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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**SV-SB001****(Question Serial No. SV019)**

Head: (122) Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police (LO Wai-chung)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

A follow-up question regarding Question Serial No. SB107:

Regarding child abuse cases, please provide the numbers of prosecutions and of cases successfully prosecuted by the Police in the past 3 years.

Asked by: Hon CHOW Ho-ding, Holden

Reply:

The numbers of prosecutions for offences involving ill-treating, neglect and abandoning of children under Sections 26 and 27 of the Offences Against the Person Ordinance (Cap. 212) in the past 3 years are set out as follows:

Number of Persons Prosecuted under Section 26	Year		
	2016	2017	2018
Acquitted	0	0	0
Convicted	1	0	0

Number of Persons Prosecuted under Section 27	Year		
	2016	2017	2018
Acquitted	29	31	38
Convicted	63	64	74

The Government does not maintain prosecution figures of other criminal offences involving child abuse.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**SV-SB002****(Question Serial No. SV018)**

Head: (122) Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police (LO Wai-chung)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Follow-up questions regarding Question Serial No. SB159:

- (1) Please provide details on the Police's prosecution figures, the targets of prosecution and the sentences for the offence of "letting premises for use as a vice establishment" under section 144 of the Crimes Ordinance in the past 3 years.
- (2) According to the information provided by the Force, if the premises decided by the court to be an illegal vice establishment are again decided by the court to be involved in similar cases within a specified period, the Force may consider applying to the court for a closure order under section 153A of the Crimes Ordinance to close the premises in question for 6 months. Does the Force conduct further inspections at the premises concerned within the specified period? If yes, please provide the numbers and details of the inspections; if not, will the Force consider proposing amendments to section 153A of the Crimes Ordinance, so that the Police may order closure without waiting for the court's ruling on further involvement of the premises in similar cases?

Asked by: Hon WONG Pik-wan, Helena

Reply:

- (1) The information on prosecutions, convictions and sentences made under section 144 of the Crimes Ordinance is set out below:

Year of Judgment	Number of persons prosecuted	Number of persons convicted	Sentence
2016	3	3	6 months' imprisonment each
2017	0	0	0
2018	0	0	0

The Police Force does not maintain other information requested in the question.

- (2) The Force will gather intelligence and take appropriate enforcement actions should any premises be suspected to be used as an illegal vice establishment.

The Force does not maintain the numbers and details of the inspections requested in the question.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

SV-SB003

(Question Serial No. SV017)

Head: (70) Immigration Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Pre-entry Control

Controlling Officer: Director of Immigration (K W TSANG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

A follow-up question on Reply Serial No. SB079:

- (1) According to the information provided by the authorities about the 7 talent admission schemes, namely the General Employment Policy (Employment Stream), the General Employment Policy (Investment Stream), the Admission Scheme for Mainland Talents and Professionals, the Quality Migrant Admission Scheme, the Immigration Arrangements for Non-local Graduates, the Capital Investment Entrant Scheme and the Technology Talent Admission Scheme, one of the columns under the industry/sector of applicants is "others". Please provide detailed breakdown information of the column of "others" by industry.
- (2) In connection with the above, the academic qualifications of applicants include "other academic qualifications". What are the standards adopted by the authorities in defining "other academic qualifications"?

Asked by: Hon POON Siu-ping

Reply:

- (1) Industries/sectors under the category of “others” in respect of applications approved for admission to Hong Kong under the General Employment Policy (GEP) (including employment and investment streams) and the Admission Scheme for Mainland Talents and Professionals (ASMTP) include catering services; tourism; medical and health care services; manufacturing; architecture/surveying; telecommunications; biotechnology and traditional Chinese medicine.

Industries/sectors under the category of “others” in respect of applications approved for admission to Hong Kong under the Quality Migrant Admission Scheme (QMAS) include academic research and education; legal services; business support and human resources; manufacturing; broadcasting and entertainment; human health and veterinary services; sports; logistics and transportation; and catering and tourism.

