details of the positions held by outsourced workers (e.g. customer service, property management, security, cleaning and information technology)				
Monthly salary range of outsourced workers				
• \$30,001 or above	()	()	()	()
• \$16,001 - \$30,000	()	()	()	()
• \$8,001 - \$16,000	()	()	()	()
• \$6,501 - \$8,000	()	()	()	()
• \$5,001 - \$6,500	()	()	()	()
• \$5,000 or below	()	()	()	()
• number of workers with salary below \$5,824	()	()	()	()
• number of workers with salary between \$5,824 and \$6,500	()	()	()	()
Length of employment of outsourced workers				
• 5 years or longer	()	()	()	()
• 3 - 5 years	()	()	()	()
• 1 - 3 years	()	()	()	()
• less than 1 year	()	()	()	()
Percentage of the number of outsourced workers to the total number of staff in the department	()	()	()	()
Percentage of amount paid to outsourced service providers to the total departmental staff cost	()	()	()	()
Number of workers with paid meal break	()	()	()	()
Number of workers without paid meal break	()	()	()	()
Number of workers on 5-day week	()	()	()	()
Number of workers on 6-day week	()	()	()	()

() denotes percentage of increase or decrease each year

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply:

	2011-12 ⁽²⁾	2010-11 ⁽³⁾	2009-10	2008-09
Number of outsourced service contracts ⁽¹⁾	-	27 (-7%)	29 (+16%)	25
Total amount paid to outsourced service providers	-	About \$40 m (-20%)	About \$50 m (0%)	About \$50 m
Length of contract for each outsourced service provider	-	2 to 36 months	2 to 36 months	2 to 36 months
Number of workers engaged through outsourced service providers and details of the positions held by outsourced workers (e.g. customer service, property management, security, cleaning and information technology)	-	About 350 persons holding posts in security, cleaning, transport and delivery, and information technology, etc. (-5%)	About 370 persons holding posts in security, cleaning, transport and delivery, and information technology, etc. (+28%)	About 290 persons holding posts in security, cleaning, transport and delivery, and information technology, etc.
Monthly salary range of outsourced workers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$30,001 or above • \$16,001 - \$30,000 • \$8,001 - \$16,000 • \$6,501 - \$8,000 • \$5,001 - \$6,500 • \$5,000 or below • number of workers with salary below \$5,824 • number of workers with salary between \$5,824 and \$6,500 	The monthly salary is agreed upon by the outsourced service provider and the outsourced workers when the contract of employment is signed. We do not have full information on the monthly salary range of outsourced workers. When procuring outsourced services, we have requested outsourced service providers to set the monthly salary levels of outsourced workers according to the average monthly salaries of the relevant industries as published by the Census and Statistics Department.			
Length of employment of outsourced workers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 years or longer • 3 - 5 years • 1 - 3 years • less than 1 year 	We do not have information on the length of employment of outsourced service workers.			
Percentage of the number of outsourced workers to the total number of staff in the department	Since the number of outsourced workers and working hours vary according to operational needs, the percentage of the number of outsourced workers to the total number of staff in the department is unavailable.			
Percentage of amount paid to outsourced service providers to the total departmental staff cost	-	2% (0%)	2% (0%)	2%
Number of workers with paid meal break Number of workers without paid meal break	Whether there is paid meal break or not is agreed upon by the outsourced service provider and the outsourced workers. We do not have information on whether meal breaks of outsourced service workers are paid or not.			
Number of workers on 5-day week Number of workers on 6-day week	Subject to contract requirements and operational needs.			

() denotes percentage of increase or decrease each year

Notes:

- (1) The number of contracts is calculated by contract award year. These contracts mainly include those for security services, cleaning services, transport and delivery services, and information technology services supplied by technical service providers under a term contract centrally administered by the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer.
- (2) The number of outsourced service contracts varies according to service and operational needs. The relevant figures for 2011-12, therefore, are not available at present.
- (3) Figures for 2010-11 are up to 31 January 2011.

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Post Title _____ Director of Immigration

Date _____ 16 March 2011

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

SB138

Question Serial No.

1275

Head : 31 Customs and Excise Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (2) Anti-narcotics Investigation

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Customs and Excise

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Please explain the reasons for the increase in the quantities of cocaine, heroin and MDMA (ecstasy) seized by the Customs and Excise Department. Does it imply that there are changes in demands for various types of drugs from local drug abusers? In addition, what is the reason for the increase in the average retail price of heroin?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Hak-kan

Reply :

The increase in the quantity of cocaine seized by the Department in 2010 was primarily attributed to the detection of a major case by Customs officers at Kwai Chung Container Terminal, in which about 290 kilograms of cocaine were seized from a consignment of cargoes arriving Hong Kong from Bolivia. Investigation revealed that the consignment of drugs was intended for transshipment to other places.

The increase in the quantity of heroin seized by the Department in 2010 was primarily attributed to the detection of 10 relatively major cases by Customs officers at the Hong Kong International Airport, in which a total of about 12 kilograms of heroin were seized. Among them, the heroin detected in 5 cases (a total of about 6 kilograms) were seized from transit passengers who intended to travel to the Mainland, while the remaining drugs were believed to be destined to places other than Hong Kong.

The increase in the quantity of MDMA (ecstasy) seized by the Department in 2010 was primarily attributed to the detection of a case with relatively large amount of seizures by Customs officers at the Hong Kong International Airport, in which about 1 556 tablets of ecstasy were seized from a batch of cargoes sent from Canada and intended for transshipment to Pakistan via Hong Kong.

Investigation findings revealed that the drugs seized in the aforesaid cases were intended for transshipment to other places via Hong Kong. They are not directly relevant to the local demands for drugs. The Department will maintain full vigilance in order to prevent the transshipment of drugs to other places via Hong Kong.

Prices of drugs can be affected by various factors, including supply and purity of drugs, etc.

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Commissioner of Customs and Excise

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

SB139

Question Serial No.

1276

Head : 31 Customs and Excise Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (2) Anti-narcotics Investigation

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Customs and Excise

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Would the authorities please list out in a table the quantities and types of narcotics seized at the respective control points as well as the ages and genders of the persons arrested in the past 3 years (i.e. from 2008 to 2010)? What is the proportion of arrested persons who are aged 18 or below?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Hak-kan

Reply :

Statistics on narcotics seized² by the Customs and Excise Department
at the border and boundary control points¹

	2008	2009	2010
Total number of persons arrested	346	327	301
Number of arrested persons aged 18 or below(percentage)	30 (8.67%)	25 (7.65%)	11 (3.65%)
Arrested persons aged between	13 - 76	14 - 63	17 - 67
Genders of arrested persons (male/female)	273 / 73	251 / 76	208 / 93
Total quantities of narcotics seized	587.7 kilograms 8 667 tablets 59 millilitres	602.4 kilograms 29 919 tablets 117 millilitres	156.9 kilograms 134 318 tablets 514 millilitres

¹ Border and boundary control points include: Hong Kong International Airport, Lo Wu Control Point, Lok Ma Chau Control Point, Man Kam To Control Point, Sha Tau Kok Control Point, Shenzhen Bay Control Point, Lok Ma Chau Spur Line Control Point, Hung Hom Through Train Station, China - Hong Kong Ferry Terminal and HK Island - Macau Ferry Terminal.

² Except heroin, other narcotics seized were classified as psychotropic substances.

	2008	2009	2010
The above narcotics seized mainly include:			
Heroin (kilograms)	42.1	37.2	38.5
Ketamine (kilograms)	309.7	356.1	11.7
3,4-methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDMA) (Ecstasy) (tablets/kilograms)	219 tablets	1 007 tablets	1 557 tablets
	less than 0.05 kilogram	less than 0.05 kilogram	less than 0.05 kilogram
Cannabis (kilograms)	79.0	73.3	6.9
Methylamphetamine (Ice) (kilograms)	14.2	23.7	19.3
Cocaine (kilograms)	37.6	24.8	55.0
Midazolam (“Blue gremlin”) (tablets)	349	622	670
Estazolam (tablets)	562	550	4 365
Diazepam (Roche 5, Roche 10) (kilograms/tablets/millilitres)	100.0 kilograms	less than 0.05 kilogram	less than 0.05 kilogram
	2 006 tablets	397 tablets	96 170 tablets
	2 millilitres	60 millilitres	---
Nimetazepam (tablets)	338	188	15 105
Alprozolam (tablets)	2 828	25 690	7 845

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SB140

Head: 31 Customs and Excise Department Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

2947

Programme: (1) Control and Enforcement

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Customs and Excise

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security / Secretary for Commerce and Economic
Development / Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question:

Please advise the Committee on the action plan to enhance the efficiency of customs clearance for facilitating cross-boundary passenger and cargo flow and the associated expenditure respectively for 2011-12.

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kin-yee, Miriam

Reply:

The estimated expenditure for the Customs and Excise Department (C&ED) under the Programme "Control and Enforcement" for 2011-12 is \$1,848 million.

The action plan to enhance the efficiency of customs clearance for facilitating cross-boundary passenger and cargo flow is as follows -

(a) Promotion of Diversion at Control Points and Optimization of Clearance Mode

Since the commissioning of the Shenzhen Bay Control Point and Lok Ma Chau Spur Line Control Point in mid-2007, the number of cross-boundary passengers using the two control points has continued to increase. In February 2011, there were about 147 700 passenger trips everyday, representing a further increase of about 30% to the overall number of land passengers entering and leaving Hong Kong (about 492 700 passenger trips everyday). The commissioning of these two control points has significantly helped to divert passenger flow from other control points. C&ED will closely monitor cross-boundary passenger flow and flexibly deploy manpower to help distribute passengers among control points. Besides, C&ED will also regularly review customs facilities and optimize the clearance mode, which include the introduction of hi-tech clearance equipment and enhancement of the risk management system, with a view to enhancing the efficiency of customs clearance and facilitating speedy flow of passengers into and out of Hong Kong via various control points.

(b) Rolling out of the Road Cargo System and Facilitation of Intermodal Cargo Flow

To facilitate trade, C&ED rolled out the electronic customs clearance platform “Road Cargo System” (ROCARS) in May last year. Under the system, Customs officers will receive cargo information before arrival of the goods at a land boundary control point. This enables C&ED to conduct computer-aided risk profiling on the cargo consignment for determining beforehand whether the truck should be inspected. As such, cross-boundary trucks using ROCARS, except those selected for inspection, would enjoy seamless customs clearance at the land boundary control points. To prepare for the mandatory use of the system from 17 November 2011, C&ED has been pressing ahead with the necessary preparation on all fronts, including encouraging the industry’s early migration to the system and ensuring its smooth operation.

Riding on the promulgation of ROCARS, C&ED has introduced the “Intermodal Transshipment Facilitation Scheme” (ITFS) in November last year. The ITFS aims to simplify customs clearance procedures for transshipment cargoes which involve inter-modal transfer (e.g. from air/sea to land). For traders using ITFS, their cargo will only be subject to customs inspection at either the point of exit or entry as it passes through the land boundary control points and the airport/Kwai Tsing Container Terminals. This year, C&ED will continue to publicize the benefits that the scheme offers to the industry. We will also refine the scheme to make it more user-friendly.

(c) Enhancing Co-operation with the Mainland Customs

C&ED will continue to enhance co-operation with the Mainland Customs to facilitate cargo flow. For example, following the harmonization of the format for data fields common to electronic cargo clearance systems on the two sides, C&ED is taking proactive steps to assist in a related feasibility study on the Mainland side. The study concerns the establishment of a third-party platform to enable the trading community to make electronic submissions in one go for ROCARS and the Mainland’s current system for receiving road cargo manifests. Besides, the two customs authorities will extend and refine the present arrangements whereby a customs authority will make reference to the inspection outcome of the other side as appropriate.

We will continue to liaise with the relevant Mainland authorities to explore other measures to facilitate cross-boundary cargo flow.

(d) Implementation of the Authorized Economic Operator Programme

In support of the “Framework of Standards to Secure and Facilitate Global Trade” spearheaded by the World Customs Organization, C&ED rolled out a pilot scheme for an “Authorized Economic Operator Programme” in June last year. The Programme helps promote awareness on risk management among cargo operators and freight forwarders by providing customs facilitation for companies with good track records. By doing so, C&ED would be able to focus our resources on the selection and inspection of cargoes of higher risks. The Programme is a good illustration of customs-business partnership, bringing benefits to both sides. The industry would be able to reduce their operating cost, while C&ED would stand to achieve enhanced

enforcement efficiency. C&ED will continue to actively promote the pilot scheme. We would carry out a review in due course to refine the Programme and prepare for its full implementation.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Head : 31 Customs and Excise Department

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (2) Anti-narcotics Investigation

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Customs and Excise

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Among the psychotropic drugs seized in 2010, the quantity of cocaine seized increased significantly whereas the amount of ketamine decreased significantly. What is the reason for such occurrence? Is it because the authorities allocated a large amount of resources for tackling the problem of ketamine in the past year but neglected the combat against cocaine? In addition, what were the resources and manpower allocated as well as the relevant operations carried out by the authorities in the past targeting at the problem of cocaine?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

The increase in the quantity of cocaine seized in 2010 was primarily attributed to the detection of a major case by Customs officers at Kwai Chung Container Terminal, in which about 290 kilograms of cocaine were seized from a consignment of cargoes arriving Hong Kong from Bolivia. Investigation revealed that the consignment of drugs was destined for places other than Hong Kong.

The decrease in the quantity of ketamine seized in 2010 was primarily attributed to the detection of 2 major cases of cross-border ketamine trafficking by Customs officers in 2009, including the case in which Customs officers at the Airport seized 200 kilograms of ketamine from a consignment of air cargoes arriving Hong Kong in July 2009. In September 2009, Customs officers seized 140 kilograms of ketamine from an incoming container lorry at Man Kam To Control Point. Investigation revealed that the two consignments of drugs were also destined for places other than Hong Kong.

The Department is committed to combating illicit activities relating to all kind of drugs, with special attention to organized drug trafficking activities. The Department has also been co-operating with both the Mainland and overseas law enforcement agencies, through intelligence exchange and joint operations, to suppress the supply of drugs at

source with a view to intercepting the inflow of drugs into Hong Kong or the transshipment of drugs to other places via Hong Kong. The Department will make timely adjustments to the enforcement strategies according to the latest drug trafficking trend, and will deploy manpower resources in a flexible way and take targeted action against all form of drug trafficking activities.

In 2011-12, the Department will continue combat drug trafficking activities with utmost effort. The estimated provision for overall anti-narcotics investigation is \$146 million, which is similar to the revised estimate for 2010-11.

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

SB142

Question Serial No.

1121

Head : 31 Customs and Excise Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (2) Anti-narcotics Investigation

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Customs and Excise

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

The quantity of dangerous drugs seized locally by the authorities in 2010 increased significantly when compared with 2009. What is the reason? What are the main countries or places involved?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

The quantity of dangerous drugs seized locally by C&ED in 2010 was similar to that in 2009 but the quantity of cocaine seized increased significantly. This was primarily attributed to the detection of a major case by Customs officers at Kwai Chung Container Terminal, in which about 290 kilograms of cocaine were seized from a consignment of cargoes arriving Hong Kong from Bolivia.

The dangerous drugs seized locally in 2010 originated from different places. Heroin was generally originated from Southeast Asia and the Golden Crescent (i.e., the areas in Southwestern Asia and mainly Afghanistan). Cocaine was originated from South America. Ice was generally originated from the Mainland and ice originated from Africa was also detected in the second half of 2010.

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Commissioner of Customs and Excise

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

SB143

Question Serial No.

0735

Head : 31 Customs and Excise Department Subhead (No. & title) : 000 Operational expenses

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Customs and Excise

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security / Secretary for Commerce and Economic
Development / Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question :

The Customs and Excise Department (C&ED) estimates that there will be a net increase of 20 posts. Regarding this, please provide the following information:

- a) the distribution of the posts to be deleted and the posts to be created by rank, function and section and by programme;
- b) the establishment and the strength of each rank in C&ED in 2010-11.

Asked by : Hon. LI Fung-ying

Reply :

- (a) In 2011-12, there will be a net increase of 20 posts in the Customs and Excise Department (C&ED), with breakdown by programme listed as follows:

Rank	Number	
	Posts to be created	Posts to be deleted
Programme (1)		
Senior Inspector of Customs and Excise	3	
Inspector of Customs and Excise	1	
Principal Trade Controls Officer	1	
Chief Trade Controls Officer	1	
Senior Trade Controls Officer	1	
Senior Clerical Officer	1	
Workman II		5
Programme (3)		
Workman II		1
Programme (5)		
Trade Controls Officer	11	
Assistant Trade Controls Officer	6	

Rank	Number	
	Posts to be created	Posts to be deleted
Assistant Clerical Officer	4	
Typist		3
Posts to be created	29	
Posts to be deleted	9	
Net increase of posts	20	

The new posts are created for strengthening customs clearance and enforcement at the land boundary control points, enhancing computer forensic capacity of the Department as well as helping to cope with the additional workload arising from preparation for the establishment of a licensing regime for money service operators, control on the re-export of unregistered medicines and declaration processing activities.

(b) As at 31 March 2011, C&ED has an estimated establishment of 5 663, with breakdown by rank as follows:

Rank	Establishment	Strength*
Directorate	9	11
Disciplined Grade		
Senior Superintendent of Customs and Excise	16	15
Superintendent of Customs and Excise	32	26
Assistant Superintendent of Customs and Excise	74	64
Senior Inspector of Customs and Excise	297	298
Inspector of Customs and Excise	410	451
Chief Customs Officer	306	284
Senior Customs Officer	1 012	893
Customs Officer	2 395	2 394
Trade Controls Officer Grade		
Principal Trade Controls Officer	5	5
Chief Trade Controls Officer	24	23
Senior Trade Controls Officer	82	78
Trade Controls Officer	216	163
Assistant Trade Controls Officer	135	145
General and Common Grades	650	619
Total	5 663	5 469

* The strength as at 1 March 2011, including those officers who are on pre-retirement leave.

