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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**S-SJ01****(Question Serial No. S0012)**Head: (92) Department of JusticeSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (1) ProsecutionsControlling Officer: Director of Administration and Development (Alan Siu)Director of Bureau: Secretary for JusticeQuestion:

According to the Police, the numbers of non-ethnic Chinese on recognizance (mostly non-refoulement claimants) who were arrested for criminal offences in the past 4 years and this year are tabulated below:

Crime	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017 (up to February)
Shop theft	78	147	277	463	74
Serious narcotics offences	79	79	159	179	22
Miscellaneous thefts	80	86	110	161	26
Wounding and serious assault	100	67	100	117	23
Serious immigration offences	30	34	85	117	11
Forgery and coinage	31	40	80	85	17
Disorder/fighting in public places	35	43	64	37	3
Others	175	169	238	347	39
Total	608	665	1 113	1 506	215

- i) What were the actual numbers of these cases against which prosecutions were initiated? What were the numbers of convicted cases?
- ii) How many of the prosecuted and convicted cases involved non-refoulement claimants?

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (Member Question No.)

Reply:

As the prosecution authority, our objective is to see that appropriate cases are presented fairly to the court. The race or immigration status of parties involved in a criminal case is taken into account in the handling of the case if but only if that is of direct relevance to the merit of the case and hence our prosecutorial decision.

We do not keep statistics on prosecuted and convicted cases related to non-ethnic Chinese or non-refoulement claimants.

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