- (2) Persons seeking to enter Hong Kong under the GEP (including employment and investment streams), the ASMTP, the QMAS and the Technology Talent Admission Scheme are required to have a good education background, normally a first degree in the relevant field, but in special circumstances, good technical qualifications, proven professional abilities and/or relevant experience and achievements may also be accepted. The Immigration Department (ImmD) may, depending on individual circumstances, request the applicants to apply to relevant authorised institutions for verification of their qualifications, and arrange the verification results to be sent to the ImmD directly for examination. As for those seeking to enter Hong Kong under the Immigration Arrangements for Non-local Graduates, they are required to have obtained a bachelor’s degree or a higher qualification in a full-time locally-accredited programme in Hong Kong. The ImmD will consult the relevant institutions or organisations for verification of the applicants’ qualifications where necessary.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

SV-SB004

(Question Serial No. SV020)

Head: (166) Government Flying Service

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Government Flying Service

Controlling Officer: Controller, Government Flying Service (Captain Michael CHAN)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Further to Reply Serial No. SB200:

(1) According to the information provided by the Government, the Government Flying Service (GFS) conducted exchanges with 2 Mainland government departments in 2018-19. What are the names of the 2 departments?

(2) Further to the above question, has GFS conducted joint exercises with those two departments?

Asked by: Hon MA Fung-kwok

Reply:

In 2018-19, the Government Flying Service (GFS) conducted exchanges with the Ministry of Public Security and Ministry of Transport on basic training for aircrew and training on aircraft procurement procedures respectively. In 2018-19, GFS did not conduct any joint exercises with the two departments.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

S-SB001

(Question Serial No. S115)

Head: (151) Government Secretariat: Security Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): Not specified

Programme: (2) Internal Security

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Security (Mrs Marion LAI)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Further to Reply Serial Number SB012, it is stated that regarding its internal security work, the Security Bureau will “continue to enhance the effectiveness of the Government’s emergency response measures through inter-departmental exercises and drills, regular review and updating of various contingency plans and provision of training to frontline departments.” Please inform this Committee of:

(1) whether the planned contingency efforts (including those concerning assembly and evacuation, temporary housing, guarantee of drinking water and food safety, emergency medical support, post-disaster order and the sustainability of government functions, etc.) of the existing Daya Bay Contingency Plan (DBCP) can meet the needs of a population of hundreds of thousands;

(2) if yes, apart from the provision of adequate propaganda and publicity in addition to various emergency and protective measures as detailed in the DBCP, whether and in what ways these plans can make each community and family in Hong Kong fully aware of how to respond to emergencies and thereby minimising the numbers of deaths and injuries and property losses. If no, please state the reasons and explain how to maintain Hong Kong’s contingency operation without any preparedness.

Asked by: Hon AU Nok-hin

Reply:

The Daya Bay Nuclear Power Station has been maintaining an outstanding safety record since it entered into commercial operation in 1994. It ranks in the world’s top tier in the various performance indices of the World Association of Nuclear Operators. Nevertheless, the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) has put in place a comprehensive Daya Bay Contingency Plan (DBCP) to cope with any nuclear accident at a nuclear power station that leads to an off-site release of radioactive materials.

Government departments will be able to adopt appropriate emergency measures immediately with a view to protecting public health and safety in Hong Kong.

The DBCP was formulated on the basis of international nuclear safety standards set by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and relevant international organisations as well as the best practices of major advanced countries. It was based on a number of basic principles, which include: the plan should accommodate all accidents that are reasonably foreseeable and be capable of being applied in case of less likely but potentially very severe accidents, that are credible for prioritising deployment of defined resources; criteria are to be set in advance for use in determining when to take different countermeasures and experts advice should be duly considered; and all practical measures should be provided to mitigate consequences for human health, safety and the environment.

As such, the DBCP has adopted IAEA's four-category system for classifying nuclear and radiological emergencies at nuclear stations (including emergency standby, plant emergency, site emergency and off-site emergency), and put in place emergency measures in different areas. In the unfortunate event of a nuclear incident, the HKSAR Government will decide on the activation level of the DBCP having regard to the category of the event. The Government will also provide accurate information and advice to the public via the media, Internet and all available channels in a timely manner, and to inform the public of issues they should take note of and protective measures to be taken.

For details of various emergency measures and countermeasures of DBCP, please visit DBCP webpage (see <http://www.dbcp.gov.hk/eng/dbcp/download.htm>).