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Post Title Commissioner of Customs and Excise

Date 15.3.2011

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SB144

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Question Serial No.

1644

Head : 31 Customs and Excise Department Subhead (No. & title) : 000 Operational expenses

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Customs and Excise

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security / Secretary for Commerce and Economic
Development / Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question :

In 2011-12, the Customs and Excise Department will increase 20 non-directorate posts. What are the justifications for such an increase? What is the actual expenditure involved? Please also provide a breakdown for the 20 posts including their ranks and salaries, and the distribution of these posts.

Asked by : Hon. SHEK Lai-him, Abraham

Reply :

A net increase of 20 new posts is required in 2011-12 to strengthen customs clearance and enforcement at the land boundary control points, enhance computer forensic capacity of the Department, and cope with additional workload arising from preparation for the establishment of a licensing regime for money service operators, control on re-export of unregistered medicines and declaration processing activities. The additional salaries cost involved is \$10.7 million. A breakdown of the posts to be created in 2011-12 is as follows –

Rank	Number	
	Posts to be created	Posts to be deleted
Programme (1)		
Senior Inspector of Customs and Excise	3	
Inspector of Customs and Excise	1	
Principal Trade Controls Officer	1	
Chief Trade Controls Officer	1	
Senior Trade Controls Officer	1	
Senior Clerical Officer	1	
Workman II		5
Programme (3)		
Workman II		1
Programme (5)		
Trade Controls Officer	11	
Assistant Trade Controls Officer	6	
Assistant Clerical Officer	4	
Typist		3
Posts to be created	29	
Posts to be deleted	9	
Net increase of posts	20	

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SB145

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Question Serial No.

3194

Head : 31 Customs and Excise Department

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Customs and Excise

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security / Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development / Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question :

With regard to the estimate of expenditure for the Information Technology Management Unit in the Department:

- a. What is the estimated expenditure in 2011-12? What is the range of variation when compared with the actual expenditure in 2010-11? What is the reason for the change in the aforesaid range in variation in respect of the expenditure?
- b. What specific work projects are mainly involved in the estimate of expenditure in 2011-12? Among them which are ongoing projects and which are new projects, respectively? What number of staff and cost are involved and what is the implementation timetable for each project? Among the manpower involved in each project, what are the respective proportions of civil servants, non-civil service contract staff and staff of outsourced services?
- c. Is there any provision reserved for the promotion of electronic civic participation and open public information? If so, what are the specific contents, including the title and details of the project, the manpower and cost involved, as well as the implementation timetable? If not, what is the reason and will the authorities consider introducing such measures in the future?
- d. What are the permanent establishment, current numbers of staff and vacant posts in the Information Technology Unit respectively? Any estimate for the increase in manpower for the next year? If so, what is the number of posts estimated to be increased? What are the ranks involved? Are they posts in the permanent establishment and are the staff employed on civil service terms? If no manpower will be increased, what is the reason?

- e. Has any comprehensive review on the efficiency of the Information Technology Unit been conducted? If so, what is the result of the review? What specific measures for improvement are involved? If no review has been conducted, what is the reason and will any review be conducted in the future?

Asked by : Hon. TAM Wai-ho, Samson

Reply :

The reply to the question regarding the estimates of expenditure for the Office of Information Technology (OIT) of the Customs and Excise Department (C&ED) is as follows:

- a. The estimate of general departmental expenses for 2011-12 is \$87 million, which represents an increase of about 16% over the estimated expenditure for 2010-11. The main increase is to make provision for the recurrent expenditure for the implementation of the Information System Strategy Projects (ISS Projects) by C&ED.
- b. The estimate of general departmental expenses for 2011-12 is about \$87 million. The ongoing projects are mainly those for supporting the business operation systems of the Department, which involve 86 civil servants and 65 non-civil servants. Apart from providing daily support to the business operation systems of the Department, OIT also plans to implement the ISS Projects and enhances the associated information technology infrastructure in 2011-12. The estimated expenditure for the ISS Projects for 2011-12 is about \$58 million, involving 8 civil servants and 22 non-civil servants. The ISS Projects are scheduled to be launched in March 2012.
- c. Apart from providing a departmental website to allow members of the public to obtain information of the Department electronically, C&ED has earmarked a sum of about \$7.6 million for developing the "Motor Vehicle First Registration Tax System (Phase 2)" project in 2011-12. The project will allow the public and vehicle traders to declare information on vehicles imported by them and submit motor vehicle first registration tax application in respect of these vehicles to C&ED through the internet platform. They may also check the status of the applications submitted and the most current information on the accepted retail prices of vehicles. C&ED is preparing the procurement and developing the system for the project at the moment, with the system targeted to be rolled out in November 2011. C&ED will need to employ 4 contract information technology professionals for this project.
- d. The OIT of C&ED has a permanent establishment of 87 and the current numbers of staff and vacant posts stand at 86 and one respectively.
- e. C&ED has established a Departmental Computerization Steering Committee (DCSC), which is responsible for overseeing the information technology development in C&ED to complement the computerization and modernization

progress of the Department. DCSC is chaired by the Deputy Commissioner of Customs and Excise. Apart from senior officers of C&ED, its members also include officers from the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer. Through regular meetings, DCSC will carry out comprehensive supervision on the information technology development in C&ED, which includes reviewing measures in relation to information technology in the Department and ensuring that the use of resources achieves the anticipated benefits.

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

SB146

Question Serial No.

0769

Head : 31 Customs and Excise Department

Subhead (No. & title) : 103 Rewards and Special Services

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Customs and Excise

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

The approved estimate for 2010-11 under this subhead is \$9 million, while the revised estimate for the same financial year is \$9.5 million. Please provide the justifications for and the details of the revised estimate.

The estimate for 2011-12 under this subhead is \$9.5 million which is the highest when compared with those in the past. Please provide the justifications for and the details of the estimate.

Asked by : Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply :

The Customs and Excise Department (C&ED) adjusted the revised estimate under this subhead for 2010-11 according to the needs of actual expenditure. It is not appropriate to reveal the details of the revised estimate under this subhead for 2010-11 because the disclosure of such information would compromise enforcement effectiveness.

C&ED set the estimated expenditure under this subhead for 2011-12 according to its estimated need. Similarly, it is not appropriate to reveal the details of the estimated expenditure under this subhead for 2011-12 because the disclosure of such information would compromise enforcement effectiveness.

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Name in block letters RICHARD M F YUEN

Post Title Commissioner of Customs and Excise

Date 15.3.2011

Reply Serial No.

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2011-12

SB147

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Question Serial No.

0770

Head : 31 Customs and Excise Department

Subhead (No. & title) : 103 Rewards and Special Services

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Customs and Excise

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

In the past three financial years (i.e. from 2008-09 to 2010-11), was there any surprise check on the subhead "Rewards and Special Services" to ensure the fund was used reasonably and in accordance with procedures? If yes, what are the rankings of the officers who carried out the surprise checks as well as the number of checks? If no, what was the reason and whether surprise checks will be carried out in the future?

Asked by : Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply :

Officers at or above the Assistant Commissioner level have carried out periodic surprise inspections of expenses under Subhead "Rewards and Special Services". The Director of Audit and the Internal Audit Division of the Customs and Excise Department have also carried out audits on the expenditure under this Subhead.

The number of surprise inspections conducted by the Department in the past three years is as follows:

Year 2008-09 : 21

Year 2009-10 : 22

Year 2010-11 : 19

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16.3.2011

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Head : 31 Customs and Excise Department

Subhead (No. & title) : 103 Rewards and Special Services

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Customs and Excise

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

- a) Please provide the amount of expenditure involved in 2010-11 for the provision of useful information from overseas for investigation purpose and the overseas places involved.
- b) Please provide the amount of expenditure involved in 2010-11 for the provision of useful information from locals for investigation purpose.
- c) Regarding the estimated provision for 2011-12, what is the estimated percentage for the payment for provision of useful information from overseas for investigation purpose?

Asked by : Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply :

Expenditure under Subhead 103 "Rewards and Special Services" includes payments of rewards, special services and operational expenses incurred in covert operations, including anti-narcotics, anti-illicit fuel and cigarettes, and anti-counterfeit operations. The actual expenditure under this subhead in 2010-11 (up to 7 March 2011) was \$7.913 million, whereas the estimated expenditure under this subhead in 2011-12 is \$9.5 million. It is not appropriate to reveal the estimated expenditure details for 2011-12 under this subhead because the disclosure of such information would compromise enforcement effectiveness.

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16.3.2011

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Head : 31 Customs and Excise Department

Subhead (No. & title) : 103 Rewards and Special Services

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Customs and Excise

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

- a) What are the number of cases in which rewards and special services payments were granted and the number of persons involved in 2010-11? Moreover, what are the number of rewards and special services payments made and the actual expenditures involved?
- b) Please list out the cases involving the offer of rewards for the arrest of offenders and their respective amounts, the actual expenditures involved, the actual number of payments made, and the number of recipients of such rewards in 2010-11.

Asked by : Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply :

- a) There were 42 reward payments made in 2010-11 (up to 7 March 2011). During the period, the total expenditure of rewards and special services was \$7.913 million, including reward payments and expenses of covert operations. Rewards are paid to informers who provide information leading to discovery of offences with seizures of offending articles and/or arrest of offenders while special services payments are made in relation to covert operations. It is not appropriate to reveal the expenditure details under this subhead because the disclosure of such information would compromise enforcement effectiveness.
- b) The Customs and Excise Department did not offer any bounties for the arrest of offenders in 2010-11.

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Date 16.3.2011

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Head : 31 Customs and Excise Department

Subhead (No. & title) : 103 Rewards and Special Services

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Customs and Excise

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

- a) What are the expenditures on the procurement and maintenance of equipment under subhead 103 in 2010-11?
- b) The estimated expenditure under this subhead for 2011-12 is \$9.5 million. How much of it will be used for rewards for the arrest of offenders and how much will be used for procurement and maintenance of equipment? What are the reasons for the high estimated expenditure in comparison with the previous one under this subhead?
- c) The estimated expenditure under this subhead for 2011-12 is \$9.5 million. How much of it will be earmarked for the suppression of serious crimes and the protection of intellectual property rights? Please give a breakdown of the expenditures.

Asked by : Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply :

- a) The total expenditure of rewards and special services in 2010-11 (up to 7 March 2011) was \$7.913 million. It is not appropriate to reveal the expenditure details under this subhead because the disclosure of such information would compromise enforcement effectiveness.
- b) The estimated expenditure under this subhead in 2011-12 is \$9.5 million, an amount set according to the estimated need. It is not appropriate to reveal the estimated expenditure details under this subhead in 2011-12 because the disclosure of such information would compromise enforcement effectiveness.

- c) The expenditure under this subhead will be used for combating offences under the enforcement purview of the Customs and Excise Department. There is no specific allocation to different types of offences.

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Name in block letters	<u>RICHARD M F YUEN</u>
Post Title	<u>Commissioner of Customs and Excise</u>
Date	<u>16.3.2011</u>

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

SB151

Head: 31 – Customs and Excise Department Subhead (No. & title): 000 Operational Expenses

Question Serial No.

1151

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Customs and Excise

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security / Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development / Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question:

Please provide the following information regarding the employment of non-civil service contract (NCSC) staff:

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply:

	2011 ¹	2010 (as at 31.12.2010)	2009 (as at 31.12.2009)	2008 (as at 31.12.2008)
Number of NCSC staff		24(-25%)	32(-30.4%)	46
Particulars of NCSC staff posts		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Project Officer • 8 Executive Assistants • 15 General Clerks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Web Editor • 1 Senior Executive Assistant • 7 Executive Assistants • 22 General Clerks • 1 Vessel Assistant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Project Officer • 6 Executive Assistants • 14 General Clerks • 22 Drivers • 3 Vessel Assistants
Expenditure on the salaries of NCSC staff		\$4.113 million (-10.6%)	\$4.601 million (-51%)	\$9.394 million
Distribution of monthly salary level of NCSC staff				
• \$30,001 or above		1(-50%)	2(100%)	1
• \$16,001 - \$30,000		8(14.3%)	7(16.7%)	6
• \$8,001 - \$16,000		15(-34.8%)	23(-41%)	39
• \$6,501 - \$8,000		0	0	0
• \$5,001 - \$6,500		0	0	0
• \$5,000 or below		0	0	0
• Number of NCSC staff with monthly salary lower than \$5,824		0	0	0
• Number of NCSC staff with monthly salary between \$5,824 and \$6,500		0	0	0

	2011 ¹	2010 (as at 31.12.2010)	2009 (as at 31.12.2009)	2008 (as at 31.12.2008)
Length of employment of NCSC staff				
• 5 years or above		2(0%)	2(-80%)	10
• 3 – 5 years		5(66.7%)	3(-72.7%)	11
• 1 – 3 years		14(55.6%)	9(-40%)	15
• less than 1 year		3(-83.3%)	18(80%)	10
Number of NCSC staff successfully converted to civil servants		0(-100%)	3 ² (-84.2%)	19 ²
Number of NCSC staff failed to convert to civil servants		0(-100%)	0(-100%)	9 ³
Percentage of NCSC staff in the total number of staff of the department		0.43% (-27.1%)	0.59% (-30.6%)	0.85%
Percentage of staff cost on NCSC staff in the total staff cost of the department		0.22% (-12%)	0.25% (-51.9%)	0.52%
Number of NCSC staff with remunerated meal break ⁴		24	32	46
Number of NCSC staff without remunerated meal break		0	0	0
Number of NCSC staff working 5 days a week		24(-22.6%)	31(47.6%)	21
Number of NCSC staff working 6 days a week		0(-100%)	1(-96%)	25

() denotes range of variation for each year

1. Figures are not available as the demand for NCSC staff varies from time to time according to service and operational requirements.
2. These 22 persons have been employed as contract drivers. They passed the open recruitment of the Government Logistics Department subsequently and were employed as Government Drivers.
3. These 9 persons have been employed as contract drivers. They had applied for the post of Government Driver but their applications were unsuccessful.
4. Considering all NCSC staff of the Customs and Excise Department are provided with remunerated meal breaks, listing the range of variation for each year therefore does not reflect the actual situation.

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Name in block letters RICHARD M F YUEN

Post Title Commissioner of Customs and Excise

Date 16.3.2011

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

SB152

Head: 31 Customs and Excise Department Subhead (No. & title): 000 Operational Expenses

Question Serial No.

1152

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Customs and Excise

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security / Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development / Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question:

Please provide the following information on the commissioning of services from “employees of intermediary organisations”:

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply:

The information regarding the commissioning of services from “employees of intermediary organisations” by the Customs and Excise Department (C&ED) is as follows:

		2011-12 (Note 1)	2010-11 (Note 2)	2009-10	2008-09
Number of contracts of engaging intermediary organisations	Others		3 (-57.1%)	7 (0%)	7
	T-contract (Note 3)		114 (+14.0%)	100 (+53.8%)	65
Contract sum paid to each intermediary organisation (in million dollars)	Others		\$0.17 (-58.5%) to \$0.92 (-28.7%)	\$0.41 (+720%) to \$1.29 (+9.3%)	\$0.05 to \$1.18
	T-contract (Note 3)		\$0.42 (+740.0%) to \$15.00 (+130.0%)	\$0.05 (-88.1%) to \$6.52 (+35.3%)	\$0.42 to \$4.82
Total amount of commission paid to each intermediary organisation	Others		When government departments procure services from intermediary organisations, there is no stipulation of the amount or the rate of commission paid to the intermediary organisations in the contracts. C&ED does not have the information concerned.		
	T-contract (Note 3)				

		2011-12 (Note 1)	2010-11 (Note 2)	2009-10	2008-09
Length of contract for each intermediary organisation	Others		9 months (+200%) to 12 months (0%)	3 months (-25%) to 12 months (0%)	4 months to 12 months
	T-contract (Note 3)		1 month (0%) to 12 months (0%)	1 month (-66.7%) to 12 months (0%)	3 months to 12 months
Number of employees of intermediary organisations	Others		2(-50%) to 9(-71%)	4(+300%) to 31(0%)	1 to 31
	T-contract (Note 3)		1(0%) to 30(+43%)	1(-50%) to 21(+50%)	2 to 14
Particulars of the posts held by employees of intermediary organisations	Others		General office support	General office support, categorisation of confiscated goods and technical support	General office support and categorisation of confiscated goods
	T-contract (Note 3)		Professional information technology support and system development		
Distribution of monthly salary level of employees of intermediary organisations					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$30,001 or above • \$16,001 - \$30,000 • \$8,001 - \$16,000 • \$6,501 - \$8,000 • \$5,001 - \$6,500 • \$5,000 or below <p>Number of employees of intermediary organisations with monthly salary lower than \$5,824</p> <p>Number of employees of intermediary organisations with monthly salary between \$5,824 and \$6,500</p>	Others		<p>When C&ED enters into a contract with an intermediary organisation, the intermediary organisation is required to undertake to pay the minimum level of wage to the employees of the intermediary organisation. The wage level concerned is set with reference to the average monthly wages of related industries/occupations published by the Census and Statistics Department.</p> <p>Furthermore, the contract which C&ED enters into with an intermediary organisation only specifies the charges for the provision of employees and the service by the intermediary organisation. Except the wages of non-skilled workers, C&ED does not have requirements on the wages of employees provided by the intermediary organisations.</p> <p>C&ED does not have the information concerned.</p>		

		2011-12 (Note 1)	2010-11 (Note 2)	2009-10	2008-09			
	T-contract (Note 3)		A T-contract only stipulates the service charge of each intermediary organisation on providing contract workers while the actual wages received by the workers were not specified.					
Length of employment of employees of intermediary organisations								
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 years or above • 3 - 5 years • 1 - 3 years • less than 1 year 	Others		The contract which C&ED enters into with an intermediary organisation only specifies the charges for the provision of employees and the service by the intermediary organisation. The intermediary organisation will provide different employees to the Department according to its operating conditions or upon the requests of the Department. C&ED does not have the information concerned.					
	T-contract (Note 3)		A T-contract only stipulates the length of service of each intermediary organisation on providing contract workers while the actual length of employment of the workers is not specified.					
Percentage of employees of intermediary organisations in the total number of staff of the department (Note 4)	Others		0.2% (-83.3%)	1.2% (+50%)	0.8%			
	T-contract (Note 3)		2.0% (+11.1%)	1.8% (+50%)	1.2%			
Percentage of the amount paid to intermediary organisations in the total staff cost of the department	Others		0.1% (-75%)	0.4% (+33.3%)	0.3%			
	T-contract (Note 3)		2.1% (+40%)	1.5% (+25%)	1.2%			
Number of employees of intermediary organisations with remunerated meal break	Others		When procuring manpower services, C&ED requires the intermediary organisations to undertake to pay the minimum level of wage to their employees of the intermediary organisations. The wage level concerned is set with reference to the average monthly wages of related industries/occupations published by the Census and Statistics Department. There is no specification of whether the meal breaks are remunerated. Currently, the employees of the intermediary organisations in the Department work 5 days a week.					
	T-contract (Note 3)							
Number of employees of intermediary organisations without remunerated meal break	Others							
	T-contract (Note 3)							
Number of employees of intermediary organisations working 5 days a week	Others							
	T-contract (Note 3)							
Number of employees of intermediary organisations working 6 days a week	Others					In fact, employees of the intermediary organisations are the manpower supplied by the intermediary organizations under service contracts working in the Department. Therefore, there is no employer/employee relationship between the employees of the intermediary organizations and the C&ED. Whether		
	T-contract (Note 3)							

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

SB153

Head: 31 Customs and
Excise Department

Subhead (No. & title): 000 Operational
Expenses

Question Serial No.

