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Mrs Sharon TONG Clerk to Panel Legislative Council Legislative Council Building 8 Jackson Road Central Hong Kong

Dear Mrs TONG,

LegCo Panel on Security Indebtedness of Police Officers

Thank you for your letter of 4 August 1999.

During the first six months of 1998, the Commission received 189 pursuable complaints of corruption against police officers. 13 of these were related to unauthorized loans obtained either from colleagues, friends or loansharks.

In the second half of 1998, the corresponding figures are 176 and 13.

The figures for the first half of 1999 are 153 and 16.

Hence, as can be seen, there is a slight increase in the number of indebtedness-related pursuable complaints, from 13 to 16, in the first 6 months this year compared to the figures in the corresponding period last year.

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Resulting from the investigations into these pursuable complaints conducted between January 1998 and June 1999, both months inclusive, six police officers were charged with accepting an unauthorized loan, contrary to Section 3 of the Prevention of Bribery Ordinance; and two with obtaining property by deception, in connection with obtaining loans contrary to the Theft Ordinance. During the same period a total of 31 cases were referred to the Commissioner of Police for consideration of disciplinary or administrative action related to unauthorized loans.

In the above prosecutions/disciplinary cases/investigations, 67% of the police personnel involved are Police Constables, 18% are Sergeants/Station Sergeants and the remaining 15% are inspectorate officers and above.

The relevant statistics are attached for your reference please.

In tackling and monitoring the problem, Senior Management of the Commission and Hong Kong Police Force have been maintaining close liaison through the Force Anti-Corruption Strategy Committee and the Complaints and Internal Investigations Branch.

I hope the above information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

(J C F LEUNG) for Commissioner Independent Commission Against Corruption

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c.c. Commissioner of Police

Corruption complaints against police officers

since January 1998 (Half yearly comparisons)

		January - June 1998	July - December 1998	January - June 1999
Total Corruption Complaints against Police		298	262	235
Total Pursuable Complaints against Police		189	176	153
Pursuable complaints relating to unauthorized loans obtained by police officers	From Colleagues	6	5	4
	From persons having official dealings	0	0	0
	From friends	6	8	10
	From loansharks	1	0	2
Grand Total		13	13	16

Police officers prosecuted for offences relating to loans

since January 1998 (Half yearly comparisons)

Offences prosecuted		January - June 1998	July - December 1998	January - June 1999	Sub Total	
	(a)	From Colleagues	0	0	0	0
Section 3 Prevention of		From persons having official dealings	2	1	1	4
	(c)	From friends	0	2	0	2
	(d)	From loansharks	0	0	0	0
Obtaining loans from friends by deception		0	2	0	2	
Sub Total		2	5	1	Grand Total 8	

Police officers recommended for consideration of disciplinary or administrative action

relating to loans since 1998 (Half yearly comparisons)

Source of loans	January - June 1998	July - December 1998	January - June 1999	Sub Total
From Colleagues	0	1	10	11
From persons having official dealings	0	1	0	1
From friends	3	7	8	18
From loansharks	0	0	1	1
Sub Total	3	9	19	Grand Total 31

涉及警務人員的貪污舉報 (一九九八年一月以來的半年期比較數據)

		一九九八年一 月至六月	一九九八年七 月至十二月	一九九九年一 月至六月
涉及警務人員的貪污舉報	298	262	235	
涉及警務人員而有足夠資料展開調查的 舉報總宗數		189	176	153
	向同事借貸	6	5	4
警務人員被指未經准許 而借貸的可追查舉報宗	· ·	0	0	0
數	向朋友借貸		8	10
	借高利貸	1	0	2
總數		13	13	16

因借貸犯法而被檢控的警務人員數目 (一九九八年一月以來的半年期比較數據)

控罪				一九九八年七 月至十二月		小計
違反《防止賄賂條 例》第三條	(a)	向同事借貸	0	0	0	0
	(b)	向有公事往來 的人士借貸	2	1	1	4
	(c)	向朋友借貸	0	2	0	2
	(d)	借高利貸	0	0	0	0
以欺騙手段從朋友取得貸款			0	2	0	2
小計			2	5	1	總數

因借貸而被建議接受紀律處分的警務人員數目 (一九九八年一月以來的半年期比較數據)

借款來源	一九九八年 一月至六月	一九九八年 七月至十二月	一九九九年 一月至六月	小計
同事	0	1	10	11
有公事往來的人士	0	1	0	1
朋友	3	7	8	18
高利貸	0	0	1	1
小計	3	9	19	總數 31