In addition, the HKSAR Government has been promoting public education on the DBCP and issues related to nuclear science and radiation through various channels. In 2012, the Security Bureau set up a dedicated website on the DBCP. It contains the full version of the Plan for viewing and downloading by the public, in addition to information on the Government's work in radiation monitoring and nuclear emergency response, what to do and what not to do during emergencies, basics of nuclear science, online quizzes, etc. In 2018, the website has attracted an average of about 12 213 visits per month, and the average monthly hit rate was about 542 649. Furthermore, the Hong Kong Observatory (the HKO) has been providing a wide array of radiation-related information and education resources to the public through its webpages, "MyObservatory" mobile application, publications, open days, school and group visits, public talks and exhibitions, etc. To further enhance its public education efforts in respect of such knowledge, the HKO also produces popular science video clips related to nuclear science and radiation for broadcasting via such channels as the HKO's "Cool Met Stuff" channel on its website, "MyObservatory" mobile application, television and YouTube.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

S-SB002

(Question Serial No. S116)

Head: (151) Government Secretariat: Security Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Security (Mrs Marion LAI)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Regarding Reply Serial No. SB001 on the exchanges conducted by the Security Bureau and the disciplined services with other places, please set out in the table below the number of exchanges conducted between officers of the Hong Kong's disciplined services and the Mainland's regional armed forces in Hong Kong, the Mainland's regional armed forces and the relevant armed forces agencies of countries or regions other than the Mainland in the past 3 years, as well as the purposes and details of such exchanges and the expenditures involved.

Name of department	Year	Targets of the exchanges	Purposes and details of the exchanges	Expenditure involved

Asked by: Hon AU Nok-hin

Reply:

Details of the exchanges between officers of the Hong Kong's disciplined services and the Hong Kong Garrison of the Chinese People's Liberation Army (HK Garrison), the Mainland's forces and relevant authorities of other countries or regions from 2016-17 to 2018-19 (up to 28 February 2019) are as follows:

Name of department	Targets of the exchanges	Purposes and details of the exchanges	Expenditure involved
Correctional Services Department (CSD)	HK Garrison, and CSD's counterparts in the Mainland as well as other countries and regions	Maintaining contact and exchanging views on various correctional efforts through such activities as meetings, thematic seminars, training, courtesy calls, and attendance at HK Garrison's events	The expenditure is part of the departmental day-to-day operating expenditure. No specific breakdown is available.
Customs and Excise Department (C&ED)	HK Garrison, and C&ED's counterparts in the Mainland as well as other countries and regions	Maintaining contact and exchanging views on various customs efforts through such activities as the International Customs Day, passing-out parades of C&ED, and attendance at HK Garrison's events	
Fire Services Department	HK Garrison, and firefighting/rescue agencies in the Mainland as well as other countries and regions	Maintaining contact and exchanging views on firefighting, rescue, fire prevention, ambulance service, deployment and communication efforts through such activities as meetings, thematic seminars, training, courtesy calls, and attendance at HK Garrison's events	
Hong Kong Police Force	HK Garrison, and liaison and police authorities in the Mainland as well as other countries and regions	Maintaining contact and exchanging views on the latest crime trends and studies to combat cross-boundary crime through such activities as meetings, focus studies on specific crimes, training, courtesy calls, and attendance at HK Garrison's events	
Immigration Department (ImmD)	HK Garrison, and ImmD's counterparts in the Mainland as well as other countries and regions	Maintaining contact and exchanging views on immigration control efforts and enhancement of immigration personnel's professionalism through such activities as training, study trips, and attendance at HK Garrison's events	
Government Flying Service (GFS)	HK Garrison, and GFS' counterparts in the Mainland as well as other countries and regions	Maintaining contact and exchanging views on the flying rescue service through such activities as briefings on GFS' emergency services, participation in the Air Crewman Officer instructor course, and attendance at HK Garrison's events	

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

S-SB003

(Question Serial No. S127)

Head: (151) Government Secretariat: Security Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Immigration Control

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Security (Mrs Marion LAI)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

The Government has proposed amending the Immigration Ordinance to expedite the handling of cases under the Unified Screening Mechanism (USM). There were views that the USM, upon amendment, might be subject to judicial review. Will the Government seek legal advice from external solicitors, counsel and/or legal scholars on the amendments? If yes, what will be the numbers of solicitors, counsel and/or legal scholars and the expenditures involved? If no, has the Department of Justice provided any legal advice?

