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Dear Miss Ma,

**Statistics on the utilisation of video visit facilities at
correctional facilities**

In response to Members' request during the briefing by the Secretary for Security on the Chief Executive's 2017 Policy Address at the meeting of the Panel on Security on 3 November 2017, I write to provide supplementary information on the utilisation of video visit facilities at correctional facilities.

Relatives and friends may conduct social visits on a person in custody at a correctional facility in accordance with the stipulations in Rule 48 of the Prison Rules (Cap. 234A). Persons in custody at correctional facilities equipped with video visit facilities may make an application to the institutional management in advance if they wish to receive a video visit from their relatives and friends. Upon approval, the relatives and friends may conduct the video visit at the Mongkok Counselling Centre of the Correctional Services Department (CSD).

Legal advisers may conduct legal visits on a person in custody at a correctional facility in accordance with the stipulations in Rule 52 of the Prison Rules. Legal advisers who wish to conduct a video visit on a person in custody at correctional facilities equipped with video visit facilities may make an application to the CSD in advance. Upon approval, legal advisers may conduct video legal visits from facilities at the High Court on persons in custody at correctional facilities equipped with video visit facilities.

In addition, three offices of the Social Welfare Department and one office of the Legal Aid Department are equipped with facilities for respective officers of the two departments to conduct video visits on persons in custody at Lai Chi Kok Reception Centre.

Statistics on the utilisation of video visit facilities are at **Tables 1 to 3** respectively.

The CSD is working towards equipping more correctional facilities with video visit facilities. For instance, video visit facilities are being installed at Siu Lam Psychiatric Centre and are expected to commence operation in the second quarter of 2018.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Alex Chan', written in a cursive style.

(Alex Chan)
for Secretary for Security

c.c. Commissioner of Correctional Services (Attn: Mr WONG Kwok-hing)

Table 1 : Statistics on the Utilisation of Video Visit Facilities for Social Visits at Correctional Facilities (2015 to September 2017)

Correctional Facility	Number of Video Social Visits		
	2015	2016	2017 (up to Sep)
Cape Collinson Correctional Institution	-	-	-
Hei Ling Chau Correctional Institution	107	104	74
Hei Ling Chau Addiction Treatment Centre	2	3	5
Lai Chi Kok Reception Centre	140	121	68
Lai Sun Correctional Institution	2	1	1
Lo Wu Correctional Institution	526	417	264
Nei Kwu Correctional Institution	51	56	24
Phoenix House	-	-	-
Pak Sha Wan Correctional Institution	70	58	24
Pik Uk Correctional Institution	4	9	-
Queen Mary Hospital Custodial Ward	-	-	-
Queen Elizabeth Hospital Custodial Ward	-	-	-
Shek Pik Prison	12	42	29
Stanley Prison	215	227	203
Sha Tsui Correctional Institution/ Lai Chi Rehabilitation Centre	1	-	-
Tong Fuk Correctional Institution	7	25	25
Tai Tam Gap Correctional Institution	-	-	-
Tai Lam Correctional Institution	-	-	-
Tai Lam Centre for Women	56	53	79
Tung Tau Correctional Institution	35	20	5
Total	1 228	1 136	801

Table 2 : Statistics on the Utilisation of Video Visit Facilities for Video Legal Visits conducted from the High Court on persons in custody in correctional facilities (2015 to September 2017)

Correctional Facility	Number of Video Legal Visits		
	2015	2016	2017 (up to Sep)
Lai Chi Kok Reception Centre	1 106	649	301
Lai King Correctional Institution*	N/A	N/A	-
Lo Wu Correctional Institution	263	210	68
Pik Uk Correctional Institution	164	136	50
Stanley Prison*	N/A	N/A	97
Tai Lam Centre for Women	53	227	217
Total	1 586	1 222	733

* Video visit facilities commenced operation at Stanley Prison and Lai King Correctional Institution in March 2017 and September 2017 respectively

Table 3 : Statistics on the Utilisation of Video Visit Facilities for Visits conducted by the Social Welfare Department and Legal Aid Department on persons in custody (May 2016 to September 2017)

Correctional Facility	Number of Video Visits	
	2016 (from May**)	2017 (up to Sep)
Lai Chi Kok Reception Centre	339	388

**Video visit facilities in the Social Welfare Department and Legal Aid Department commenced operation in May 2016.