1153

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Customs and Excise

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security / Secretary for Commerce and Economic
Development / Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question:

Please provide the information on engaging “workers through outsourcing services contracts”:

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply:

The information on workers engaged through outsourcing service contracts of the Customs and Excise Department (C&ED) is as follows:

	2011-12 (Note 1)	2010-11 (Note 2)	2009-10	2008-09
Number of outsourcing service contracts		21 (+16.7%)	18 (+12.5%)	16
Total sum paid to outsourcing service providers		\$67,109,680 (+483.2%)	\$11,507,434 (-2.4%)	\$11,785,447
Length of contract for each outsourcing service provider		2 weeks (-50.0%) to 3 years (0%)	1 month (0%) to 3 years (0%)	1 month to 3 years
Number of workers engaged through outsourcing service providers		249 (+139.4%)	104 (+5.1%)	99
Particulars of the posts held by outsourcing service contract workers (e.g. customer service, property management, security, cleansing and information technology)		Property management, security and cleansing	Property management, security and cleansing	Property management, security and cleansing
Distribution of monthly salary level of workers engaged through outsourcing service contract <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$30,001 or above • \$16,001 - \$30,000 • \$8,001 - \$16,000 • \$6,501 - \$8,000 • \$5,001 - \$6,500 • \$5,000 or below • number of outsourcing service contract workers with monthly salary lower than \$5,824 		When procuring outsourcing services, Government departments require undertaking from the outsourcing service providers that the wages they pay the employees of the outsourcing service providers should be set with reference to the average monthly wages of related industries/occupations published by the Census and Statistics Department. C&ED does not have the information concerned.		

	2011-12 (Note 1)	2010-11 (Note 2)	2009-10	2008-09
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> number of outsourcing service contract workers with monthly salary between \$5,824 and \$6,500 				
Length of employment of outsourcing service contract workers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 years or above 3 - 5 years 1 - 3 years less than 1 year 		When procuring outsourcing services, Government departments have not required stipulating the length of employment of the employees of the outsourcing service providers in the contracts. C&ED does not have the information concerned.		
Percentage of outsourcing service contract workers in the total number of staff of the department (Note 3)		4.4% (+131.6%)	1.9% (+5.6%)	1.8%
Percentage of the amount paid to outsourcing service contract providers in the total staff cost of the department		3.5% (+483.3%)	0.6% (0%)	0.6%
Number of outsourcing service contract workers with remunerated meal break Number of outsourcing service contract workers without remunerated meal break		When procuring outsourcing services, Government departments require undertaking from the outsourcing service providers that the wages they pay the employees of the outsourcing service providers should be set with reference to the average monthly wages of related industries/occupations published by the Census and Statistics Department. There is no specification of whether the meal breaks are remunerated in the contracts. C&ED does not have the information concerned.		
Number of outsourcing service contract workers working 5 days a week Number of outsourcing service contract workers working 6 days a week		When procuring outsourcing services, Government departments only require specifying the number of days of service per month, but not the number of working days per week of the staff of the outsourcing service providers in the contracts. C&ED does not have the information concerned.		

() denotes range of variation for each year

Note 1 Figures are not available as the demand for the outsourcing service contracts varies from time to time according to the service and operational requirements.

Note 2 Position as at 4 March 2011.

Note 3 Figure showing the establishment / estimated establishment on the last day of that financial year.

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Post Title Commissioner of Customs and Excise

Date 16.3.2011

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2011-12**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**Head : 31 Customs and Excise DepartmentSubhead (No. & title) :Programme : (1) Control and EnforcementControlling Officer : Commissioner of Customs and ExciseDirector of Bureau : Secretary for Security / Secretary for Commerce and Economic
Development / Secretary for Financial Services and the
TreasuryQuestion :

Regarding Programme (1) Control and Enforcement, provision for 2011-12 is \$114.4 million, i.e. 6.6% higher than the revised estimate for 2010-11. The authorities indicated in Analysis of Financial and Staffing Provision that one of the reasons is the full year effect of increased operating expenses following the commissioning of the Customs Headquarters Building.

Following the commissioning of the Customs Headquarters Building, the scattered formations of the Customs and Excise Department (C&ED) are brought together and it should follow that synergistic effect will be generated, thereby reducing the operating expenses. Why will the annual operating expenses increase following the commissioning of the Customs Headquarters Building?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Yuk-manReply :

Before the commissioning of the Customs Headquarters Building, offices of the Customs and Excise Department (C&ED) were scattered in Government premises or offices rented through arrangements by the Government Property Agency (GPA) in various districts. The day-to-day operating expenses of these offices, comprising mainly electricity charges, cleansing fees, property management fees, maintenance charges, etc., were paid for by GPA or the Architectural Services Department in the past. Since the commissioning of the Customs Headquarters Building in December 2010, the Department is now responsible for paying the day-to-day operating expenses of all the offices and facilities within the new Building itself. In order to pay for these annual expenses, the estimate for 2011-12 is therefore higher than the revised estimate for 2010-11.

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RICHARD M F YUEN

Commissioner of Customs and Excise

15.3.2011

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

SB155

Head: 45 Fire Services Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

0126

Programme: (2) Fire Protection and Prevention

Controlling Officer: Director of Fire Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question: With the ever-increasing rentals of commercial buildings, plenty of commercial undertakings have switched to continue operation by renting industrial building units. Such operating activities have generated a high pedestrian flow, thereby exerting pressure on the existing fire service installation (FSI) in those industrial buildings. In this regard, what are the expected numbers of inspection conducted and prosecutions instituted on unlawful operation in industrial buildings and FSI not in compliance with relevant requirements? What are the corresponding numbers of inspection conducted and prosecutions instituted in the past 3 years?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply: The Fire Services Department (FSD) estimates that it will conduct approximately 1 600 inspections to industrial buildings in 2011 (excluding follow-up inspections arising from the Territory-wide Industrial Building Survey on Fire Safety). If industrial buildings are found to be converted to commercial use during inspection, FSD will refer such cases to the departments concerned (e.g. the Lands Department and the Buildings Department) for follow up actions.

The number of inspections conducted and prosecutions on industrial buildings by FSD in the past 3 years are as follows:-

	2008	2009	2010
Number of inspections on industrial buildings	1 721	1 876	1 513*
Number of cases with Fire Hazard Abatement Notice issued due to non-compliance of requirements on fire service installation (FSI)	97	108	96
Number of prosecutions related to FSI in industrial buildings	2	2	4

*This figure does not include approximately 3 000 inspections conducted by FSD in relation to the 2010 Territory-wide Industrial Building Survey on Fire Safety.

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Name in block letters LO CHUN HUNG

Post Title Director of Fire Services

Date 17.3.2011

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

SB156

Head: 45 Fire Services Department Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

0127

Programme: (2) Fire Protection and Prevention

Controlling Officer: Director of Fire Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question: What is the Administration's estimated number of inspection of fire safety in pre-1973 composite/domestic buildings in the coming year? What is the percentage of this number in the total number of inspection? And what is the number of relevant inspection in the past 3 years?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply: The Fire Safety (Buildings) Ordinance (Cap 572) has commenced operation on 1 July 2007, with a view to enhancing the fire safety standards of composite/domestic buildings constructed before 1987. The Fire Services Department (FSD) plans to inspect 1 150 composite buildings in collaboration with the Buildings Department (BD) in 2011. Over 80% of them were constructed before 1973.

In collaboration with BD, FSD inspected 842, 1 001 and 1 150 composite buildings in 2008, 2009 and 2010 respectively.

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Name in block letters LO CHUN HUNG

Post Title Director of Fire Services

Date 17.3.2011

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

SB157

Head: 45 Fire Services Department Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

3690

Programme: (3) Ambulance Service

Controlling Officer: Director of Fire Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question: Under this Programme, the Fire Services Department will create 136 posts and fill vacancies in 2011-12. Please advise the natures, ranks, salaries and job natures of these posts.

Asked by: Hon. LEE Kok-long, Joseph

Reply: Under this Programme, the Fire Services Department will create 136 posts in 2011-12, with details as follows:

	Rank	No. of posts created	Annual expenditure on salary per person (based on notional annual mid-point salary)	Job nature
(a)	Senior Ambulanceman	44	\$290,880	To provide paramedic ambulance service and supervise Ambulancemen in providing pre-hospital care and emergency aid, for which the creation of posts is mentioned in (b) below.
(b)	Ambulanceman	89	\$210,180	To operate additional ambulance shifts to cope with the increasing demand for emergency ambulance service; and to provide pre-hospital care and emergency aid.
(c)	Ambulance Officer	3	\$446,820	To assist in the management of ambulance depots, provide training to Ambulancemen, and take command of operations and make deployment at the scenes of incidents.

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Post Title Director of Fire Services

Date 17.3.2011

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

SB158

Head: 45 Fire Services Department Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

3691

Programme: (3) Ambulance Service

Controlling Officer: Director of Fire Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question: Under this Programme, the provision under Town ambulances (block vote) for 2011-12 for the procurement of new and replacement of ambulances represents an increase of \$38,311,000 over the revised estimate for 2010-11. Please advise the number of new and replacement ambulances.

Asked by: Hon. LEE Kok-long, Joseph

Reply: The Department has proposed a provision of over \$147 million for 2011-12 for the procurement of 21 additional and 25 replacement town ambulances, as well as for the payment of some of the additional and replacement town ambulances approved for procurement in the previous financial year.

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Post Title Director of Fire Services

Date 17.3.2011

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

SB159

Head: 45 Fire Services Department Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

2389

Programme: (1) Fire Service

Controlling Officer: Director of Fire Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question: Regarding the replacement of the existing radio communications system and the procurement of fire services equipment, please list out the Fire Services Department's expenditure for 2010-11 and estimated expenditure for 2011-12.

Asked by: Hon. LI Fung-ying

Reply: The expenditure for the replacement of radio communications system and the procurement of fire services equipment are as follows:

Item	Estimated expenditure (\$)	
	2010-11	2011-12 (Estimate)
Replacement of radio communications system	50,000,000	98,000,000
Procurement of fire services equipment	212,355,000	292,575,000

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Post Title Director of Fire Services

Date 17.3.2011

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

SB160

Head: 45 Fire Services Department Subhead 000 Operational
(No. & title): expenses

Question Serial No.

2935

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Fire Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question: With regard to the increase of 208 posts in 2011-12, what are the expenditures involved by grade and post?

Asked by: Hon. PAN Pey-chyou

Reply: The Fire Services Department will have a net increase of 208 posts in 2011-12, details of which are as follows:

Grade	Post	Number of post(s) to be created/deleted	Salaries* (\$)
Station Officer/ Divisional Officer	Divisional Officer	1	999,360
	Assistant Divisional Officer	1	832,140
	Senior Station Officer/Station Officer	2	1,158,960
Fireman	Principal Fireman	6	2,126,160
	Senior Fireman	6	1,745,280
	Fireman	29	5,889,900
Ambulance Officer	Ambulance Officer	3	1,340,460
Ambulanceman	Senior Ambulanceman	44	12,798,720
	Ambulanceman	89	18,706,020
Supplies Officer	Senior Supplies Officer	1	667,680
Electrical and Mechanical Engineer	Electrical and Mechanical Engineer /Assistant Electrical and Mechanical Engineer	1	550,050
Executive Officer	Executive Officer II	1	352,800
Liaison Officer	Liaison Officer II	-2	-641,640
Clerical Officer	Assistant Clerical Officer	24	4,572,000
Clerical Assistant	Clerical Assistant	2	297,120
	Total :	208	51,395,010

* Notional annual mid-point salary in 2011-12.

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Post Title Director of Fire Services

Date 17.3.2011

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

SB161

Head: 45 Fire Services Department Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

2936

Programme: (3) Ambulance Service

Controlling Officer: Director of Fire Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question: Regarding the matter of “continuing to explore the feasibility of introducing a Medical Priority Dispatch System in Hong Kong”, please advise the Committee on:

- (a) the current progress of the study;
- (b) whether the union(s) and patient group(s) concerned have been consulted (If yes, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?); and
- (c) when the study will be completed.

Asked by: Hon. PAN Pey-chyou

Reply: We conducted a public consultation on the proposal to introduce “Medical Priority Dispatch System” (MPDS) in 2009. The MPDS aims to prioritise response to emergency ambulance calls in accordance with the degree of urgency, such that priority emergency assistance can be provided to patients in critical or immediately life-threatening conditions. During the consultation period, we distributed the consultation documents widely and explained the proposal to key stakeholders including various elderly organisations, patient groups, other community organisations and staff unions. According to the outcome of the consultation, about 70% of the community was in support of MPDS. We reported the outcome to the Legislative Council Panel on Security (Panel) in April 2010. We will take the views and opinions of the community and the Panel into careful consideration in studying the way forward and details of the long-term plan.

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Post Title Director of Fire Services

Date 17.3.2011

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

SB162

Head: 45 Fire Services Department Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

1648

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Fire Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question: In 2011-12, the Fire Services Department will increase 208 non-directorate posts. What are the justifications for such an increase? What is the actual expenditure involved? Please also provide a breakdown for the 208 posts including their ranks and salaries, and the distribution of these posts.

Asked by: Hon. SHEK Lai-him, Abraham

Reply: The Fire Services Department will have a net increase of 208 non-directorate posts in 2011-12, details of which are as follows:

Rank	Number of post(s) to be created/ deleted	Salaries* (\$)	Reasons for creation of post(s)
Senior Station Officer/Station Officer	3	1,738,440	To increase the number of fire appliances and create corresponding posts, with a view to coping with the higher fire risk as a result of population increase in Sham Tseng area.
Principal Fireman	4	1,417,440	
Senior Fireman	8	2,327,040	
Fireman	29	5,889,900	
Senior Station Officer/Station Officer	1	579,480	To strengthen the management of information technology projects.
Divisional Officer	1	999,360	To set up a dedicated Procurement Group to enhance the effectiveness of procurement work.
Assistant Divisional Officer	1	832,140	
Senior Station Officer/Station Officer	1	579,480	
Senior Supplies Officer	1	667,680	
Electrical and Mechanical Engineer	1	550,050	
Executive Officer II	1	352,800	To strengthen administrative and clerical support.
Assistant Clerical Officer	24	4,572,000	
Clerical Assistant	2	297,120	
Senior Station Officer/Station Officer	-3	-1,738,440	Lapse of time-limited posts in the Licensing and Certification Command.
Senior Fireman	-2	-581,760	

Rank	Number of post(s) to be created/ deleted	Salaries* (\$)	Reasons for creation of post(s)
Principal Fireman Liaison Officer II	2 -2	708,720 -641,640	To strengthen the support for Fire Safety Ambassadors and Building Fire Safety Envoys and to enhance the effectiveness of community education on fire prevention.
Senior Ambulanceman Ambulanceman	44 89	12,798,720 18,706,020	To operate 22 additional ambulance shifts to cope with the overall increase in demand for emergency ambulance service.
Ambulance Officer	3	1,340,460	To strengthen the frontline command and management of ambulance service.
Total:	208	51,395,010	

* Notional annual mid-point salary in 2011-12.

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Post Title Director of Fire Services

Date 17.3.2011

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

SB163

Head: 45 Fire Services Department Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

3179

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Fire Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question: Regarding the estimates of expenditure of the Information Technology Management Unit (ITMU) of the Department:

- a. What is the estimated expenditure for 2011-12? What is the percentage change compared with the actual expenditure for 2010-11? What account for this percentage change in expenditure?
- b. What specific initiatives are involved in the estimates of expenditure for 2011-12? Which of them are ongoing and new initiatives respectively? What are the staff number, cost and implementation timetable of each initiative? Among the staff involved, how many of them are civil servants, non-civil service contract staff and employees of outsourced services respectively?
- c. Whether funds have been reserved for promoting electronic civic participation and public sector information access? If yes, what are the specific details, including the titles and particulars of the initiatives, the manpower and cost involved, and the implementation timetable? If not, what are the reasons and will consideration be given to introducing the initiatives in the future?
- d. What are the permanent establishment and the number of existing staff and vacancies of ITMU? Is manpower expected to increase in the coming year? If yes, how many additional posts will be created? What ranks will be involved? Will they be permanent posts? Will they be appointed on civil service terms? If there will be no increase in manpower, what are the reasons?
- e. Has there been any comprehensive review of the effectiveness of ITMU? If yes, what are the results and the specific improvement measures involved? If not, what are the reasons and will a review be conducted in the future?

