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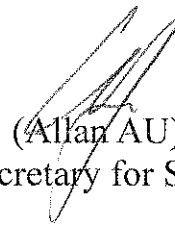
Clerk to Subcommittee  
(Attn: Mr Colin CHUI)  
Legislative Council Secretariat  
Legislative Council Complex  
1 Legislative Council Road  
Central, Hong Kong

Dear Mr CHUI,

**Subcommittee to Study Issues  
Relating to Mainland-HKSAR Families**

**Meeting on 23 November 2015**

To follow up on the captioned meeting, the required information is enclosed at Annex, please.

  
(Allan AU)  
for Secretary for Security

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**Annex**  
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In recent years, the Immigration Department (ImmD) has received a total of 145 requests for assistance concerning Mainland single mothers, among which 120 were referrals made through Members of the Legislative Council or the Legislative Council Secretariat Public Complaints Office, whereas the remaining 25 referrals were from various concerned groups. Through active conveyance of these cases by ImmD to the Mainland authorities, over 70 of the persons seeking help have successfully been issued, on discretion, One Way Permits (OWPs) for settlement in Hong Kong, and about half of the remaining persons were issued one-year multiple exit endorsements for visiting relatives in Hong Kong.

2. Statistics on OWP holders arriving in Hong Kong from the Mainland by age and educational attainment in the past 10 years are as follows:

**OWP holders from the Mainland by age group**

Age group	Year									
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
<b>0-4</b>	4 632 (8%)	3 520 (6%)	2 682 (8%)	3 042 (7%)	3 278 (7%)	3 344 (8%)	2 830 (7%)	2 749 (5%)	3 275 (7%)	3 982 (10%)
<b>5-14</b>	9 906 (18%)	12 871 (24%)	6 385 (19%)	7 133 (17%)	6 455 (13%)	5 209 (12%)	4 633 (11%)	4 176 (8%)	3 959 (9%)	3 887 (10%)
<b>15-24</b>	5 164 (9%)	7 573 (14%)	4 514 (13%)	6 117 (15%)	6 324 (13%)	5 821 (14%)	5 714 (13%)	4 803 (9%)	4 352 (10%)	4 407 (11%)
<b>25-34</b>	20 892 (38%)	14 854 (27%)	10 689 (32%)	13 214 (32%)	17 939 (37%)	14 592 (34%)	13 487 (31%)	13 970 (26%)	12 801 (28%)	11 365 (28%)
<b>35-44</b>	10 494 (19%)	11 290 (21%)	6 372 (19%)	8 188 (20%)	10 171 (21%)	9 211 (22%)	11 214 (26%)	17 777 (33%)	12 545 (28%)	10 831 (27%)
<b>45-54</b>	2 685 (5%)	2 812 (5%)	1 991 (6%)	2 628 (6%)	3 183 (7%)	3 172 (7%)	4 075 (9%)	7 341 (13%)	4 890 (11%)	3 711 (9%)
<b>55-64</b>	862 (2%)	814 (2%)	790 (2%)	868 (2%)	852 (2%)	910 (2%)	1 077 (2%)	3 244 (6%)	2 622 (6%)	1 790 (4%)
<b>65+</b>	471 (1%)	436 (1%)	442 (1%)	420 (1%)	385 (1%)	365 (1%)	349 (1%)	586 (1%)	587 (1%)	523 (1%)
<b>Total</b>	55 106 (100%)	54 170 (100%)	33 865 (100%)	41 610 (100%)	48 587 (100%)	42 624 (100%)	43 379 (100%)	54 646 (100%)	45 031 (100%)	40 496 (100%)

Note : Percentages in brackets may not add up to respective total due to rounding.

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**OWP holders from the Mainland (aged 15 or above) by educational attainment**

Educational attainment	Year									
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
<b>No schooling/ kindergarten</b>	665 (2%)	538 (1%)	442 (2%)	488 (2%)	513 (1%)	445 (1%)	511 (1%)	802 (2%)	586 (2%)	452 (1%)
<b>Primary</b>	4 382 (11%)	3 749 (10%)	2 520 (10%)	3 359 (11%)	4 055 (10%)	3 562 (10%)	3 636 (10%)	5 988 (13%)	3 975 (11%)	2 882 (9%)
<b>Secondary</b>	31 216 (77%)	28 933 (77%)	18 662 (75%)	23 342 (74%)	28 845 (74%)	25 138 (74%)	26 348 (73%)	34 108 (71%)	26 612 (70%)	22 740 (70%)
<b>University/ post- secondary</b>	4 305 (11%)	4 559 (12%)	3 174 (13%)	4 246 (14%)	5 441 (14%)	4 926 (14%)	5 421 (15%)	6 823 (14%)	6 624 (18%)	6 553 (20%)
<b>Total</b>	40 568 (100%)	37 779 (100%)	24 798 (100%)	31 435 (100%)	38 854 (100%)	34 071 (100%)	35 916 (100%)	47 721 (100%)	37 797 (100%)	32 627 (100%)

Note : Percentages in brackets may not add up to respective total due to rounding.

3. These statistics are published in the relevant quarterly report of the Home Affairs Department (HAD) and disseminated to relevant government departments and local non-governmental organisations for service planning, and is uploaded onto the HAD website.

4. There is no deadline set by the Mainland authorities for the submission of applications under the arrangement for Mainland “overage children” to apply for settlement in Hong Kong and eligible Mainland “overage children” may submit applications according to their own settlement plan and individual circumstances (such as their age, family situation and their wish to come to Hong Kong, etc.). It is therefore difficult to estimate the number of Mainland “overage children” eligible for applying to settle in Hong Kong in each phase of the arrangement. According to the information provided by the Mainland authorities, from 1 April 2011 to end of October 2015, over 53 000 applications were received from Mainland “overage children”, among which over 47 000 applications have been issued OWPs. There is no further breakdown of the figures available from the Mainland authorities.