

Information Paper

Legislative Council Panel on Security

Proposed Revision of Fees and Charges under the purview of the Hong Kong Police Force

Purpose

This paper briefs Members on the proposals to revise a number of fees and charges for services provided by the Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF).

Background

2. It is the Government's established policy that fees for services charged by the Government should be set at levels adequate to recover the full cost of providing the goods or services. The Government has also established guidelines for fee increases for gradually and steadily bringing fees that are recovering at a rate below the full-cost level to the full-cost recovery level as follows –

- (a) to achieve full-cost recovery within seven years for those fees with an existing cost recovery rate of less than 40% of target, through a 20% increase;
- (b) to achieve full-cost recovery within three to seven years for those fees with an existing cost recovery rate of between 40% and 70% of target, through a 15% increase; and
- (c) to achieve full-cost recovery within one to three years for those fees with existing cost recovery rate of over 70% of target, through a 10% (or lower) increase.

3. Based on the outcome of the latest costing review and with reference to the Government guidelines set out in paragraph 2 above, we propose adjusting 17 fees under the purview of the HKPF, including nine fees under the Firearms and Ammunition Regulations (Cap. 238A), four fees under the Firearms and Ammunition (Storage Fees) Order (Cap. 238B), one fee under the Dutiable Commodities Regulations (Cap. 109A), one fee under the Pawnbrokers Regulations (Cap. 166A) and two fees under the Massage Establishments Regulations (Cap. 266A).

4. Details of the fee revision proposals are at the **Annex**. The proposals have little impact on the daily life of most people and only very limited impact on the running cost of the relevant trades.

Financial implications

5. If the proposed revisions are implemented, there will be an increase of about \$0.68 million in revenue a year.

Efficiency Initiative

6. HKPF regularly reviews their day-to-day management and procedures with a view to controlling the cost of their services through implementing efficiency initiatives and streamlining procedures. Efficiency savings from these efforts have been factored into the calculation of the fees to be charged by HKPF for the provision of their services.

Way forward

7. Subject to Members' views, if any, on our fee revision proposals, we shall proceed with the necessary amendments to the legislation mentioned in paragraph 3 above to implement the proposed revisions.

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Fee revision proposals under the purview of the Hong Kong Police Force

Item no.	Department / Description of Fee	Last revision	Existing fee level (\$)	Cost recovery level at 2014-15 price level	Proposed fee level (\$)	Proposed amount of increase (\$) (proposed percentage increase)	Cost recovery level after the proposed increase
	Hong Kong Police Force						
	1. <u>Dutiable Commodities Regulations</u>						
1	1.1 Fee for a temporary liquor licence (per day)	Jun 2012	\$445	45%	\$510	\$65 (15%)	52%
	2. <u>Pawnbrokers Regulations</u>						
2	2.1 Fee for the grant or renewal of a pawnbroker licence (per licence)	Jun 2012	\$4,190	82%	\$4,610	\$420 (10%)	90%
	3. <u>Firearms and Ammunition Regulations</u>						
3	3.1 Fee for an exemption under section 4(3) of the Ordinance (per permit)	Jun 2012	\$540	67%	\$620	\$80 (15%)	77%
4	3.2 Fee for the issue or renewal of a licence for possession - granted to a security guard (per annum)	Jun 2012	\$230	30%	\$275	\$45 (20%)	35%
5	3.3 Fee for the issue or renewal of a licence for possession - in any other case (per annum)	Jun 2012	\$2,060	45%	\$2,370	\$310 (15%)	52%
6	3.4 Fee for the issue of a licence for possession or a dealer's licence granted for a limited purpose under section 30(1) of the Ordinance (per licence)	Jun 2012	\$86	16%	\$105	\$19 (22%)	19%
7	3.5 Fee for the issue or renewal of a dealer's licence - restricted to a prescribed class or description of arms or ammunition or both (per annum)	Jun 2012	\$5,140	74%	\$5,650	\$510 (10%)	82%
8	3.6 Fee for the issue or renewal of a dealer's licence - restricted to used cartridge cases, used shot, used bullets, used missiles or parts of any of those articles (per annum)	Jun 2012	\$4,960	78%	\$5,460	\$500 (10%)	85%

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9	3.7 Fee for the issue or renewal of a dealer's licence - in any other case (per annum)	Jun 2012	\$11,700	82%	\$12,850	\$1,150 (10%)	91%
10	3.8 Fee for the amendment of a licence or a condition thereof (per case)	Jun 2012	\$86	30%	\$105	\$19 (22%)	37%
11	3.9 Fee for the replacement of a licence or an exemption (per case)	Jun 2012	\$83	41%	\$95	\$12 (14%)	47%
	4. <u>Firearms and Ammunition (Storage Fees) Order</u>						
12	4.1 Fee for storing arms (for each article for each month or part thereof)	Jun 2012	\$140	61%	\$160	\$20 (14%)	70%
13	4.2 Fee for storing imitation firearms (for each article for each month or part thereof)	Jun 2012	\$140	61%	\$160	\$20 (14%)	70%
14	4.3 Fee for storing ammunition (for each 100 rounds or part thereof, for each month or part thereof)	Jun 2012	\$140	61%	\$160	\$20 (14%)	70%
15	4.4 Fee for storage of arms and ammunition awaiting transshipment where the arms and ammunition are stored in a box, crate or similar container (for each 50 kg gross weight or part thereof, for each month or part thereof)	Jun 2012	\$105	46%	\$120	\$15 (14%)	53%
	5. <u>Massage Establishments Regulations</u>						
16	5.1 Fee for the issue of a massage establishment licence	Jun 2012	\$8,480	52%	\$9,750	\$1,270 (15%)	60%
17	5.2 Fee for the renewal of a massage establishment licence (whether for a period of 12 or 24 months)	Jun 2012	\$3,300	56%	\$3,800	\$500 (15%)	65%