Asked by: Hon KWOK Wing-hang, Dennis

Reply:

Given the positive outcomes of the various administrative measures adopted by the Immigration Department in expediting the screening of claims, the Government considers it necessary to duly incorporate such measures into the law in order to prescribe statutory procedures and prevent procedural abuses. Any deliberate obstruction or delay can be tackled more effectively in future and unnecessary disputes can be avoided. Besides, with the procedures for screening claims and handling appeals expedited while meeting the high standards of fairness, it should be in the greater interest of claimants and the society at large as claimants do not need to wait for a long time for a decision.

Similar to other legislative exercises, the Security Bureau will seek legal advice from the Department of Justice (DoJ) when required in considering and preparing the amendment proposals. As the provision of legal advice is part of its daily duties, DoJ does not maintain separate breakdowns of the relevant manpower and expenditures.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

S-SB004

(Question Serial No. S118)

Head: (122) Hong Kong Police Force
Subhead (No. & title): Not specified
Programme: (2) Prevention and Detection of Crime
Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police (LO Wai-chung)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Some members of the public discovered some time ago that the Hong Kong Police Force had amended the contents of Police History on its website. The description in several areas concerning the “Double Tenth” riots, 1967 Riots, Sha Tau Kok shoot-out in which Chinese militia shot dead 6 police officers, corruption of the Force and the Godber incident, etc. were revised. This year marks the 175th Anniversary of the Force. Please inform this Committee of the following:

1. Does the Police Force intend to continue amending the contents of Police History on the Force website? If so, please give details; if not, please state (a) the reasons for the revision earlier on, and (b) the criteria for making revision.
2. What are the departments of the Police Force responsible for drafting the relevant contents and administering the website, and also the size and composition of the Force Museum Advisory Committee, as well as the establishment and ranks of officers of other relevant units in the Police Force?

Asked by: Hon AU Nok-hin

Reply:

1. The Police Force is always committed to strengthening the communication with the public through various platforms. The “Police History” on the Police Public Page mainly describes the evolution of the Force in the past 175 years, including its areas of work and the relevant changes, and its contribution to the development of Hong Kong. Events that have shaped the development of the Force in the history of Hong Kong are also part of the “Police History”. The Force has established procedures in place for reviewing the contents of the Police Public Page from time to time to facilitate public access to Force information.

2. The contents for the Police Public Page are produced and revised by various responsible formations for uploading to the website by the administrator.

The Force Museum Advisory Committee reviews and updates the contents for “Police History” on the Police Public Page, enriching them with more texts, photographs and reference materials. The Committee consists of 11 members in total, comprising officers of various ranks from different formations of the Force, including expatriate officer and civilian staff.

The Social Media Communication Division under the Police Public Relations Branch is the administrator of the website. This Division also manages 6 other social media platforms including the Hong Kong Police Mobile Application, the Hong Kong Police YouTube Channel, the Hong Kong Police Facebook page, the Hong Kong Police Instagram page, the Hong Kong Police Weibo page and the Hong Kong Police Twitter page. In addition, the Division performs related administrative duties and supports the work of other formations. The establishment of the Division is set out in the following table:

Rank	Number of officers
Superintendent	1
Chief Inspector	2
Inspector / Senior Inspector	4
Station Sergeant	1
Sergeant	8
Police Constable / Senior Police Constable	12
Contract New Media Writer	1
Contract New Media Designer	1
Total	30

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**S-SB005****(Question Serial No. S119)**

Head: (122) Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses

Programme: (4) Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police (LO Wai-chung)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Will the Government inform this Committee of: (a) the current establishment of the Police Band (including the Silver Band, Scotland Pipe Band and other performers); (b) the musical training the officers received and their relevant qualifications; (c) whether the Government provides training programmes under which members of the Band are nominated, arranged or subsidised to enhance their musical skills at local or overseas institutions; if so, please provide information on the number of people involved and the training programmes; if not, please give reasons; and (d) the details on performances and exchanges which the Police Band was encouraged to conduct across the world in the past 3 years in the following table?