Asked by: Hon. TAM Wai-ho, Samson

Reply: a. The estimated expenditure of the Information Technology Management Unit (ITMU) of the Fire Services Department (FSD) for 2011-12 is \$84.67 million, which is \$5.85 million (6.4%) less than the revised estimate of \$90.52 million for 2010-11. The higher revised

estimate for 2010-11 is due to last year's one-off replacement of 680 computers by FSD.

- b. In 2011-12, FSD will implement the following initiatives under Capital Works Reserve Fund Head 710 Computerisation:

Initiatives	Manpower required in 2011-12			Estimated cost for 2011-12
	Civil servants *	Non-civil service contract staff	Outsourced workers	
(i) Implementation of an Integrated Licensing, Fire Safety and Prosecution System	4	1	1	\$26.16 million
(ii) Development of a computer system to enhance procurement and asset management	4	0	1	\$702,000
(iii) Development of a computer system to enhance ambulance service	3	0	1	\$770,000

* As part of the Department's permanent establishment.

Of the above, (i) is an ongoing initiative; while (ii) and (iii) will be implemented after funding has been approved by the Finance Committee of Legislative Council.

- c. Currently, FSD has been promoting electronic public engagement and access to public sector information through various channels and electronic platforms such as GovHK and FSD's website. We have not reserved additional funds specifically for this service for 2011-12.
- d. There are 13 posts in the permanent establishment of ITMU and there is no vacant post at present. In 2011-12, FSD will create 1 Senior Station Officer/Station Officer civil service permanent post in ITMU.
- e. Under our existing monitoring mechanism, we have set up the Information Technology Steering Committee to review ITMU's human resources and development plan annually, with a view to ensuring the effectiveness and enhancing the level of ITMU's service.

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Post Title Director of Fire Services

Date 17.3.2011

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

SB164

Head: 45 Fire Services Department Subhead 000 Operational
(No. & title): Expenses

Question Serial No.

2506

Programme:Controlling Officer: Director of Fire ServicesDirector of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question: Regarding the employment of non-civil service contract (NCSC) staff, please provide the following information:

	2011-12	2010-11	2009-10	2008-09
Number of NCSC staff	()	()	()	()
Particulars of NCSC posts				
Expenditure on the salaries of NCSC staff	()	()	()	()
Monthly salary range of NCSC staff				
• \$30,001 or above	()	()	()	()
• \$16,001 - \$30,000	()	()	()	()
• \$8,001 - \$16,000	()	()	()	()
• \$6,501 - \$8,000	()	()	()	()
• \$5,001 - \$6,500	()	()	()	()
• \$5,000 or below	()	()	()	()
• Number of staff with monthly salary lower than \$5,824	()	()	()	()
• Number of staff with monthly salary between \$5,824 and \$6,500	()	()	()	()
Length of employment of NCSC staff				
• 5 years or above	()	()	()	()
• 3 - 5 years	()	()	()	()
• 1 - 3 years	()	()	()	()
• less than 1 year	()	()	()	()
Number of NCSC staff successfully turned into civil servants	()	()	()	()
Number of NCSC staff failing to turn into civil servants	()	()	()	()
NCSC staff as a percentage of the total number of staff in the department	()	()	()	()
Staff costs on NCSC staff as a percentage of the total staff costs in the department	()	()	()	()
Number of NCSC staff with paid meal break	()	()	()	()
Number of NCSC staff without paid meal break	()	()	()	()
Number of NCSC staff working 5 days a week	()	()	()	()
Number of NCSC staff working 6 days a week	()	()	()	()

Figures in () denote year-on-year changes

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply: Regarding the employment of non-civil service contract (NCSC) staff, the required information is as follows:

	2011-12 [NCSC staff will be employed based on actual needs in the coming year. The required information is not available at present.]	2010 [as at 31-12-2010]	2009 [as at 31-12-2009]	2008 [as at 31-12-2008]
Number of NCSC staff		30(-3.2%)	31(+24%)	25
Particulars of NCSC positions		Work relating to telecommunications and information technology, administration, clerical, community liaison, translation and project management.		
Expenditure on the salaries of NCSC staff		About \$9,300,000 (+14.8%)	About \$8,100,000 (+2.5%)	About \$7,900,000
Monthly salary range of NCSC staff				
• \$30,001 or above		5 (0%)	5 (+25%)	4
• \$16,001 - \$ 30,000		12(+9.1%)	11(+22.2%)	9
• \$8,001 - \$16,000		13(-13.3%)	15 (+25%)	12
• \$6,501 - \$8,000		0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0
• \$5,001 - \$6,500		0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0
• \$5,000 or below		0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0
• Number of staff with monthly salary lower than \$5,824		0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0
• Number of staff with monthly salary between \$5,824 and \$6,500		0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0
Length of employment of NCSC staff				
• 5 years or above		0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0
• 3 - 5 years		0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0
• 1 - 3 years		27(+12.5%)	24 (-4%)	25
• less than 1 year		3(-57.1%)	7 (-)	0
Number of NCSC staff successfully turned into civil servants		[There is currently no mechanism for NCSC staff to turn into civil servants.]		
Number of NCSC staff failing to turn into civil servants		[There is currently no mechanism for NCSC staff to turn into civil servants.]		
NCSC staff as a percentage of the total number of staff in the department		0.31%(-0.01%)	0.32%(+0.06%)	0.26%
Staff costs on NCSC staff as a percentage of the total staff costs in the department		About 0.29% (+0.03%)	About 0.26% (-0.01%)	About 0.27%
Number of NCSC staff with paid meal break		30(-3.2%)	31 (+24%)	25
Number of NCSC staff without paid meal break		0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0
Number of NCSC staff working 5 days a week		30(-3.2%)	31 (+24%)	25
Number of NCSC staff working 6 days a week		0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0

Figures in () denote year-on-year changes

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

SB165

Question Serial No.

Head: 45 Fire Services Department Subhead 000 Operational
(No. & title): Expenses

2979

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Fire Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question: On the engagement of “outsourced workers”, please provide the following information:

	2011-12	2010-11	2009-10	2008-09
Number of outsourced service contracts	()	()	()	()
Total amount paid to outsourced service providers	()	()	()	()
Length of contract for each outsourced service provider	()	()	()	()
Number of workers engaged through outsourced service providers	()	()	()	()
Details of the positions held by outsourced workers (e.g. customer service, property management, security, cleaning and information technology)				
Monthly salary range of outsourced workers				
• \$30,001 or above	()	()	()	()
• \$16,001 - \$30,000	()	()	()	()
• \$8,001 - \$16,000	()	()	()	()
• \$6,501 - \$8,000	()	()	()	()
• \$5,001 - \$6,500	()	()	()	()
• \$5,000 or below	()	()	()	()
• number of workers with salary below \$5,824	()	()	()	()
• number of workers with salary between \$5,824 and \$6,500	()	()	()	()
Length of service of outsourced workers				
• 5 years or longer	()	()	()	()
• 3 - 5 years	()	()	()	()
• 1 - 3 years	()	()	()	()
• less than 1 year	()	()	()	()
Outsourced workers as a percentage of the total number of staff in the department	()	()	()	()
Amount paid to outsourced service providers as a percentage of the total departmental staff expenditure	()	()	()	()
Number of workers with paid meal break	()	()	()	()
Number of workers without paid meal break	()	()	()	()
Number of workers on five-day week	()	()	()	()
Number of workers on six-day week	()	()	()	()

() denotes percentage of increase or decrease per year

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply: Details of employment of “outsourced workers” by the Fire Services Department (FSD) are set out below:

	2011-12	2010-11 [As at 31-3-2011]	2009-10 [As at 31-3-2010]	2008-09 [As at 31-3-2009]
Number of outsourced service contracts	See Remark	9 (+80%)	5 (+25%)	4
Total amount paid to outsourced service providers		\$28,118,000 (+24.1%)	\$22,659,000 (+14.3%)	\$19,830,000 (-)
Length of contract for each outsourced service provider		From 9 months to 36 months		
Number of workers engaged through outsourced service providers		The number of workers is determined by outsourced service providers according to the service required. FSD does not have information about the total number of workers.		
Details of the positions held by outsourced workers (e.g. customer service, property management, security, cleaning and information technology)		Security, cleaning, general service, catering and professional skills	Security, cleaning, catering and professional skills	Security, cleaning, catering and professional skills
Monthly salary range of outsourced workers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$30,001 or above • \$16,001 - \$30,000 • \$8,001 - \$16,000 • \$6,501 - \$8,000 • \$5,001 - \$6,500 • \$5,000 or below • number of workers with salary below \$5,824 • number of workers with salary between \$5,824 and \$6,500 		Monthly salary of outsourced workers is agreed between outsourced service providers and their employees when they enter into employment contracts. FSD does not have detailed information about the monthly salary of outsourced workers. If the service contract is mainly related to the employment of non-skilled workers, the monthly salary paid by outsourced service providers to these workers cannot be lower than the average monthly salary of the relevant industries/staff set out in the latest <i>Quarterly Report of Wage and Payroll Statistics</i> published by the Census and Statistics Department at the time when tenders were invited.		
Length of service of outsourced workers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 years or longer • 3 - 5 years • 1 - 3 years • less than 1 year 		The length of service of outsourced workers is not specified in the procurement contract for outsourced service. When using outsourced service, FSD mainly focuses on whether service providers can fulfill the service requirements set out in the contracts. FSD does not have the relevant information.		
Outsourced workers as a percentage of the total number of staff in the department		It is determined by outsourced service providers according to the service required. FSD does not have information about the total number of workers.		

	2011-12	2010-11 [As at 31-3-2011]	2009-10 [As at 31-3-2010]	2008-09 [As at 31-3-2009]
Amount paid to outsourced service providers as a percentage of the total departmental staff expenditure		0.9% (+28.6%)	0.7% (0%)	0.7%
Number of workers with paid meal break		Whether meal breaks are paid or unpaid is a matter of agreement between the outsourced service providers and their employees. FSD does not keep the relevant information.		
Number of workers without paid meal break				
Number of workers on five-day week		The number of working days per week is agreed between the outsourced service providers and their employees when they enter into employment contracts. FSD does not keep the relevant information.		
Number of workers on six-day week				

Remark: Figures for 2011-12 are not available as the number of “outsourced workers” varies in accordance with changing service needs.

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Post Title Director of Fire Services

Date 17.3.2011

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

SB166

Question Serial No.

Head: 45 Fire Services Department Subhead 000 Operational
(No. & title): Expenses

2980

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Fire Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question: On the engagement of "agency workers", please provide the following information:

	2011-12	2010-11	2009-10	2008-09
Number of contracts of engaging employment agencies	()	()	()	()
Contract sum paid to each employment agency	()	()	()	()
Total amount of commission paid to each employment agency	()	()	()	()
Length of contract for each employment agency	()	()	()	()
Number of agency workers	()	()	()	()
Details of the positions held by agency workers				
Monthly salary range of agency workers				
• \$30,001 or above	()	()	()	()
• \$16,001 - \$30,000	()	()	()	()
• \$8,001 - \$16,000	()	()	()	()
• \$6,501 - \$8,000	()	()	()	()
• \$5,001 - \$6,500	()	()	()	()
• \$5,000 or below	()	()	()	()
• number of workers with salary below \$5,824	()	()	()	()
• number of workers with salary between \$5,824 and \$6,500	()	()	()	()
Length of service of agency workers				
• 5 years or longer	()	()	()	()
• 3 - 5 years	()	()	()	()
• 1 - 3 years	()	()	()	()
• less than 1 year	()	()	()	()
Agency workers as a percentage of the total number of staff in the department	()	()	()	()
Amount paid to employment agencies as a percentage of the total departmental staff expenditure	()	()	()	()
Number of workers with paid meal break	()	()	()	()
Number of workers without paid meal break	()	()	()	()
Number of workers on five-day week	()	()	()	()
Number of workers on six-day week	()	()	()	()

() denotes percentage of increase or decrease per year

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply: Details of the Fire Services Department (FSD) engaging “agency workers” are tabulated as follows:

	2011-12	2010-11 [As at 31-3-2011]	2009-10 [As at 31-3-2010]	2008-09 [As at 31-3-2009]
Number of contracts of engaging employment agencies	See Remark	1 (-50%) Clerical service	2 (+100%) (i) Clerical service (ii) Workman service	1 Workman service
Contract sum paid to employment agency		\$177,000 (-96.8%)	\$5,573,000 (+44.6%)	\$3,855,000
Total amount of commission paid to each employment agency		No information on commission		
Length of contract for each employment agency		7 months	(i) 12 months (ii) 24 months	24 months
Number of agency workers		20(-85.5%)	138(+138.0%)	58
Details of the positions held by agency workers		Clerical service	(i) Clerical service (ii) Workman service	Workman service
Monthly salary range of agency workers				
• \$30,001 or above		-	-	-
• \$16,001 - \$30,000		-	-	-
• \$8,001 - \$16,000		-	-	-
• \$6,501 - \$8,000		20 (-)	-	-
• \$5,824 - \$6,500		-	33 (-)	-
• \$5,823 or below		-	105 (+81.0%)	58
Length of service of agency workers	As the employment contract is entered into between the employment agencies and their employees, FSD does not keep the relevant information.			
• 5 years or longer				
• 3 - 5 years				
• 1 - 3 years				
• less than 1 year				
Agency workers as a percentage of the total number of staff in the department	0.2% (-85.7%)	1.4% (+133.3%)	0.6%	
Amount paid to employment agencies as a percentage of the total departmental staff expenditure	0.01% (-95.0%)	0.2% (+100%)	0.1%	
Number of workers with paid meal break Number of workers without paid meal break	Whether meal breaks are paid or unpaid is matter of agreement between the employment agencies and their employees. FSD does not keep the relevant information.			
Number of workers on five-day week Number of workers on six-day week	20 (-71.4%) 0 (-100%)	70 (-) 68 (+17.2%)	0 58	

Remark: Figures for 2011-12 are not available as the number of “agency workers” to be engaged will be determined according to changing service needs.

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Post Title Director of Fire Services

Date 17.3.2011

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

SB167

Head: 45 Fire Services Department Subhead (No. & title): 603 Plant, vehicles and equipment

Question Serial No.

3539

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Fire Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

- Question: a. In respect of Subhead 603 Plant, vehicles and equipment under Capital Account, the estimate for 2011-12 is \$261,247,000. Why is it much higher than the figure of revised estimate for 2010-11 (\$100,224,000)? Of which, what is the average life span of vehicles and equipment requiring replacement? And
- b. When will the Administration replace the old one with a new generation digital communications system? What will be the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-kin

- Reply: a. The estimated expenditure for Plant, vehicles and equipment under Capital Account for 2011-12 is higher than the revised estimate for 2010-11, as the payment for some of the vehicles approved for procurement in previous financial years will be made this financial year. The average life span of the vehicles to be replaced is about 14 years.
- b. The approved project estimate for the new generation digital communications system under Capital Works Reserve Fund Subhead 708 Capital Subventions and Major Systems and Equipment is \$178 million. The system is expected to be commissioned in July this year.

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Post Title Director of Fire Services

Date 17.3.2011

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

SB168

Head: 45 Fire Services Department Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

0427

Programme: (3) Ambulance Service

Controlling Officer: Director of Fire Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question: Regarding Programme (3) Ambulance Service, the number of emergency calls has increased by approximately 4.8% from 617 265 in 2009 to 646 733 in 2010. Besides, the Administration estimates that the number of emergency calls will further increase to 677 000 in 2011. What are the reasons for the continuous increase in the number of emergency calls? Has the Administration assessed the effectiveness of the prevailing publicity campaigns on proper use of emergency ambulance service?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Yuk-man

Reply: We assess that the continuous increase in the number of emergency ambulance calls may be partly due to the population growth and ageing population. In recent years, the Department has been proactively promoting the judicious use of emergency ambulance service through public education and publicity campaigns. The decrease of annual growth rate of emergency ambulance calls from 6.3% in 2007 to 4.8% in 2010 reflects that the Department's publicity work has positive effect.

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Post Title Director of Fire Services

Date 17.3.2011

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

SB169

Head: 45 Fire Services Department Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

0428

Programme: (3) Ambulance Service

Controlling Officer: Director of Fire Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question: Under Programme (3) Ambulance Service, emergency move-ups of ambulances to provide operational coverage increased by 12.8% from 59 523 in 2009 to 67 166 in 2010. It is estimated that the figure will increase to 68 000 in 2011. What are the reasons for the significant increase in emergency move-ups of ambulances to provide operational coverage?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Yuk-man

Reply: To improve the response time for emergency ambulance service and strengthen the service coverage, the Fire Services Department (FSD) flexibly deploys the ambulance resources of different districts and moves up ambulances to other fire stations or ambulance depots as stand-bys. The increase in the relevant figure in 2010 as compared to that in 2009 was mainly due to the higher number of total emergency calls in the year. As for the estimate for 2011, FSD made the assessment mainly with reference to past figures.

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Post Title Director of Fire Services

Date 17.3.2011

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

SB170

Head: 45 Fire Services Department Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

0429

Programme: (3) Ambulance Service

Controlling Officer: Director of Fire Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question: Please list out the average age of ambulances and the number of breakdowns of ambulances when attending calls in 2009 and 2010 respectively. What measures has the Administration taken to minimise the number of breakdowns of ambulances when attending calls?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Yuk-man

Reply: As at end of 2010, the Fire Services Department (FSD) had about 260 ambulances providing emergency ambulance service. To address the aging problem of ambulances, we have replaced 196 ambulances in the past 2 years. The average age of ambulances has decreased from 8.4 years in the latter half of 2008 to 4.7 years in 2009 and 2.2 years in 2010.

