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### Replies to supplementary questions raised by Legislative Council Members in examining the Estimates of Expenditure 2023-24

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**SV-SB001**

**(Question Serial No. SV023)**

Head: (151) Government Secretariat: Security Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: Not specified

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Security (Patrick LI)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

What is the latest situation of the Government in implementing the recommendations on the pay and conditions of service of the disciplined services staff made by the Standing Committee on Disciplined Services Salaries and Conditions of Service?

Asked by: Hon TSE Wai-chuen, Tony

Reply:

The recommendations made by the Standing Committee on Disciplined Services Salaries and Conditions of Service (SCDS) and the Standing Committee on Directorate Salaries and Conditions of Service on the grade structure review (GSR) for the disciplined services cover areas including pay, conditions of service, grade structure, etc. With the approval of the Finance Committee (FC) of Legislative Council (LegCo), the recommendations on salary and increment were implemented with effect from 1 September 2021. The adjusted salaries and back pay were released to officers concerned at the end of October of the same year. The Civil Service Bureau (CSB) has already processed and approved the job-related allowance proposals submitted by the disciplined services departments in accordance with the established mechanism. As regards the matters relating to conditions of service under the GSR, CSB has also taken note of the comments made by the SCDS.

The GSR Report also recommends to create a permanent deputy commissioner or deputy director post each in the Correctional Services Department, Customs and Excise Department, Fire Services Department and Immigration Department and to upgrade the post of Controller, Government Flying Service (GFS). With the approval of the FC of LegCo, the relevant posts were created/upgraded in July 2022. The FC of LegCo also approved in July 2022 the proposed creation of 3 directorate posts in the Police Force under the context of the GSR. As such, the recommendations on the grade structure have been completed.

Besides, the staff side of GFS has proposed during the GSR to change the grade/rank title of Aircraft Technician in view of the increased complexity and scope of duties. CSB is now

studying the proposal carefully by taking into account detailed considerations from various aspects.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**SV-SB002**

**(Question Serial No. SV024)**

Head: (122) Hong Kong Police Force

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Road Safety

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Police (SIU Chak-ye)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

[Note: The question below concerns matters under the policy purview of the Transport and Logistics Bureau (TLB). The reply was prepared by the Hong Kong Police Force and vetted by the TLB.]

Question:

Regarding the item “vehicle type” currently shown on the Fixed Penalty Tickets (FPTs) for illegal parking, how does the Force share information on the type of vehicle to which an FPT has been issued with the relevant departments (e.g. via a sharing platform) for reference in planning parking spaces for different types of vehicles?

Asked by: Hon YICK Chi-ming, Frankie

Reply:

Information on vehicle types as shown on the Fixed Penalty Tickets for illegal parking issued by the Police Force is maintained in the Vehicles And Drivers Licensing Integrated Data (VALID) System managed by the Transport Department (TD). Where necessary, TD can retrieve information from the VALID System on the types of vehicles involved in the enforcement actions taken by the Force against illegal parking.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**S-SB001**

**(Question Serial No. S009)**

Head: (151) Government Secretariat: Security Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Director of Bureau's Office, (3) Immigration Control

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Security (Patrick LI)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

The Bureau has not responded directly to the second question in its written reply. In view of the development plan for the Northern Metropolis and the joint development of Shenzhen-Hong Kong Boundary Control Points Economic Belt, many Legislative Council (LegCo) members, Hong Kong deputies to the National People's Congress or members of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, entrepreneurs and professionals intend to organise site visits to areas in the vicinity of the control points to have a grasp of the latest situation. However, these adjacent areas involve closed areas, such as Lo Wu Bridge near Lo Wu Control Point, Sha Tau Kok and Chung Ying Street, as well as the vicinity of permitted areas under farming permits.

It is learnt that some LegCo members have currently applied for arranging duty visits but they encountered great difficulties in seeking access to Lo Wu Bridge at Lo Wu Control Point and Chung Ying Street. To our understanding, as far as these 2 locations are concerned, no successful applications have been made. Will the Bureau consider introducing a mechanism to facilitate duty visits and future visits for attracting enterprises and investment?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Yuet-ming

Reply:

The establishment of a Frontier Closed Area (FCA) serves to provide a buffer zone for law enforcement agencies to maintain the integrity of the boundary between the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) and the Mainland and to combat illegal immigration, smuggling and other cross-boundary criminal activities. It has all along been the policy of the HKSAR Government to limit the coverage of FCAs to the area necessary for ensuring public order. Under the existing policy on FCAs, members of the public are required to submit to the Police relevant supporting documents for vetting when applying for a Closed Area Permit (CAP). The Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF) will consider each application in accordance with the relevant policies and established procedures with a view to strike a balance between offering convenience to applicants and safeguarding boundary security, and assess the security risks concerned in order to ensure boundary security and public order.

The application details of CAPs have already been uploaded to the HKPF website for public access. Please refer to the link below for details:

[https://www.police.gov.hk/ppp\\_en/11\\_useful\\_info/licences/cap\\_ap.html](https://www.police.gov.hk/ppp_en/11_useful_info/licences/cap_ap.html)

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****S-SB002****(Question Serial No. S010)**Head: (45) Fire Services DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not specifiedProgramme: (2) Fire Protection and PreventionControlling Officer: Director of Fire Services (YEUNG Yan-kin, Andy)Director of Bureau: Secretary for SecurityQuestion:

1. The Government said in its reply “if subdivided units or changes in use of land are found during fire safety inspections of buildings by personnel of the Fire Services Department (FSD), such cases will be referred to the department concerned for follow-up actions.” In 2022, how many cases involving building safety of subdivided units or changes in use of land were referred by the FSD to the Buildings Department and Lands Department respectively?
2. The Government also said “when any breaches of the relevant fire services regulations are found, such as obstruction to means of escape or locked exits, defective fire service installations and equipment, over-storage of dangerous goods, etc., during inspections of buildings, the FSD will take appropriate enforcement actions under the existing mechanism.” In 2022, how many prosecutions were instituted by the FSD for each of the aforesaid breaches?

Asked by: Hon TANG Ka-piuReply:

1. The Fire Services Department (FSD) does not maintain statistics on case referrals involving subdivided units or changes in use of land.
2. In 2022, the numbers of prosecutions instituted by the FSD for breaches of relevant fire services regulations such as obstruction to means of escape or locked exits, defective fire service installations and equipment and over-storage of dangerous goods are tabulated below:

Breaches of fire services regulations	Number of prosecutions
Obstruction to means of escape or locked exits	249
Defective fire service installations and equipment	1 299
Over-storage of dangerous goods	219

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