Year of visit	Place	Number of people	Organiser	Programme title	Relevant expenses

Asked by: Hon AU Nok-hin

Reply:

- (a) The current establishment of the Police Force's Police Band comprises 87 police officers and 2 civilian staff, including 3 band management staff (officers from inspector to superintendent), 60 Silver Bandsmen and 24 Pipe Bandsmen (officers from police constable to station sergeant), as well as 1 Assistant Clerical Officer and 1 Supplies Assistant.
- (b) The Police Band is a special duty department and its staff should possess the following musical qualification(s):
- Bandmaster (Inspector): proficient in performing 1 or more woodwind, brass or percussion instruments with a professional diploma and also a degree majoring in music or a recognised professional diploma in music theory.
 - Bandsman (Police Constable): proficient in performing 1 or more woodwind,

brass, percussion instruments, Scottish bagpipe or Highland drum with Grade 8 Certificate from the Royal Schools of Music or Grade 3 Certificate of the College of Piping, the United Kingdom.

- (c) The musical training of the Bandsmen is under the charge of the management staff and senior officers of the Force. The Force has not planned to nominate, arrange or subsidise members of the Band to study music at local or overseas institutions.
- (d) The duty visits of the Police Band are mainly for entertaining performance requests from public bodies or government departments to assist in promoting Hong Kong's economic and trade development, etc. In the past 3 years, the Police Band conducted 20 visits to places including Macao and cities in Mainland China, with the number of visiting staff ranging from 4 to 35. Organisers included Hong Kong Trade Development Council (HKTDC), the Mainland Offices of the HKSAR Government, etc. and the costs were fully borne by the organisers. Details are set out below:

Year of visit	Place	Number of people	Organiser	Programme title
2016 5 visits	Macao Shenzhen Kunming Dalian Ningbo	6-13 in each visit	Consulate General of Ireland; Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Guangdong (GDETO) of the HKSAR Government; Chinese Manufacturers' Association of Hong Kong (CMA) and the Liaoning Liaison Unit of the HKSAR Government; HKTDC	St. Patrick's Day parade; "Getting to Know Hong Kong" Exhibition; Hong Kong Trendy Products Expo; Style Hong Kong Show
2017 11 visits	Fuzhou Beijing Wuhan Chongqing Guangzhou Shenzhen Nanning Tianjin Xiamen Kunming	4-30 in each visit	GDETO of the HKSAR Government; Office of the HKSAR Government in Beijing; CMA; Chongqing Liaison Unit of the HKSAR Government; Guangxi Liaison Unit of the HKSAR Government; Fujian Liaison Unit of the HKSAR Government	St. Patrick's Day parade; The 21st Century Maritime Silk Road International Expo cum the 19th Cross Straits Fair for Economy and Trade – Hong Kong Exhibition; Let's Party! Let's Celebrate our 20th birthday; 2017 Hong Kong Trendy Products Expo, Wuhan; Performance by the Silver Band of Hong Kong Police Band; Exhibition of Hong Kong's Achievements in celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the Establishment of HKSAR;

Year of visit	Place	Number of people	Organiser	Programme title
				A reception in celebration of 20th anniversary of HKSAR establishment; “Together • Progress • Opportunity - Exhibition in Celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the Return of Hong Kong to the Motherland”; Opening Ceremony of Tianjin Liaison Unit of the HKSAR Government cum HKSAR 20th Anniversary Exhibition; The 10th Cross-Straits (Xiamen) Cultural Industries Fair; 20th Anniversary Exhibition in celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the Establishment of HKSAR
2018 4 visits	Zhaoqing Huizhou Kunming Tianjin	7-35 in each visit	GDETO of the HKSAR Government; Tianjin Liaison Unit of the HKSAR Government	A New Year tour to Zhaoqing, Guangdong in 2018; “Getting to Know Hong Kong” Exhibition (Huizhou leg); the 5th China-South Asia Expo; 10th Anniversary of Hong Kong Chamber of Commerce in China – Tianjin

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

S-SB006

(Question Serial No. S120)

Head: (122) Hong Kong Police Force
Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses
Programme: (4) Operations
Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police (LO Wai-chung)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

In the coming year, the provision of \$21 million for “Specialist supplies and equipment” of the Police Force is mainly for the procurement of 3 types of equipment, namely operational gear and supplies for supporting the front line, protection gear and equipment for law enforcement and gathering evidence. The provision has been approximately 40% higher than the actual expenditure for 2017-18 for two consecutive years.