FSD has been working with the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department to implement various measures to reduce the breakdown and enhance the reliability of ambulances. These include increasing the frequency of preventive maintenance of ambulances, implementing a bulk replacement programme to replace parts that are more susceptible to breakdowns, and setting up 2 quick repair workshops in Yuen Long and Shatin Ambulance Depots, etc. Since the implementation of the above improvement measures, the number of ambulance breakdown has substantially reduced. In 2010, there were 108 cases of breakdown of ambulances when attending calls, representing a significant decrease of 52% when compared with 225 cases in 2009.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

SB171

Head: 45 Fire Services Subhead (No. & title): 690 Town
Department ambulances
(block vote)

Question Serial No.

0430

Programme: (3) Ambulance Service

Controlling Officer: Director of Fire Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question: Regarding Town ambulances (block vote), the approved estimate is \$170 million in 2010-11 whilst the revised estimate for the year decreases to \$109 million. What are the reasons? The estimate for 2011-12 is about \$148 million, approximately \$22 million less than the approved estimate for last year. What are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Yuk-man

Reply: Due to adjustments in the cash flow requirement for procuring additional and replacement ambulances, the Fire Services Department (FSD) has revised the estimate for Town ambulances (block vote) for 2010-11 to \$109 million. The revised estimate would not affect the number of ambulances to be procured.

The main reason for the lower estimate for 2011-12 as compared to last year's approved estimate is that FSD has already replaced 196 ambulances (approximately 75% of the entire fleet) in the past 2 years. The number of ambulances to be replaced in the coming few years will therefore decrease.

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Post Title Director of Fire Services

Date 17.3.2011

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SB172

Question Serial No.

Head : 30 Correctional Services Department Subhead (No. & title) :

0829

Programme : (2) Re-integration

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Correctional Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2011-12, it is stated that the Department will monitor the implementation of programme matching for inmates and prisoners. Will the Government inform this Committee of the details and the estimated expenditure of this matter?

Asked by : Hon. LAM Tai-fai

Reply :

As part of the "Risks and Needs Assessment and Management Protocol for Offenders" implemented by the Correctional Services Department (CSD), programme matching aims to provide more suitable rehabilitative services for persons in custody in accordance with their re-offending risks and rehabilitative needs, with a view to reducing their recidivism more effectively. The targets of programme matching service are inmates of Training Centres, Detention Centre, Rehabilitation Centres, Drug Addiction Treatment Centres and local persons in custody with sentences of 12 months or above. Basing on assessment on the re-offending risks and rehabilitative needs of the target recipients, CSD provides programme matching service by allocating them to different domains of counselling or treatment groups. It will help them to enhance their education level and vocational skills, quit drug abuse habit, rebuild family relationship, improve social skills, rectify criminal thinking, manage emotions and increase their understanding of the community support available. The provision for programme matching forms part of the rehabilitative services of CSD under its "Re-integration" Programme. The estimated expenditure for the Programme is \$799.4 million in 2011-12.

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Post Title _____ Commissioner of Correctional Services

Date _____ 16 March 2011

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Reply Serial No.

SB173

Question Serial No.

0120

Head : 30 Correctional Services Department

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (2) Re-integration

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Correctional Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Regarding the rehabilitative work to help sex offenders re-integrate into the society, please provide:

1. the number of sex offenders participating in the re-integration programme and the success rates over the past three years;
2. the number of sex offenders who have been provided with psychological counselling and welfare services sessions and visits, as well as the number of such sessions and visits attended/received by each offender over the past three years.

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

1. To help convicted sex offenders in correctional institutions to re-integrate into the society, the Correctional Services Department (CSD) provides psychological counselling and welfare services sessions for them during their custody. CSD staff also conduct visits and provide counselling service and supervision under various re-integration programmes for sex offenders who are subject to statutory supervision after discharge. Those who are not subject to statutory supervision after discharge will be referred to receive counselling services available in local communities. The number of sex offenders who are subject to statutory supervision after discharge and have completed the related re-integration programme and the success rates over the past three years are as follows:

Year	Number of sex offenders who are subject to statutory supervision after discharge and have completed the related re-integration programme	Success rate (%) ¹
2008	25	96.0%
2009	28	96.4%
2010	37	97.3%

2. 518, 529 and 559 convicted sex offenders in custody participated in psychological counselling and welfare services sessions in 2008, 2009 and 2010 respectively. Of the 559 sex offenders in custody in 2010, 163 voluntarily received special treatment. The average number of relevant sessions they participated in during the treatment period was 24 per month. As for the remaining sex offenders (close to 400 in number), CSD does not keep statistics on the number of service sessions attended by them. On the other hand, the average number of psychological counselling and welfare services sessions and visits provided for each sex offender subject to statutory supervision after discharge was 2.5 per month.

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¹ Non-conviction during the supervision period

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SB174

Question Serial No.

Head : 30 Correctional Services Department Subhead (No. & title) :

0121

Programme : (2) Re-integration

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Correctional Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

What are the resources and manpower deployed and planned for the provision of psychological counselling and welfare services sessions and visits by the Correctional Services Department in 2009, 2010 and 2011?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

As part of the rehabilitative services provided by the Correctional Services Department (CSD), the psychological counselling and welfare services sessions and visits aim to help persons in custody to tackle their adaptation, emotional or psychological problems during the custodial period. These services also aim to prepare them for future re-integration into the society so as to reduce their recidivism more effectively, and to ensure that supervisees who are subject to statutory supervision will receive appropriate care and guidance. In 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12, the resources and manpower deployed or planned by CSD for the provision of psychological counselling, assessment, welfare and counselling, as well as supervision services are as follows:

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Post	Number		
Clinical Psychologist	15	16	18
Officer	138	145	152
Assitant Officer I	80	81	86
Assitant Officer II	18	20	20
Expenditure (including the relevant staff cost and operational expenses)	\$100.51 million (Actual)	\$105.13 million (Revised Estimate)	\$111.17 million (Estimate)

Apart from providing psychological counselling and welfare services sessions and visits, the above-mentioned resources also cover other rehabilitative duties. They include preparing psychological assessments or background reports on offenders for the courts and relevant committees, liaising with family members of persons in custody and encouraging them to pay more visits, co-ordinating with non-government organisations to arrange various religious, cultural, leisure and recreational activities and interest groups for persons in custody so as to facilitate their re-integration into community, as well as organising various publicity activities to promote rehabilitation for offenders.

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Reply Serial No.

SB175

Question Serial No.

Head : 30 Correctional Services Department Subhead (No. & title) :

0122

Programme : (2) Re-integration

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Correctional Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

What are the reasons for the actual number of sessions and visits of various psychological counselling and welfare services provided in 2010 being fewer than those in 2009? Also, what are the reasons for the estimated number of such service sessions in 2011 being fewer than those in 2010?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

The Correctional Services Department (CSD) provides various psychological counselling and welfare services sessions and visits for individual persons in custody and supervisees under statutory supervision according to their rehabilitative needs and progress of their cases. The number of such service sessions/visits provided depends on the number of persons in custody requiring such services. In 2010, both the overall number of persons in custody and supervisees under statutory supervision decreased as compared with those in 2009. As a result, the actual number of psychological counselling and welfare services sessions and visits in 2010 was fewer than those in 2009.

CSD mainly relies on the estimated overall number of persons in custody and supervisees under statutory supervision to estimate the number of psychological counselling and welfare services sessions and visits required in the coming year. In estimating the demand for such services in 2011, the Department has taken into account the assessment that there may be slight decrease in the overall number of persons in custody and supervisees under statutory supervision in the year.

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SB176

Question Serial No.

Head : 30 Correctional Services Department Subhead (No. & title)

0931

Programme : (2) Re-integration

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Correctional Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Regarding the success rates of re-integration programmes within the supervision period, the percentage of inmates of drug addiction treatment centre remaining non-convicted and free from drugs within one year after discharge has all along been low. Besides, the concerned rate for 2010 is 15 percentage points lower than that of 2009. Has the Department reviewed the reasons for the above and drawn up any strategies for improvement? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. NG Margaret

Reply :

Whether inmates of Drug Addiction Treatment Centre (DATC) participating in re-integration programme can remain non-convicted and free from drugs within one year after discharge is affected by a number of personal and socio-economic factors, such as the family and social background of individual inmates, their responses to rehabilitative/counselling services, psychological factor of individuals, the acceptance and support of the community, as well as the prevailing economic conditions, etc.

To help the DATC inmates abstain from drugs and re-integrate into the society, the Correctional Services Department (CSD) has redeployed resources of institutions in recent years to enhance the provision of rehabilitative services to young drug abusers. Such services include physical training, vocational training, casework and group counselling and clinical psychological service. They aim to strengthen the physique of young drug abusers, help them to develop a good working habit, build up their self-confidence, improve their interpersonal relationship and strengthen their determination in staying away from drugs.

During the one-year statutory supervision period for discharged DATC inmates, supervising officers will follow up on their employment/education and provide them with counselling and support. The officers will also follow up on supervisees'

relationship with family members/friends and their progress of abstinence, so as to help them stay away from drugs. Starting from 2010, CSD has stepped up efforts to monitor the relapse problem for supervisees, which include increasing the number of urine specimen tests and expediting the procedures of confirmatory tests with a view to facilitating early detection of drug-taking by supervisees and taking appropriate actions.

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SB177

Question Serial No.

Head : 30 Correctional Services Department Subhead (No. & title) :

1643

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Correctional Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

In 2011-12, the Correctional Services Department will increase 21 non-directorate posts. What are the justifications for such an increase? What is the actual expenditure involved? Please also provide a breakdown for the 21 posts including their ranks and salaries, and the distribution of these posts.

Asked by : Hon. SHEK Lai-him, Abraham

Reply :

The Correctional Services Department proposes to create 21 permanent non-directorate posts in 2011-12. The details of these posts by rank, scope of work and salary are as follows:

Rank	No. of Posts	Salary (\$)*	Scope of Work
Superintendent of Correctional Services	1	999,360	To enhance rehabilitative programmes and services, to continue with the implementation of "Risks and Needs Assessment and Management Protocol for Offenders" to identify offenders prone to higher custodial and re-offending risks, to enhance assessment on their rehabilitative needs and to provide them with suitable rehabilitative programmes to reduce their recidivism more effectively
Officer	8	3,574,560	
Assistant Officer I	5	1,579,800	
Clinical Psychologist	2	1,335,360	
Principal Officer	1	666,480	To develop the Knowledge

Rank	No. of Posts	Salary (\$)*	Scope of Work
Officer	2	893,640	Management System as the Department's internal integrated information platform for enhancing sharing of knowledge and work experience among the staff and facilitating their discharge of day-to-day duties
Clerical Assistant	2	297,120	To enhance clerical support for the Department
Total	21	9,346,320	

* Estimated annual salary in 2011-12 basing on the notional annual mid-point salary value.

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Post Title Commissioner of Correctional Services

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SB178

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Question Serial No.

1148

Head : 30 Correctional Services Department

Subhead (No. & title) : 000 Operational Expenses

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Correctional Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Please provide the following information on the employment of non-civil service contract (NCSC) staff:

	2011-12	2010-11	2009-10	2008-09
Number of NCSC staff	()	()	()	()
Details of the positions of NCSC staff				
Expenditure on the salaries of NCSC staff	()	()	()	()
Distribution of monthly salary levels of NCSC staff				
• \$30,001 or above	()	()	()	()
• \$16,001 to \$30,000	()	()	()	()
• \$8,001 to \$16,000	()	()	()	()
• \$6,501 to \$8,000	()	()	()	()
• \$5,001 to \$6,500	()	()	()	()
• \$5,000 or below	()	()	()	()
• Number of staff with monthly salary below \$5,824	()	()	()	()
• Number of staff with monthly salary between \$5,824 and \$6,500	()	()	()	()
Length of employment of NCSC staff				
• Five years or above	()	()	()	()
• Three to five years	()	()	()	()
• One to three years	()	()	()	()
• Less than one year	()	()	()	()
Number of NCSC staff transferred to civil service	()	()	()	()
Number of NCSC staff failed to be	()	()	()	()

	2011-12	2010-11	2009-10	2008-09
transferred to civil service				
NCSC staff as a percentage of the total number of staff in the department	()	()	()	()
Total expenditure on NCSC staff as a percentage of the total expenditure on all staff of the department	()	()	()	()
Number of staff remunerated for meal break	()	()	()	()
Number of staff not remunerated for meal break	()	()	()	()
Number of staff working five days a week	()	()	()	()
Number of staff working six days a week	()	()	()	()

Figures in () denote year-on-year changes

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

Information on the employment of non-civil service contract (NCSC) staff in the Correctional Services Department is set out below:

	2011-12 ¹	2010-11 (as at 31.12.2010)	2009-10	2008-09
Number of NCSC staff	-	10 (-9%)	11 (±0%)	11
Details of the positions of NCSC staff		Contract Administrative Assistant: 1 Contract Project Coordinator: 1 Contract Clerk: 3 Contract Clinical Psychologist: 2 Contract Principal Vocational Training Assistant (Commercial Studies): 1 Contract Senior Vocational Training Assistant (Food & Beverage Services): 1	Contract Administrative Assistant: 2 Contract Project Coordinator: 1 Contract Clerk: 1 Contract Clinical Psychologist: 3 Contract Vocational Training Assistant (Commercial Studies): 1 Contract Senior Vocational Training Assistant (Commercial Studies): 1 Contract	Contract Administrative Assistant: 3 Contract Clerk: 2 Contract Clinical Psychologist: 2 Contract Vocational Training Manager: 1 Contract Principal Vocational Training Assistant (Commercial Studies): 1 Contract Senior Vocational Training

	2011-12 ¹	2010-11 (as at 31.12.2010)	2009-10	2008-09
		Contract Senior Vocational Training Assistant (Mechanical): 1	Senior Vocational Training Assistant (Food & Beverage Services): 1 Contract Senior Vocational Training Assistant (Mechanical): 1	Assistant (Food & Beverage Services): 1 Contract Senior Vocational Training Assistant (Mechanical): 1
Expenditure on the salaries of NCSC staff		\$2,552,009 (-36%)	\$3,998,429 (+5%)	\$3,810,744
Distribution of monthly salary levels of NCSC staff				
- \$30,001 or above		2 (-33%)	3 (+50%)	2
- \$16,001 to \$30,000		5 (-29%)	7 (±0%)	7
- \$8,001 to \$16,000		3 (+200%)	1 (-50%)	2
- \$6,501 to \$8,000		-	-	-
- \$5,001 to \$6,500		-	-	-
- \$5,000 or below		-	-	-
- Number of staff with monthly salary below \$5,824		-	-	-
- Number of staff with monthly salary between \$5,824 and \$6,500		-	-	-
Length of employment of NCSC staff				
- Five years or above		-	-	-
- Three to five years		5 (±0%)	5 (+400%)	1
- One to three years		1 (-75%)	4 (-56%)	9
- Less than one year		4 (+100%)	2 (+100%)	1
Number of NCSC staff transferred to civil service		Currently, there is no mechanism for transfer of NCSC staff to the civil service		
Number of NCSC staff failed to be transferred to civil service		Currently, there is no mechanism for transfer of NCSC staff to the civil service		
Number of NCSC staff as a percentage of the total number of staff in the department		0.2% (±0%)	0.2% (±0%)	0.2%
Expenditure on NCSC staff as a percentage of the total expenditure on all staff of the department		0.12% (-37%)	0.19% (±0%)	0.19%
Number of staff remunerated for meal break		10 (-9%)	11 (±0%)	11

	2011-12 ¹	2010-11 (as at 31.12.2010)	2009-10	2008-09
Number of staff not remunerated for meal break		-	-	-
Number of staff working five days a week		10 (-9%)	11 (±0%)	11
Number of staff working six days a week		-	-	-

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Post Title Commissioner of Correctional Services

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¹ Figures are not available as the requirements for employing NCSC staff vary from time to time in the light of changing service and operational requirements.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

SB179

Question Serial No.