In this connection, will the Government explain the reasons for the huge increase for “Specialist supplies and equipment”, and list the respective estimates for “operational gear and supplies for supporting the front line”, “protection gear” and “equipment for law enforcement and gathering evidence”?

Asked by: Hon AU Nok-hin

Reply:

The provision for “Specialist supplies and equipment” of the Police Force is mainly for the procurement of the following 3 types of equipment:

- (1) operational gear and supplies for supporting the front line, including firearms and ammunition, handcuffs, shields, communications equipment, mills barrier, and food and supplies for police dogs;
- (2) protection gear, including life jackets, safety helmets, medicines and equipment for sea rescue emergency operations; and
- (3) equipment for law enforcement and gathering evidence, including traffic cones, forensic equipment, and printing pads and ink for collecting fingerprints.

The Force has formulated detailed internal approval and supervision procedures, including vetting each item of expense by designated senior officers, to ensure the proper use of public funds. The Force does not maintain a specific breakdown by the above types of equipment.

The estimated expenditure for 2018-19 and 2019-20 are about 40% higher than the actual expenditure for 2017-18. This is mainly due to the increased provision for meeting actual operational needs of the department.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**S-SB007****(Question Serial No. S121)**

Head: (122) Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title): Not specified

Programme: (4) Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police (LO Wai-chung)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Further to Reply Serial No. SB152:

- 1) Please provide the amounts of and the numbers of payments of publicly offered police rewards by the Police in the past 5 years.
- 2) According to the Police, the "Subhead Rewards and special services covers expenditures involving police operations of a confidential nature, including the fight against serious crimes, narcotics offences and security matters, such as rewards and information money, expenses for the procurement and maintenance of equipment and other operational expenses for use of a confidential nature." In this connection, please inform this Committee whether the expenditures on the following fall under "Rewards and special services":
 - a) the additional payment for overtime work of the Police;
 - b) the police equipment for day-to-day use such as anti-riot shields and batons;
 - c) the procurement of crowd management equipment such as mills barriers.
 If the above expenditures fall under Subhead "Rewards and special services", please state the reasons why these expenditures do not fall under "Specialist supplies and equipment" instead.

Asked by: Hon AU Nok-hinReply:

- 1) The amounts of the Police Force's publicly offered police rewards in the past 5 years are as follows:

	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Total amount of police rewards (\$ million)	12.8	12.9	10.3	4.7	5.2

During the period, the Force paid once in 2018-19.

- 2) The provision under “Rewards and special services” is for expenditure on rewards and services of a confidential nature, including those for the fight against terrorist activities, serious crimes, narcotics offences and security matters. As the expenditures on “Rewards and special services” involve the Force’s operations of a confidential nature, disclosing the components under this Subhead may reveal the Force’s operational details and law enforcement capabilities to criminals, who may be able to elude justice, thus jeopardising public interest. Therefore, the information cannot be provided.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

S-SB008

(Question Serial No. S124)

Head: (122) Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Road Safety

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police (LO Wai-chung)

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:

(1) While the Government raised the penalty charges for illegal parking in June last year, the Force has indicated under Programme (3) that it will identify technological solutions to address serious parking offences. How many fixed penalty tickets in total did the Police issue for parking offences in the past 3 years? Please list the figures by Police District (Wan Chai, Eastern, Central, Western, Wong Tai Sin, Sau Mau Ping, Kwun Tong, Tseung Kwan O, Yau Tsim, Sham Shui Po, Mong Kok, Kowloon City, etc).

Asked by: Hon CHENG Wing-shun, Vincent

Reply:

(1) The increase of fixed penalty charges on 1 June 2018 involves 5 congestion-related offences under the Fixed Penalty (Criminal Proceedings) Ordinance (Cap. 240). It has nothing to do with the illegal parking offences under the Fixed Penalty (Traffic Contraventions) Ordinance (Cap. 237).

The Police Force handles information on fixed penalty tickets (FPTs) for illegal parking by Police Region, and therefore does not maintain the prosecution figures by Police District. In the past 3 years, the figures on FPTs for illegal parking issued by the Force under the Fixed Penalty (Traffic Contraventions) Ordinance (Cap. 237) by Police Region are listed in the following table:

Police Region	Number of FPTs for illegal parking issued		
	2016	2017	2018
Hong Kong Island	328 429	377 175	385 196
Kowloon East	237 281	299 716	351 968
Kowloon West	453 621	476 374	517 842
New Territories South	224 073	323 803	396 975
New Territories North	366 224	362 995	374 532
Total	1 609 628	1 840 063	2 026 513

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

S-SB009

(Question Serial No. S129)

Head: (122) Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Prevention and Detection of Crime

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police (LO Wai-chung)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Now the court has clarified the legislative intent and the definition of "Access to Computer with Criminal or Dishonest Intent" under Section 161 of the Crimes Ordinance, the cases of prosecution for the offence are reported to have been affected. The Secretary for Security has indicated that information will be provided on these cases. Please inform this Committee of the following:

- (1) the number of cases affected.
- (2) the details of these cases, including case numbers, dates of prosecution, other charges in the same case (if applicable) and case type (e.g. criminal intimidation, blackmail, indecent assault, theft, deception, criminal damage, public safety, soliciting for an immoral purpose, sale or use of non-compliant electronic products and network attacks). Please set out these details in a table.
- (3) the follow-up actions to be taken on these cases, such as whether fresh charges will be brought; if so, please provide the details.

Asked by: Hon MOK Charles Peter

Reply:

According to the information of the Police Force, there are currently 8 cases of prosecution for the offence of "Access to Computer with Criminal or Dishonest Intent" under Section 161 of the Crimes Ordinance. The Force is in discussion with the Department of Justice to ensure these cases are handled in an appropriate manner.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

S-SB010

(Question Serial No. S125)

Head: (122) Hong Kong Police Force
Subhead (No. & title):
Programme: (2) Prevention and Detection of Crime
Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police (LO Wai-chung)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

What is the number of cases pending prosecution and trial for the offence of “Access to Computer with Criminal or Dishonest Intent” under Section 161 of the Crimes Ordinance? In the judgment handed down on 4 April 2019, the Court of Final Appeal made it clear that this offence does not apply to the use by a person of his own computer, not involving access to another’s computer. As such, in respect of the cases pending trial for “Access to Computer with Criminal or Dishonest Intent”, what is the number of cases in which different charges have to be brought against the defendants? What is the number of those which necessitate the withdrawal of prosecution?

The Government has indicated that it will make active efforts to introduce legislation on the offence of voyeurism after the Law Reform Commission has concluded the consultation exercise and presented its recommendations. What is the Government’s projected time frame for legislating against voyeurism? When will the law be enacted at the latest?

Asked by: Hon TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

According to the information of the Police Force, there are currently 8 cases of prosecution for the offence of “Access to Computer with Criminal or Dishonest Intent” under Section 161 of the Crimes Ordinance. The Force is in discussion with the Department of Justice (DoJ) to ensure these cases are handled in an appropriate manner.

In light of the judgment handed down by the Court of Final Appeal regarding Section 161 of the Crimes Ordinance in April 2019, the Security Bureau and the DoJ are studying the judgment in detail, and will closely monitor the outcome of the review conducted by the Law Reform Commission and its final recommendations on related matters, such as the offence of voyeurism. The legislative proposal will be submitted as soon as possible.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

S-SB011

(Question Serial No. S117)

Head: (70) Immigration Department

Subhead (No. & title): Not Specified

Programme: (4) Personal Documentation

Controlling Officer: Director of Immigration (K W TSANG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

What were the numbers of legal marriages and civil unions contracted overseas that were refused recognition by the Registration of Persons Office in the past 3 years, with a breakdown by reason for refusal? Please give the reasons involved if the department concerned did not maintain the relevant figures.