1149

Head : 30 Correctional Services Department

Subhead (No. & title) : 000 Operational Expenses

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Correctional Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Please provide the following information on the employment of agency workers:

	2011-12	2010-11	2009-10	2008-09
Number of employment agency contracts	()	()	()	()
Total sum of each employment agency contract	()	()	()	()
Total commission paid to each employment agency	()	()	()	()
Term of each employment agency contract	()	()	()	()
Number of agency workers	()	()	()	()
Details of the positions of agency workers				
Distribution of monthly salary levels of agency workers				
• \$30,001 or above	()	()	()	()
• \$16,001 to \$30,000	()	()	()	()
• \$8,001 to \$16,000	()	()	()	()
• \$6,501 to \$8,000	()	()	()	()
• \$5,001 to \$6,500	()	()	()	()
• \$5,000 or below	()	()	()	()
• Number of workers with monthly salary below \$5,824	()	()	()	()
• Number of workers with monthly salary between \$5,824 and 6,500	()	()	()	()
Length of employment of agency workers				
• Five years or above	()	()	()	()
• Three to five years	()	()	()	()
• One to three years	()	()	()	()
• Less than one year	()	()	()	()
Number of agency workers as a percentage	()	()	()	()

	2011-12	2010-11	2009-10	2008-09
of total number of staff in the department				
Total fees paid to employment agencies as a percentage of the total expenditure on all staff of the department	()	()	()	()
Number of workers remunerated for meal break	()	()	()	()
Number of workers not remunerated for meal break	()	()	()	()
Number of workers working five days a week	()	()	()	()
Number of workers working six days a week	()	()	()	()

Figures in () denote year-on-year changes

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

Information on the employment of agency workers working in the Correctional Services Department is set out below:

	2011-12 ¹	2010-11 (as at 28.2.2011)	2009-10	2008-09
Number of employment agency contracts	-	11 (±0%)	11 (+38%)	8
Total sum of each employment agency contract		\$5,224,669 (-22%)	\$6,703,463 (+39%)	\$4,822,188
Total commission paid to each employment agency		Information on the concerned commission not available		
Term of each employment agency contract		12-18 months	12-18 months	12-18 months
Number of agency workers		60 (-12%)	68 (+13%)	60
Details of the positions of agency workers		Temporary Clerk: 19 Temporary Workman: 36 Temporary Administrative Assistant: 1 Product Coordinator: 4	Temporary Clerk: 31 Temporary Workman: 33 Product Coordinator : 4	Temporary Clerk: 35 Temporary Workman: 21 Product Coordinator : 4
Distribution of monthly salary levels of agency workers				
- \$30,001 or above		-	-	-
- \$16,001 to \$30,000		-	-	-
- \$8,001 to \$16,000		1 (-50%)	2	-
- \$6,501 to \$8,000		40 (+14%)	35 (-42%)	60
- \$5,001 to \$6,500		19 (-39%)	31	-
- \$5,000 or below		-	-	-
- Number of workers with monthly salary below \$5,824		19 (-39%)	31	-

	2011-12 ¹	2010-11 (as at 28.2.2011)	2009-10	2008-09
- Number of workers with monthly salary between \$5,824 and 6,500		-	-	-
Length of employment of agency workers - Five years or above - Three to five years - One to three years - Less than one year		Not available ^(Note 1)		
Number of agency workers as a percentage of total number of staff in the department		0.87% (-12%)	0.99% (+14%)	0.87%
Total fees paid to employment agencies as a percentage of the total expenditure on all staff of the department		0.26% (-10%)	0.29% (+38%)	0.21%
Number of workers remunerated for meal break Number of workers not remunerated for meal break		Not available ^(Note 2)		
Number of workers working five days a week		54 (-11%)	61 (+22%)	50
Number of workers working six days a week		6 (-14%)	7 (-30%)	10

Figures in () denote year-on-year changes

Note 1 Agency workers are provided by employment agencies according to service contracts. They do not have an employer-employee relationship with the department. As such, we do not have information on the length of employment of agency workers.

Note 2 The issue of whether there is remuneration for meal break for agency workers is agreed between employment agencies and agency workers when signing the contracts. We do not have information on whether agency workers are remunerated for meal break.

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¹ Figures are not available as the requirements for employing agency workers vary from time to time in the light of changing service and operational requirements.

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

SB180

Question Serial No.

1150

Head : 30 Correctional Services Department

Subhead (No. & title) : 000 Operational Expenses

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Correctional Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Please provide the following information on the employment of staff of outsourced service:

	2011-12	2010-11	2009-10	2008-09
Number of outsourced service contracts	()	()	()	()
Total fees paid to outsourced service contractors	()	()	()	()
Contract term of each outsourced service contractor	()	()	()	()
Number of employees employed through outsourced service contractors	()	()	()	()
Details of the job of employees of outsourced service (e.g. customer services, property management, security, cleansing and information technology etc.)				
Distribution of monthly salary levels of staff of outsourced service				
• \$30,001 or above	()	()	()	()
• \$16,001 to \$30,000	()	()	()	()
• \$8,001 to \$16,000	()	()	()	()
• \$6,501 to \$8,000	()	()	()	()
• \$5,001 to \$6,500	()	()	()	()
• \$5,000 or below	()	()	()	()
• Number of employees with monthly salary below \$5,824	()	()	()	()
• Number of employees with monthly salary between \$5,824 and 6,500	()	()	()	()

	2011-12	2010-11	2009-10	2008-09
Length of employment of employees of outsourced service				
• Five years or above	()	()	()	()
• Three to five years	()	()	()	()
• One to three years	()	()	()	()
• Less than one year	()	()	()	()
Employees of outsourced service as a percentage of the total number of staff in the department	()	()	()	()
Fees paid to outsourced service contractors as a percentage of the total expenditure on all staff of the department	()	()	()	()
Number of employees remunerated for meal break	()	()	()	()
Number of employees not remunerated for meal break	()	()	()	()
Number of employees working five days a week	()	()	()	()
Number of employees working six days a week	()	()	()	()

Figures in () denote year-on-year changes

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

Information on the employees of outsourced services working in the Correctional Services Department is set out below:

	2011-12 ¹	2010-11 (as at 28.2.2011)	2009-10	2008-09
Number of outsourced service contracts	-	16 (+14%)	14 (-7%)	15
Total fees paid to outsourced service contractors		\$6,369,653 (+8%)	\$5,908,211 (+6%)	\$5,550,925
Contract term of each outsourced service contractor		88 days- 24 months	12-24 months	92 days- 24 months
Number of employees employed through outsourced service contractors		75 (+25%)	60 (-15%)	71
Details of the job of employees of outsourced service (e.g. customer services, property management, security, cleansing and information technology etc.)		cleansing: 60(+5%) security: 15(+400%)	cleansing: 57(-8%) security: 3(-67%)	cleansing: 62 security: 9
Distribution of monthly salary levels of staff of outsourced service				
- \$30,001 or above		-	-	-
- \$16,001 to \$30,000		-	-	-
- \$8,001 to \$16,000		-	-	-
- \$6,501 to \$8,000		15 (+400%)	3 (-67%)	9
- \$5,001 to \$6,500		60 (+5%)	57 (-8%)	62
- \$5,000 or below		-	-	-
- Number of employees with monthly salary below \$5,824		60 (+5%)	57 (-8%)	62
- Number of employees with monthly salary between \$5,824 and 6,500		-	-	-

	2011-12 ¹	2010-11 (as at 28.2.2011)	2009-10	2008-09
Length of employment of employees of outsourced service - Five years or above - Three to five years - One to three years - Less than one year	Not available (Note 1)			
Employees of outsourced service as a percentage of the total number of staff in the department		1.16% (+26%)	0.92% (-16%)	1.10%
Fees paid to outsourced service contractors as a percentage of the total expenditure on all staff of the department		0.29% (+7%)	0.27% (+4%)	0.26%
Number of employees remunerated for meal break Number of employees not remunerated for meal break	Not available (Note 2)			
Number of employees working five days a week		3 (±0%)	3 (±0%)	3
Number of employees working six days a week		72 (+26%)	57 (-16%)	68

Figures in () denote year-on-year changes

Note 1 Employees of outsourced services are provided by outsourced service contractors according to service contracts. They do not have an employer-employee relationship with the department. As such, we do not have information on the length of employment of employees of outsourced service.

Note 2 The issue of whether there is remuneration for meal break for employees of outsourced service is agreed between outsourced service contractors and employees of outsourced service when signing the contracts. We do not have information on whether employees of outsourced service are remunerated for meal break.

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¹ Figures are not available as the requirements for employing staff of outsourced service vary from time to time in the light of changing service and operational requirements.

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

SB181

Head: 166 — Government Flying Service Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

3000

Programme: Government Flying Service

Controlling Officer: Controller, Government Flying Service

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

The revised estimate for the Government Flying Service in 2010-11 is 55.7% less than the original. Is this because the procurement and replacement of fixed-wing aircraft has yet to complete? According to the Finance Committee's paper No. FCR(2009-10)24, the Administration originally scheduled to award the related contract in December 2010. Has the contract not been awarded? If so, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. EU Yuet-mee, Audrey

Reply:

Owing to the fact that the preparatory work for the open tender for the replacement of two fixed-wing aircraft was more complicated than expected and required a longer time to complete, the provision (i.e. \$290 million) which the Government Flying Service originally estimated for the project in 2010-11 has not been spent. At present, tenders have been received and evaluation is underway. It is expected that the contract will be awarded by end of June 2011. Payment of the related expenditure is hence deferred to 2011-12.

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Name in block letters CAPTAIN MICHAEL CHAN

Post Title Controller, Government Flying Service

Date 17.3.2011

As for 2011-12, it is estimated that the following 30 civil service vacancies will be filled:

Post	No. of vacancies required to be filled
Senior Pilot	3
Pilot I	2
Pilot II	3
Cadet Pilot	10
Senior Air Crewman Officer	1
Air Crewman Officer I	2
Air Crewman Officer II	1
Aircraft Engineer	3
Aircraft Technician	2
Supplies Supervisor II	1
Motor Driver	1
Workman II	1
Total	30

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Name in block letters CAPTAIN MICHAEL CHAN

Post Title Controller, Government Flying Service

Date 17.3.2011

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

SB183

Head: 166 Government Flying Service Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

0904

Programme: Government Flying Service
Controlling Officer: Controller, Government Flying Service
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

According to the 2010-11 Estimates, expenditure was to rise from \$251.9 million in 2009-10 to \$553.5 million in 2010-11, mainly due to the need to replace two fixed-wing aircraft and associated mission equipment. According to FCR(2009-10)24, invitations to tender would be issued in December 2009 for award in December 2010. The Estimates for 2011-12 show that the sum for the fixed-wing aircraft was not expended in 2010-11, and has been deferred to 2011-12. Please advise this Committee of the reason for the delay, whether the contract has now been awarded and whether any change in the contract sum that would require additional funding from the Finance Committee is anticipated.

Asked by: Hon. LI Kwok-po, David

Reply:

Owing to the fact that the preparatory work for the open tender for the replacement of two fixed-wing aircraft was more complicated than expected and required a longer time to complete, the provision (i.e. \$290 million) which the Government Flying Service originally estimated for the project in 2010-11 has not been spent. At present, tenders have been received and evaluation is underway. It is expected that the contract will be awarded by end of June 2011. Payment of the related expenditure is hence deferred to 2011-12. The total contract sum cannot be confirmed at the present stage.

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Name in block letters CAPTAIN MICHAEL CHAN

Post Title Controller, Government Flying Service

Date 17.3.2011

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

SB184

Head: 166 - Government Flying Service Subhead (No. & title): 000 Operational expenses

Question Serial No.

2508

Programme: Government Flying Service

Controlling Officer: Controller, Government Flying Service

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Please provide the following information regarding the employment of non-civil service contract (NCSC) staff:

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply:

The information on the employment of NCSC staff by the Government Flying Service (GFS) is as follows:

	2011-12 [@]	2010-11 (as at 31.12.2010)	2009-10	2008-09
Number of NCSC staff		11 (10%)	10 (-23%)	13
Particulars of NCSC staff posts		1 Flight Operations Manager; 2 Line Pilots; 1 Qualified Crewman Instructor; 2 Helicopter Air Crewmen; 3 Assistant Aircraft Engineers; 1 Operations Officer; 1 Executive Assistant	1 Flight Operations Manager; 1 Qualified Crewman Instructor; 3 Helicopter Air Crewmen; 3 Operations Officers; 1 Executive Assistant; 1 General Support Assistant	1 Flight Operations Manager; 1 Qualified Crewman Instructor; 3 Helicopter Air Crewmen; 1 Junior First Officer; 6 Operations Officers; 1 Information Technology Officer
Expenditure on the salaries of NCSC staff		\$5.31 million (-18%)	\$6.47 million (30%)	\$4.99 million
Distribution of monthly salary level of NCSC staff				
• \$30,001 or above		9 (80%)	5 (No change)	5
• \$16,001 - \$30,000		2 (-50%)	4 (33%)	3
• \$8,001 - \$16,000		0 (-100%)	1 (-80%)	5
• \$6,501 - \$8,000		-	-	-
• \$5,001 - \$6,500		-	-	-
• \$5,000 or below		-	-	-
• Number of		-	-	-

	2011-12 [@]	2010-11 (as at 31.12.2010)	2009-10	2008-09
NCSC staff with monthly salary lower than \$5,824				
• Number of NCSC staff with monthly salary between \$5,824 and \$6,500		-	-	-
Length of employment of NCSC staff				
• 5 years or above		-	-	-
• 3 – 5 years		4 (33%)	3 (50%)	2
• 1 – 3 years		2 (-60%)	5 (-50%)	10
• less than 1 year		5 (150%)	2 (100%)	1
Number of NCSC staff successfully converted to civil servants		Information not available	Information not available	Information not available
Number of NCSC staff failing to convert to civil servants		Information not available	Information not available	Information not available
Percentage of NCSC staff in the total number of staff of the department		5% (25%)	4% (-20%)	5%
Percentage of staff cost on NCSC staff in the total staff cost of the department		6% (No change)	6% (20%)	5%
Number of NCSC staff with remunerated meal break		11*	10*	13
Number of NCSC staff without remunerated meal break		-	-	-
Number of NCSC staff working 5 days a week		11*	10*	13
Number of NCSC staff working 6 days a week		-	-	-

() denotes range of variation for each year

@ Figures for 2011-12 are not available as the number of NCSC staff to be employed by the GFS will vary according to operational needs.

* Considering all NCSC staff of the GFS are provided with remunerated meal breaks and required to work 5 days a week, listing the range of variation for each year therefore does not reflect the actual situation.

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Name in block letters CAPTAIN MICHAEL CHAN

Post Title Controller, Government Flying Service

Date 17.3.2011

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

SB185

Head: 166 - Government Flying Service Subhead (No. & title): 000 Operational expenses

Question Serial No.

2983

Programme: Government Flying Service

Controlling Officer: Controller, Government Flying Service

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Please provide the following information on the commissioning of services from “employees of intermediary organisations”:

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply:

The information regarding the commissioning of services from “employees of intermediary organisations” by the Government Flying Service (GFS) is as follows:

	2011-12 @	2010-11 (as at 30.9.2010)	2009-10	2008-09
Number of contracts engaging intermediary organisations		2 (No change)	2 (100%)	1
Contract sum paid to each intermediary organisation		\$60,000 (-33%) and \$100,000 (-60%) respectively	\$90,000 (13%) and \$250,000 respectively	\$80,000
Total amount of commission paid to each intermediary organisation		When Government departments procure services from intermediary organisations, there is no stipulation on the amount or the rate of commission paid to the intermediary organisations in the contracts. GFS does not have the information concerned.		
Length of contract for each intermediary organisation		Fixed term contracts for about 2 years and 2.5 years^ respectively	Fixed term contracts for about 1.5 years and 2 years ^ respectively	Fixed term contract for 1 year ^
Number of employees of intermediary organisations		2 (-33%)	3 (200%)	1
Particulars of the posts held by employees of intermediary organisations		No specific post titles. Nature of tasks mainly on provision of general office support services.		

	2011-12 @	2010-11 (as at 30.9.2010)	2009-10	2008-09
Distribution of monthly salary level of employees of intermediary organisations				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$30,001 or above • \$16,001 - \$30,000 • \$8,001 - \$16,000 • \$6,501 - \$8,000 • \$5,001 - \$6,500 • \$5,000 or below • Number of employees of intermediary organisations with monthly salary lower than \$5,824 • Number of employees of intermediary organisations with monthly salary between \$5,824 and \$6,500 		- - - 2 (No change) - - -	- - - 2 (100%) 1# - -	- - - 1 - - -
Length of employment of employees of intermediary organisations				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 years or above • 3 – 5 years • 1 – 3 years • less than 1 year 		The contracts which GFS enter into with intermediary organisations only specify the charges for the provision of employees and the service by the intermediary organisations. The intermediary organisations will provide different employees to the Department according to its operating conditions or upon the requests of the Department. GFS does not have the information concerned.		
Percentage of employees of intermediary organisations in the total number of staff of the department		0.8% (-38%)	1.3% (225%)	0.4%
Percentage of the amount paid to intermediary organisations in the total staff cost of the department		0.1% (-67%)	0.3% (200%)	0.1%
Number of employees of intermediary organisations with remunerated meal break		When procuring manpower services, GFS requires the intermediary organisations to undertake to pay the minimum level of wage to their employees. The wage level concerned is set with reference to the average monthly wages of related industries/occupations published by the Census and Statistics Department. There is no specification of whether the meal breaks are remunerated.		
Number of employees of intermediary organisations without remunerated meal break		In fact, employees of the intermediary organisations are the manpower supplied by the intermediary organisations under service contracts with the Department. Therefore, there is no employer/employee relationship between GFS and the employees of the intermediary organisations. Whether the meal breaks are remunerated is agreed between the		

	2011-12 @	2010-11 (as at 30.9.2010)	2009-10	2008-09
		intermediary organisations and their employees during the signing the employment contracts. GFS does not have the information concerned.		
Number of employees of intermediary organisations working 5 days a week		2*	3*	1
Number of employees of intermediary organisations working 6 days a week		-	-	-

() denotes range of variation for each year

@ Figures for 2011-12 are not available as the number of employees of intermediary organisations engaged will vary according to operational needs of the Department.

^ The Department will only request intermediary organisations to provide specific employees in accordance with the fixed term contracts when there are operational needs.

Referring to the same employee.

* Considering all employees of intermediary organisations are required to work 5 days a week in GFS, listing the range of variation for each year therefore does not reflect the actual situation.

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Name in block letters CAPTAIN MICHAEL CHAN

Post Title Controller, Government Flying Service

Date 17.3.2011

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

SB186

Head: 166
Government
Flying Service

Subhead (No. & title): 000 Operational
expenses

Question Serial No.

2984

Programme: Government Flying Service

Controlling Officer: Controller, Government Flying Service

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Please provide the information on engaging “workers through outsourcing service contracts”:

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply:

The outsourcing services engaged by the Government Flying Service (GFS) include security, cleansing, information technology, pest control and horticultural services, with details as follows:

	2011-12 [@]	2010-11*	2009-10	2008-09
Number of outsourcing service contracts		10 (11%)	9 (No change)	9
Total sum paid to outsourcing service providers		\$4.77 million (2%)	\$4.69 million (7%)	\$4.4 million
Length of contract for each outsourcing service provider		From 12 to 24 months		
Number of workers engaged through outsourcing service providers#		23 (5%)	22 (No change)	22
Particulars of the posts held by outsourcing service contract workers (e.g. customer service, property management, security, cleansing and information technology)#		3 security officers; 11 security guards; 1 cleansing supervisor; 5 cleaners; 3 computer technicians	3 security officers; 11 security guards; 1 cleansing supervisor; 4 cleaners; 3 computer technicians	3 security officers; 11 security guards; 1 cleansing supervisor; 4 cleaners; 3 computer technicians

	2011-12 [@]	2010-11*	2009-10	2008-09
Distribution of monthly salary level of workers engaged through outsourcing service contract#^				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$30,001 or above • \$16,001 - \$30,000 • \$8,001 - \$16,000 • \$6,501 - \$8,000 • \$5,001 - \$6,500 • \$5,000 or below • Number of outsourcing service contract workers with monthly salary lower than \$5,824 • Number of outsourcing service contract workers with monthly salary between \$5,824 and \$6,500 		<p style="text-align: center;">-</p> <p>2 (No change)</p> <p>1 (No change)</p> <p>4 (No change)</p> <p>5 (25%)</p> <p>0 (No change)</p> <p>2 (100%)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-</p> <p>2 (No change)</p> <p>1 (No change)</p> <p>4</p> <p>4 (-43%)</p> <p>0 (-100%)</p> <p>1 (No change)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-</p> <p>2</p> <p>1</p> <p>0</p> <p>7</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p>
Length of employment of outsourcing service contract workers				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 years or above • 3 - 5 years • 1 - 3 years • less than 1 year 		When procuring outsourcing services, Government departments have not required stipulating the length of employment of the employees of the outsourcing service providers in the contracts. GFS does not have the information concerned.		
Percentage of outsourcing service contract workers in the total number of staff of the department#		9.4% (1%)	9.3% (1%)	9.2%
Percentage of the amount paid to outsourcing service contract providers in the total staff cost of the department		4% (No change)	4% (No change)	4%
Number of outsourcing service contract workers with remunerated meal break		When procuring outsourcing services, Government departments require undertaking from the outsourcing service providers that the wages they pay the employees of the outsourcing service providers should be set with reference to the average monthly wages of related industries/ occupations published by the Census and Statistics Department. There is no specification of whether the meal breaks are remunerated nor the number of working days per week in the contracts. GFS does not have the information concerned.		
Number of outsourcing service contract workers without remunerated meal break				
Number of outsourcing service contract workers working 5 days a week				
Number of outsourcing service contract workers working 6 days a week				

() denotes range of variation for each year

@ Figures for 2011-12 are not available as the number of outsourcing service contracts will vary according to operational needs of the Department.

- * Estimated figures
- # Three contracts for pest control and horticultural services are not included. As the relevant contracts only set out the frequency of services to be provided within the contract period without specifying the number of workers required, GFS does not have the information concerned.
- ^ Eleven security staff providing security service for the GFS are not included. As GFS Headquarters is located within the airport restricted area, GFS has to engage the service of the subsidiary security company of the Hong Kong Airport Authority. GFS does not have the information on the salary of the staff of the security company.

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Name in block letters CAPTAIN MICHAEL CHAN

Post Title Controller, Government Flying Service

Date 17.3.2011

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2011-12

Reply Serial No.

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

SB187

Question Serial No.

Head : 23 Auxiliary Medical Service Subhead :

0411

Programme : Auxiliary Medical Service

Controlling Officer : Chief Staff Officer, Auxiliary Medical Service

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

The authorities will recruit 300 new cadets for the Auxiliary Medical Service Cadet Corps in the coming year. Is it a new initiative? What is the expenditure? Will it become a regular scheme?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Wong-fat

Reply :

The Auxiliary Medical Service Cadet Corps is a new initiative. Three hundred cadets will be recruited in 2011-12 and the estimated expenditure is approximately \$3 m. The Cadet Corps is a regular scheme with the target of recruiting 1 000 cadets in 5 years.

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Name in block letters _____

CHAN YIU WING

Post Title _____

Chief Staff Officer, Auxiliary Medical Service

Date _____

14 March 2011

Reply Serial No.

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2011-12

SB188

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Question Serial No.

3042

Head : 121 Independent Police Complaints Council

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : Police Complaints Administration

Controlling Officer : Secretary-General, Independent Police Complaints Council

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

The provision for 2011-12 is \$5.746 million (20.2%) higher than the revised estimate for 2010-11 and such an increase is for recruiting additional staff to cope with the increased number of complaints cases. Could the Administration advise on:

- a) the establishment and strength of the Secretariat of the Independent Police Complaints Council in 2010-11; and
- a) the estimated number of additional staff to be recruited in 2011-12.

Asked by : Hon. LEE Kok-long, Joseph

Reply :

- a) The establishment and strength position of the Independent Police Complaints Council (IPCC) in 2010-2011 are as follows:

	<u>2010-11</u> (as at 31 March)
Establishment	28
Strength	28

- b) In 2011-2012, IPCC intends to conduct recruitment exercises for 8 new posts, including 3 Senior Vetting Officers and 2 Vetting Officers responsible for vetting complaint cases and 3 clerical staff.

Signature

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Post Title

Date

RICKY CHU

Secretary-General,
Independent Police
Complaints Council

17.3.2011

Reply Serial No.

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2011-12

SB189

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Question Serial No.

3043

Head :121 Independent Police Complaints Council Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : Police Complaints Administration

Controlling Officer : Secretary-General, Independent Police Complaints Council

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

It is mentioned under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2011-12 that the Council will employ its own staff to replace all the civil servants seconded from the Government. In this connection, will the Government inform this Committee:

- a) What is the estimated number of staff to be recruited in 2011-12 for replacing the civil servants seconded from the Government; and
- b) What is expected time for the above replacement exercise to be completed; and is there any timetable for the exercise?

Asked by : Hon. LEE Kok-long, Joseph

Reply :

- a) In 2011-2012, IPCC intends to conduct recruitment exercises for 8 posts filled by civil servants seconded from the Government, including 1 Deputy Secretary-General, 2 Senior Vetting Officers and 2 Vetting Officers responsible for vetting complaint cases, 1 Senior Manager responsible for administrative duties, 1 Personal Secretary and 1 clerical staff.
- b) IPCC aims at employing its own staff in 2011-2012 to replace all the civil servants seconded from the Government.

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RICKY CHU

Post Title _____

Secretary-General,
Independent Police
Complaints Council

Date _____

17.3.2011

Reply Serial No.

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2011-12

SB190

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Question Serial No.

0684

Head : 121 Independent Police Complaints Council

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : Police Complaints Administration

Controlling Officer : Secretary-General, Independent Police Complaints Council

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

In 2010-11, the Independent Police Complaints Council started recruitment exercises for the posts seconded from the Government. In this connection, would the Administration provide the following information:

- a) The progress of recruitment by ranks/functions in 2010-11.
- b) The number of posts by ranks/functions for which recruitment will be conducted in 2011-12.
- c) The establishment and actual manpower situation in 2010-11 and the estimated establishment and manpower situation in 2011-12.

Asked by : Hon. LI Fung-ying

Reply :

- a) As at 7 March 2011, the Independent Police Complaints Council (IPCC) employed 5 staff members in 2010-2011 to replace civil servants seconded from the Government, including 1 Secretary General, 1 Vetting Officer responsible for vetting complaint cases and 3 clerical staff.
- b) In 2011-2012, IPCC intends to conduct recruitment exercises for the remaining 8 posts filled by civil servants seconded from the Government, including 1 Deputy Secretary-General, 2 Senior Vetting Officers and 2 Vetting Officers responsible for vetting complaint cases, 1 Senior Manager responsible for administrative duties, 1 Personal Secretary and 1 clerical staff.
- b) The establishment and strength position of IPCC in 2010-2011 and the estimated figures for 2011-2012 are as follows:

	<u>2010-11</u> (as at 31 March)	<u>2011-12</u> (as at 31 March)
Establishment	28	36
Strength	28	36

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Name in block letters	<u>RICKY CHU</u>
Post Title	<u>Secretary-General, Independent Police Complaints Council</u>
Date	<u>17.3.2011</u>

Reply Serial No.

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2011-12

SB191

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Question Serial No.

0929

Head : 121 Independent Police Complaints Council

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : Police Complaints Administration

Controlling Officer : Secretary-General, Independent Police Complaints Council

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

It is included in the Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2011-12 of the Independent Police Complaints Council that the IPCC will "employ its own staff to replace all civil servants seconded from the Government". What is the number of civil servants seconded and the posts taken up by them currently? What is the number of staff members to be employed and the estimated expenditure?

Asked by : Hon. NG Margaret

Reply :

In 2010-11 (as at 31 March 2011), 8 posts in the Independent Police Complaints Council (IPCC) are filled by civil servants seconded from the Government, including 1 Deputy Secretary-General, 2 Senior Vetting Officers and 2 Vetting Officers responsible for vetting complaint cases, 1 Senior Manager responsible for administrative duties, 1 Personal Secretary and 1 clerical staff. IPCC aims at employing its own staff to replace all civil servants seconded from the Government in 2011-12.

In addition to the 8 posts filled by civil servants seconded from the Government, IPCC also intends to conduct recruitment exercises for 8 new posts in 2011-2012, including 3 Senior Vetting Officers and 2 Vetting Officers responsible for vetting complaint cases and 3 clerical staff. The estimated cost for the 16 new staff is approximately \$8.24m in 2011-12.

Signature	_____
Name in block letters	RICKY CHU
Post Title	Secretary-General, Independent Police Complaints Council
Date	17.3.2011

Reply Serial No.

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2011-12

SB192

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Question Serial No.

2863

Head : 121 Independent Police Complaints Council Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : Police Complaints Administration

Controlling Officer : Secretary-General, Independent Police Complaints Council

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

In 2009-10, there were 4 449 reportable complaints registered by the Complaints Against Police Office, but the number substantially dropped to 3 600 in the revised estimate for 2010-11. What are the reasons for such revision?

Asked by : Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply :

In 2010-2011, the revised estimate for the number of reportable complaint cases received by the Complaints and Against Police Office (CAPO) is 3 600. Such figure was projected from the monthly average of 300 reportable complaint cases received by CAPO from April to August 2010.

Signature

Name in block letters

Post Title

Date

RICKY CHU

Secretary-General,
Independent Police
Complaints Council

17.3.2011

Reply Serial No.

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2011-12

SB193

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Question Serial No.

2865

Head : 121 Independent Police Complaints Council

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : Police Complaints Administration

Controlling Officer : Secretary-General, Independent Police Complaints Council

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Please provide the following information:

- a) the number of complaints classified as substantiated after reviews by the IPCC in 2010-11 and the number of police officers involved;
- b) the number of complaints in respect of which the IPCC disagreed with the Complaints Against Police Office's investigations after review in 2010-11, and the follow up actions taken by the IPCC on these complaints; and
- c) concerning the complaints reviewed in 2010-11, on how many occasions did the IPCC comment on the disciplinary actions taken against and warnings given to the police officers concerned as well as on the misconduct of the officers? On how many occasions were these comments accepted by the Police? On how many occasions did recommendations have to be made to the Commissioner of Police or the Chief Executive?

Asked by : Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply :

- a) Among the 4 368 reportable complaints cases endorsed by the Independent Police Complaints Council (IPCC) in 2010, 237 (involving 335 allegations) were found to be substantiated or partially substantiated. These cases involved 346 police officers.
- b) In examining investigation reports submitted by the Complaint and Against Police Office (CAPO), IPCC may require CAPO to explain or clarify. IPCC may also propose to CAPO to re-classify the investigation results based on the information available. In 2010, IPCC raised 745 queries of this kind with CAPO. As a result of these queries, 441 investigation results were changed and endorsed by IPCC. For the

remaining 304 queries, IPCC endorsed CAPO's classification following the latter's explanation and clarification.

- c) In 2010, IPCC made 58 comments on follow-up actions taken by the Police on matters relating to the conduct of police officers. The Police accepted 43 of them and provided satisfactory explanations on the other 15. As a result, IPCC did not make any recommendations in this regard to the Commissioner of Police personally or to the Chief Executive in 2010.

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Name in block letters	RICKY CHU
Post Title	Secretary-General, Independent Police Complaints Council
Date	17.3.2011

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2011-12**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Head : 121 Independent Police Complaints Council Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : Police Complaints Administration

Controlling Officer : Secretary-General, Independent Police Complaints Council

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Please provide:

- a) the establishment and strength of the Secretariat of the Independent Police complaints council in 2010-11 and the estimated figures for 2011-12; and
- b) the number of observers, the resources required and the number of observations conducted and complaint cases involved in 2010-11 and the estimated figures for 2011-12.

Asked by : Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply :

- a) The establishment and strength position of the Independent Police Complaints Council (IPCC) in 2010-2011 and the estimated figures for 2011-2012 are as follows:

	<u>2010-11</u> (as at 31 March)	<u>2011-12</u> (as at 31 March)
Establishment	28	36
Strength	28	36

- b) As at 7 March 2011, there were 110 Observers in the IPCC (Note). In 2010-11 (up to 7 March 2011), 1 800 observations (involving 997 complaint cases) were conducted by Observers and IPCC Members. Expenses incurred were mainly in the form of travelling allowances. In 2010-11 (up to 7 March 2011), \$311,066 was paid as travelling allowances. The estimated number of IPCC Observers and number of observations to be conducted in 2011-12 are not available. As the number of observers appointed increased in 2010-11, it is expected that the

travelling allowance in 2011-12 will have appropriate increase in comparison to 2010-11.

Note: 20 out of the 110 Observers were appointed since November 2010.

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Name in block letters	<u>RICKY CHU</u>
Post Title	<u>Secretary-General, Independent Police Complaints Council</u>
Date	<u>17.3.2011</u>

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Reply Serial No.

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

SB195

Question Serial No.

Head : 169 Secretariat, Commissioner on Interception of
Communications and Surveillance

0930

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : Compliance with Interception and Surveillance Legislation

Controlling Officer : Secretary, Secretariat, Commissioner on Interception of
Communications and Surveillance

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Does the Commissioner on Interception of Communications and Surveillance have any plan to conduct a comprehensive review on the current Interception of Communications and Surveillance Ordinance in 2011-12? If yes, what is the work plan? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. NG Margaret

Reply :

The Commissioner on Interception of Communications and Surveillance (the Commissioner) will from time to time suggest new procedures and methods for overseeing and reviewing the compliance by law enforcement agencies with the relevant requirements under the Interception of Communications and Surveillance Ordinance (the Ordinance). The Commissioner has already put forward some improvement proposals in the course of performing the said oversight and review functions and in his annual reports for 2006 to 2009, so that these matters could be looked into by the Security Bureau in its review on the Ordinance and the Code of Practice. The Security Bureau has taken forward a comprehensive review of the Ordinance which is still ongoing.

Signature

Name in block letters

Post Title

Date

MISS CHENG WAI FUNG

Secretary, Secretariat, Commissioner on Interception
of Communications and Surveillance

15.3.2011

Reply Serial No.

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2011-12

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

SB196

Question Serial No.

2867

Head : 169 Secretariat, Commissioner on Interception of
Communications and Surveillance

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : Compliance with Interception and Surveillance Legislation

Controlling Officer : Secretary, Secretariat, Commissioner on Interception of
Communications and Surveillance

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Regarding the staff establishment of the Secretariat, Commissioner on Interception of Communications and Surveillance, please provide a breakdown of the number of staff, the ranks/functions as well as the salary and allowances.

Asked by : Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply :

The Secretariat, Commissioner on Interception of Communications and Surveillance has an existing establishment of 20 permanent posts. The functions of these posts are to provide support to the Commissioner on Interception of Communications and Surveillance in carrying out his functions under the Interception of Communications and Surveillance Ordinance. The estimated annual salaries and allowances for the 20 posts for 2011-12 are \$9.25 million. The number and rank of these posts are detailed below:

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Establishment</u>
Principal Executive Officer	1
Senior Executive Officer	3
Executive Officer I	4
Executive Officer II	1
Senior Personal Secretary	1
Personal Secretary II	1
Clerical Officer	3
Assistant Clerical Officer	4
Office Assistant	1
Chauffeur	1
Total	<hr/> 20

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MISS CHENG WAI FUNG

Post Title

**Secretary, Secretariat, Commissioner on Interception
of Communications and Surveillance**

Date

15.3.2011

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

SB197

Question Serial No.

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

1277

Programme : (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question : Regarding the support services provided by the counselling centres for psychotropic substance abusers (CCPSAs), would the Administration please provide the following information:

What was the average number of cases received by each CCPSA per month in 2010-11?

What was the average time required to follow up each case?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Hak-kan

Reply : Four new CCPSAs have commenced operation since October 2010, thus increasing the total number of CCPSAs from seven to 11. In the first three quarters of 2010-11, the 11 CCPSAs have altogether served a total of 2 005 cases. The time for handling each case varies and is contingent on the needs of individual service users.

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Patrick T K Nip

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Director of Social Welfare

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14 March 2011

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

SB198

Question Serial No.

Head : 170 Social Welfare Department

1278

Programme : (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question : Regarding the support services provided by the counselling centres for psychotropic substance abusers (CCPSAs), would the Administration please provide the following information:

What were the subventions received by each respective CCPSA in the past three years (i.e. 2008-09 to 2010-11)?

What are the estimated subventions received by each respective CCPSA in 2011-12?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Hak-kan

Reply : The existing 11 CCPSAs were set up at different times to address the changing service demands. In December 2008, two CCPSAs were set up, increasing the number of CCPSAs from five to seven. In October 2010, four new ones were set up, bringing the total number to 11. The subvention provisions for CCPSAs in 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11 are \$24.7 million, \$32.7 million and \$45.1 million respectively. In 2011-12, the average estimated provision for a CCPSA is about \$5 million per annum.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

SB199

Question Serial No.