Asked by: Hon AU Nok-hin (Member Question No. (LegCo use): xx)

Reply:

As there is no specific operational need, the Registration of Persons Office does not maintain the statistics mentioned in the question.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**S-SB012****(Question Serial No. S128)**Head: (70) Immigration DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ()Programme: (1) Pre-entry ControlControlling Officer: Director of Immigration (K W TSANG)Director of Bureau: Secretary for SecurityQuestion:

Regarding matters relating to various immigration policies/schemes in Reply Serial No. SB055, please provide:

- (1) the breakdown statistics on the regions, industries/sectors and monthly remuneration of applicants under the top-tier stream who were granted an extension of stay under the General Employment Policy, the Admission Scheme for Mainland Talents and Professionals and the Quality Migrant Admission Scheme (QMAS) in each of the past 3 years;
- (2) the breakdown statistics on the regions, industries/sectors and monthly remuneration of applicants admitted to Hong Kong under the Achievement-based Points Test (APT) of the QMAS in each of the past 3 year; and
- (3) in the table below the statistics on the respective requirements met by applicants admitted to Hong Kong under the APT of the QMAS in the past 3 years:

APT Requirement	2016	2017	2018
Having received an award of exceptional achievement - Olympic medal			
Having received an award of exceptional achievement - Nobel prize			
Having received an award of exceptional achievement - National award			
Having received an award of exceptional achievement - International award			
His/her work has been acknowledged by his/her peers or has contributed significantly to the development of his/her field (e.g. having received a lifetime achievement award from his/her industry)			

Asked by: Hon FAN Kwok-wai, Gary

Reply:

The breakdown statistics on quotas allotted under the Achievement-based Points Test of the Quality Migrant Admission Scheme in the past 3 years by region and industry/sector of applicants are tabulated as follows:

Region	2016	2017	2018
Mainland China	11	23	24
U.S.A.	0	2	3
Malaysia	2	0	1
Canada	0	1	0
Germany	0	1	0
Indonesia	0	1	0
Jordan	0	1	0
Macao SAR	0	1	0
France	1	0	0
Total	14	30	28

Industry/Sector	2016	2017	2018
Sports	7	9	9
Arts and Culture	4	9	7
Broadcasting and Entertainment	1	3	6
Information Technology and Telecommunications	0	4	4
Medical, Health Care and Veterinary Services	1	1	1
Manufacturing	0	1	1
Academic Research and Education	0	2	0
Financial and Accounting Services	0	1	0
Architecture, Surveying, Engineering and Construction	1	0	0
Total	14	30	28

The Immigration Department does not maintain other breakdown statistics mentioned in the question.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

S-SB013

(Question Serial No. S126)

Head: (70) Immigration Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Pre-entry Control, (2) Control upon Entry

Controlling Officer: Director of Immigration (K W TSANG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Follow-up on Reply Serial No. SB061.

In spite of the Government's reply that "the application, approval and issuance of exit endorsements for Mainland residents fall within the remit of the Mainland authorities", many travel-related Mainland websites state that there is currently no limit on the annual number of applications for "individual visit" endorsements. Applicants may apply for another endorsement immediately after making the first application and may obtain the second endorsement for entry into Hong Kong immediately after the first one has been used up. In this regard,

1. has the Government approached the Mainland authorities to find out whether Mainland residents are allowed under the current policies to make multiple applications for endorsements within a short time (such as making multiple applications for endorsements within the three-month validity period of a "2 entries within 3 months" endorsement), or whether the execution of or restrictions on endorsements vary between different places?
2. in connection with the above question, if not, will the Government find it out from the Mainland authorities? If yes, what are the latest policies and the respective restrictions on various types of endorsements?
3. for Mainland residents entering Hong Kong on the strength of "individual visit" endorsements, has the Government found any of them managed to enter Hong Kong on multiple occasions within a year by making multiple applications for "individual visit" endorsements (such as entering Hong Kong on more than 8 occasions per year)? If yes, what is the number of Mainland residents entering Hong Kong on more than 8 occasions per year?

Asked by: Hon LAM Cheuk-ting

Reply:

The application, approval and issuance of exit endorsements for Mainland residents fall within the remit of the Mainland authorities. Currently, individual visit endorsements can be categorised into single-entry endorsements valid for 3 months or 1 year, double-entry endorsements valid for 3 months or 1 year, and “one trip per week” endorsements valid for 1 year. It is understood that Mainland residents may apply to the Mainland authorities for individual visit endorsements if they meet the relevant requirements and there is no restriction on the length of time between each application. However, they can only hold one kind of exit endorsement at a time. The Immigration Department does not maintain the statistics mentioned in the question.

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