Head : 170 Social Welfare Department

1279

Programme : (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question : Regarding the support services provided by the counselling centres for psychotropic substance abusers (CCPSAs), would the Administration please provide the following information:

What are the staffing provision of professional staff (including social workers and healthcare workers) in each CCPSA and the proportion of these staff?

Are there any vacancies at present?

Will the Administration provide additional resources to enhance the manpower of these centres?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Hak-kan

Reply : The staffing provision for each CCPSA is 8.5 professionals (excluding other supporting staff). The proportion between social workers and nurses is 7.5:1.

All the social worker posts of the 11 CCPSAs are filled. The 11 nurse posts are filled by six registered nurses (psychiatric) and five registered nurses (general).

The current staffing provision for CCPSAs is considered appropriate.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

SB200

Question Serial No.

1280

Head : 170 Social Welfare Department

Programme : (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

- Question : (a) How many drug treatment and rehabilitation centres (DTRCs) are applying for licence in accordance with the Drug Dependent Persons Treatment and Rehabilitation Centres (Licensing) Ordinance (Cap. 566) (the Ordinance) at present? How many drug dependent persons are receiving treatments in these DTRCs at present?
- (b) What is/are the reason(s) for the above DTRCs not being issued with a licence for the moment? Will the Administration consider allocating funds from the Beat Drugs Fund (BDF) to help these DTRCs carry out short-term improvement measures? Will the Administration also provide additional resources and manpower to expedite the application process?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Hak-kan

Reply : Under the Ordinance (Cap. 566), licences are issued to DTRCs which are able to meet all the licensing requirements on building safety, fire safety, land use as well as operation and management. Certificates of Exemption (CoEs) are granted to DTRCs already in operation before the commencement of the Ordinance but cannot comply fully with the licensing requirements. As at 1 March 2011, the numbers of DTRCs operating with licences and CoEs are 19 and 21 respectively. The total accommodation capacity of the 40 DTRCs was 1 644, while the total number of drug dependent persons receiving treatment was 1 002. No new licence application is being processed at the moment.

DTRCs which are still operating under CoEs often encounter challenges in meeting the licensing requirements. Many of them were set up using existing structures then available to them. Some of them have difficulties in complying fully with the current design standards and statutory safety requirements through in-situ redevelopment. They may also be subject to various planning and land/lease issues such as planning permission, unclear land titles, consent of landlords, etc. Where it would not be possible to meet the licensing requirements in-situ, reprovisioning of DTRCs becomes

necessary. For these cases, some have yet to identify suitable re-provisioning sites, and some others are required to complete the land and planning procedures and formalities. Besides, some DTRCs lack specialised personnel to plan and coordinate the works projects, or resources to employ professional personnel, or the necessary funding to carry out the upgrading or construction works.

The Administration has been facilitating these DTRCs through, among other things, providing professional advice on licensing requirements, undertaking site search, using the “Path Builders” platform to help match pro bono professional support and resources with DTRCs, assisting in local consultations, giving policy support to land grant, etc. In 2011-12, provision has been made to create a three-year time limited post of project manager to enhance support for works projects of DTRCs.

Apart from the Lotteries Fund and other sources, DTRC operators may apply for funding from a Special Funding Scheme (SFS) under the BDF. With the \$3 billion capital injection into the BDF, the financial support to DTRCs will be substantially increased (up to \$50 million in a project). The scope of the SFS will be expanded to cover, among other things, technical feasibility studies before taking forward a works project engagement of Authorised Persons, and short-term improvement pending re-provisioning. The expanded SFS will be rolled out shortly. This can help DTRCs operating under CoEs to expedite their projects to fulfil the licensing requirements.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

SB201

Question Serial No.

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

1281

Programme : (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question : Regarding the setting up of four new counselling centres for psychotropic substance abusers (CCPSAs), where will they be located? When will these CCPSAs commence service? What is the estimated average number of cases to be provided with counselling and follow-up services by these CCPSAs per year?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Hak-kan

Reply : The four new CCPSAs have been set up since October 2010, one each in Central Western/Southern/Islands District, Sham Shui Po District, Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung District and Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing District. The four new CCPSAs are serving altogether about 1 000 cases in a year.

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

SB202

Question Serial No.

Head : 170 Social Welfare Department

1858

Programme : (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question : What were the previous provisions and number of attendances of the on-site medical support service (OSMSS) at counselling centres for psychotropic substance abusers (CCPSAs)? What are the estimated provision and number of persons to be served under the scheme in 2011-12?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : The OSMSS has been implemented in seven existing CCPSAs since October 2009 at a total provision of about \$2.4 million in 2009-10. In October 2010, four new CCPSAs were set up with OSMSS provision. In the first three quarters of 2010-11, the 11 CCPSAs have arranged a total of 758 medical consultation sessions for psychotropic substance abusers (PSAs). In 2011-12, the average estimated provision for a CCPSA, including OSMSS, is about \$5 million per annum. Around 1 100 PSAs will benefit from OSMSS in a year.

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

SB203

Question Serial No.

Head : 170 Social Welfare Department

1867

Programme : (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question : The Administration increased the number of places in drug treatment and rehabilitation centres (DTRCs) in 2010. Please list out the type and number of these additional places. Please provide the information in the table below.

Type of places	Number of places
Additional subvented residential places (places which are originally not provided by the DTRCs)	
Additional non-subvented residential places	
Places which are converted from non-subvented residential places to subvented residential places	
Total	

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : The type and number of additional places in DTRCs in 2010 are as follows:

Types of places	Number of additional places
Additional subvented residential places (places which are originally not provided by the DTRCs)	20
Additional non-subvented residential place	1
Places which are converted from non-subvented residential places to subvented residential places	59
Total	80

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

SB204

Question Serial No.

Head : 170 Social Welfare Department

1868

Programme : (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question : What are the social services for supporting the families of ex-drug abusers at present? Please list out the type of subvented services, their service items, manpower involved (please list out the grade of the staff), number of cases, and specify whether the relevant funding for such services is recurrent funding. Please provide the information in the table below.

Type of service	Service items	Manpower (grade)	Number of cases served in a year	Recurrent/ time-limited provision
Counselling Centres for Psychotropic Substance Abusers (CCPSAs)				
Integrated Family Service Centres (IFSCs)				
School Social Worker units				
Others (please specify)				
Total				

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : The subvented services for supporting the families of ex-drug abusers are as follows:

Type of service	Service items	Manpower provision ^[Note 1] (grade)	Number of cases served in a year	Recurrent/ time-limited provision
CCPSAs	Casework, group activities and other programmes	126.5 (including registered social workers, registered nurses (psychiatric) and other supporting staff)	No breakdown of the number of cases specifically related to families of ex-drug abusers	Recurrent
IFSCs	Casework, group activities and other programmes	1 017 registered social workers		Recurrent
School Social Worker units	Casework, group activities and other programmes	482 registered social workers		Recurrent
Social clubs	Casework, group activities and other programmes	11.5 (including registered social workers and other supporting staff)		Recurrent
Non-medical voluntary drug treatment and rehabilitation centres (DTRCs) subvented by SWD	Casework, group activities and other programmes	108.5 (including registered social workers and other supporting staff)		Recurrent
Probation Offices	Casework, group activities and other programmes	128 Social Work Officer Grade officers		Recurrent

Type of service	Service items	Manpower provision ^[Note 1] (grade)	Number of cases served in a year	Recurrent/ time-limited provision
Pilot Project on Enhanced Probation Service in designated two Magistracies ^[Note 2]	Casework, group activities and other programmes	4 Social Work Officer Grade officers		Time-limited posts for 2.5 years starting from October 2009

^[Note 1] Under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, the non-governmental organisations concerned have the flexibility in deploying the allocated provision to arrange suitable staffing to ensure service quality and meet service needs. The above calculation is based on the notional staff establishment upon allocation.

^[Note 2] Since October 2009, a pilot scheme has been launched in two magistracies to provide more focused, structured and intensive treatment programmes for convicted young drug offenders aged below 21 who are put on probation.

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SB205

Question Serial No.

Head : 170 Social Welfare Department

1869

Programme : (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question : Please list out the number of drug treatment and rehabilitation centres (DTRCs) which have not yet been issued with a licence, and the number of DTRCs to be issued with a licence in 2011.

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : Under the Drug Dependent Persons Treatment and Rehabilitation Centres (Licensing) Ordinance (Cap. 566) (the Ordinance), licences are issued to DTRCs which are able to meet all the licensing requirements on building safety, fire safety, land use as well as operation and management. Certificates of Exemption (CoEs) are issued to DTRCs already in operation before the commencement of the Ordinance but cannot comply fully with the licensing requirements.

As at 1 March 2011, 21 DTRCs are operating with CoEs. Two out of these 21 DTRCs are expected to be issued with a licence in 2011.

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SB206

Question Serial No.

Head : 170 Social Welfare Department

1605

Programme : (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question : It is stated in the Brief Description "set up four new counselling centres for psychotropic substance abusers (CCPSAs)". Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the expenditure of the above four new CCPSAs and the manpower involved, as well as the latest service provision of the CCPSAs?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply : The four new CCPSAs have been set up since October 2010 with a total staffing provision of 34 professionals (excluding other supporting staff), at a total provision of about \$20 million per annum. The four CCPSAs will serve about 1 000 cases in 2011-12.

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Patrick T K Nip

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

SB207

Question Serial No.

Head : 170 Social Welfare Department

3754

Programme : (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question : What is the estimated number of places to be provided by the four counselling centres for psychotropic substance abusers (CCPSAs) in 2011-12? What are the staffing establishment and the estimated expenditure involved? Does the Administration have any plan to enhance on-site medical support service (OSMSS)?

Asked by : Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply : The four new CCPSAs have been set up since October 2010 with a total staffing provision of 34 professionals (excluding other supporting staff), at a total provision of about \$20 million per annum. The four CCPSAs will serve about 1 000 cases in 2011-12. Since October 2009, OSMSS has been included as part and parcel of services provided by the CCPSAs.

In 2011-12, OSMSS will also be extended to the two existing social clubs which provide counselling and other support services to drug abusers, ex-drug abusers and their family members to enable timely and early medical intervention to drug abusers.

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Patrick T K Nip

Director of Social Welfare

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No.

SB208

Question Serial No.

3405

Head: 37 Department of Health

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (6) Treatment of Drug Abusers

Controlling Officer: Director of Health

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

- (a) The estimate for the Government sector in 2011-12 will be 3.3% higher than the revised estimate for 2010-11. Could the Administration advise on the reasons for the increase? What are the items that will cause the increase in estimate?
- (b) The revised estimate for the subvented sector in 2010-11 is 4.9% lower than the original estimate for 2010-11. Could the Administration advise on the reasons for the decrease? What are the items that cause the decrease in estimate?
- (c) The estimate for the subvented sector in 2011-12 will be 2.9% higher than the revised estimate for 2010-11. Could the Administration advise on the reasons for the increase? What are the items that will cause the increase in estimate?

Asked by: Hon. LEONG Kah-kit, Alan

Reply:

- (a) The increase in the estimate for 2011-12 is due to anticipated increase in doctor consultation sessions of the Methadone programme and minor enhancement of its information system.
- (b) The decrease in the revised estimate for the subvented sector is mainly due to the fact that the increase in the capacity of the Hong Kong Christian Service Jockey Club Lodge of Rising Sun (LRS) and Caritas Wong Yiu Nam Centre (WYNC) only took effect from 1 August and 1 November 2010 respectively. In addition, the salary expenditure of the Society for the Aid and Rehabilitation of Drug Abusers (SARDA) is less than estimated due to staff wastage and consequential vacancies.
- (c) The increase in the estimate for the subvented sector for 2011-12 is mainly due to the full-year effect of the increase in the capacity of LRS and WYNC and the possible filling of vacancies arising from staff wastage of SARDA.

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Name in block letters _____ Dr P Y LAM

Post Title _____ Director of Health

Date _____ 15.3.2011

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Reply Serial No.

SB209

Question Serial No.

3406

Head: 37 Department of Health

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (6) Treatment of Drug Abusers

Controlling Officer: Director of Health

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Regarding the three voluntary agencies subvented by the Department of Health, namely, the Society for the Aid and Rehabilitation of Drug Abusers (SARDA), the Caritas and the Hong Kong Christian Service (HKCS), what is their respective median, average and the longest waiting time? What are the numbers of people on their waiting lists? What are their service capacities per year? What are their numbers of residential places?

Asked by: Hon. LEONG Kah-kit, Alan

Reply:

The Department of Health subvents three organisations, viz. SARDA, Caritas and Hong Kong Christian Service (HKCS), to operate six drug treatment and rehabilitation centres (DTRCs). They are Adult Female Rehabilitation Centre (AFRC), Au Tau Youth Centre (ATYC), Shek Kwu Chau Treatment and Rehabilitation Centre (SKC) and Sister Aquinas Memorial Women's Treatment Centre (WTC) of SARDA; Wong Yiu Nam Centre (WYNC) of Caritas; and Jockey Club Lodge of Rising Sun (LRS) of HKCS.

The waiting time for admission in 2010 and the number of clients on the waiting list as at 31 December 2010 of each of these DTRCs are set out below:

Subvented organisation	DTRC	No. of beds	Waiting time for admission (weeks)			Number of clients on the waiting list
			Median	Average	Maximum	
SARDA	AFRC	24	1.3	1.4	1.7	0
	ATYC	20	4	5	6	4
	SKC	316	0	0	0	0
	WTC	42	6.7	7.4	8	7
Caritas	WYNC	28	3	3.7	10	5
HKCS	LRS	30	8	8.6	12.9	23

DTRCs have different treatment and rehabilitation programmes. The duration of drug abusers' stay varies according to their different needs, backgrounds and circumstances. It is therefore difficult to determine the number of drug abusers who can be served by a particular DTRC within a year.

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Name in block letters Dr P Y LAM

Post Title Director of Health

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Reply Serial No.

SB210

Question Serial No.

3407

Head: 37 Department of Health

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (6) Treatment of Drug Abusers

Controlling Officer: Director of Health

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Could the Administration advise on the estimated number of drug abusers currently in Hong Kong? How many need drug treatment service? What is the proportion of the number of residential places provided by the Department of Health and subvented organisations to the number of drug abusers?

Asked by: Hon. LEONG Kah-kit, Alan

Reply:

According to the Central Registry of Drug Abuse (CRDA), a voluntary reporting system which records those abusers who have come into contact with and been reported by the reporting agencies, the number of reported drug abusers in 2010 was 12 420 [Note].

The Department of Health (DH) provides residential drug treatment and rehabilitation services through subventing non-governmental organisations. The organisations involved are the Society for the Aid and Rehabilitation of Drug Abusers, Caritas and Hong Kong Christian Service. There is a total of 460 places in six drug treatment and rehabilitation centres run by them. In 2010, they have altogether admitted 1 770 residents.

DH also directly operates 20 methadone clinics. In 2010, the number of drug abusers registered with methadone clinics was about 8 400.

[Note:] CRDA records information of drug abusers who have come into contact with and been reported by reporting agencies, including law enforcement departments, treatment and welfare agencies, and hospitals. It is not the intention of CRDA to ascertain the exact size of the drug abusing population in Hong Kong, but statistics derived from it reflect the trends of drug abuse and are important pointers for policy making.

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Post Title _____ Director of Health

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SB211

Question Serial No.

Head : 42 - Electrical and Mechanical
Services Department

Subhead :

1411

Programme : (1) Energy Supply; Electrical; Gas and Nuclear §

Controlling Officer : Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

On nuclear safety, please provide the details and expenditure of technical co-operation/exchanges and exercises/drills participated in the past five years (i.e. from 2006-07 to 2010-11).

Is there any plan to increase the participation in technical co-operation/exchanges and exercises/drills in 2011? If yes, what are the planned programme and expenditure?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Sing-chi

Reply :

During the past five years, Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) had participated in the following technical co-operation/exchanges:

- (a) review on co-operation with the Administration of Guangdong Province on Daya Bay nuclear power plants emergencies;
- (b) technical exchanges with other government departments and local institutions/bodies; and
- (c) technical exchanges with relevant overseas and Mainland organisations/experts.

EMSD had also participated in monthly drills on nuclear emergency communication during the past five years.

As the officers participated in the above technical co-operation/exchanges and drills also handled other duties, there is no separate breakdown on the expenditure involved.

EMSD has no plan to increase the participation in technical co-operation/exchanges and exercises/drills in 2011.

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CHAN HUNG CHEUNG, STEPHEN

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Director of Electrical and Mechanical
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Reply Serial No.

SB 212

Question Serial No.

0378

Head : 168 Hong Kong Observatory Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (2) Radiation Monitoring and Assessment

Controlling Officer : Director of the Hong Kong Observatory

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

With regard to keeping abreast of the development on the methodology for nuclear accident consequence assessment by the Hong Kong Observatory, please inform this Committee of the respective details and progress of the work as well as the expenditure and manpower involved each year in the past 3 years (i.e. from 2008-09 to 2010-11). What are the future work plans and the estimated expenditure and manpower required?

Asked by : Hon. KAM Nai-wai

Reply :

In the past three years, the Observatory adapted the second-generation accident consequence assessment system which is gradually being widely applied in many places around the world. The purpose is to replace the existing system which has been in operations for nearly two decades. The Observatory's work mainly focuses on optimizing the computer model as well as conducting tests and simulations. This is to ensure that the new system is suitable for estimating the consequence of nuclear accidents and assessing its impact on Hong Kong.

The second-generation accident consequence assessment system is now on operational trial. The Observatory will conduct staff training, drills and exercises with a view to putting this advanced system into operation the soonest possible in the coming year.

The Observatory uses its existing resources to carry out the above work. No additional expenditure or manpower is involved.

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Post Title Director of the Hong Kong Observatory

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