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**Re: Request for information under Code on Access to Information
(Application no. RDCD-0000297-23)** 📎

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From: RM/IMMD/HKSARG
To: "H. Y. Fung" <foi+request-1353-c1d13e01@accessinfo.hk>

Dear H. Y. Fung,

I refer to your request for access to information on 24 April 2023. Further to our interim replies of 2 May 2023 and 11 May 2023, our reply is provided as below.

(1) The Ma Tau Kok Detention Centre (“MTKDC”) is located on the first and second floors of the Ma Tau Kok Road Government Offices, and is under the command of the Deportation and Removal Section (“the Section”) of the Immigration Department (“ImmD”). In addition to the management of daily operation of the MTKDC, the Section is responsible for handling matters relating to deportation. The day-to-day operational expenses of the Section also cover other offices and facilities located in the same building.

The costs of meals for detainees and staff remuneration of the MTKDC for the financial year 2022-23 are tabulated as follows:

	2022-23
Costs of meals for detainees (\$ million)	2.22
Staff remuneration [#] (\$ million)	21.41

In terms of the notional annual mid-point salary

The ImmD does not maintain a breakdown of all other operational expenses of the MTKDC.

(2) The operational expenses of detention at the Castle Peak Bay Immigration Centre for the financial year 2022-23 are tabulated as follows:

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	2022-23
Costs of meals for detainees (\$ million)	9.01
Staff remuneration (\$ million)	123.65
Management of facilities (\$ million)	11.63
Medical costs of detainees (\$ million)	13.24
Other costs relating to treatment of detainees (\$ million)	7.91
Total cost (\$ million)	165.44

(3) (i) The costs of meals for detainees of individual places of detention specified in the Immigration (Places of Detention) Order (Cap. 115B) and located in various control points/offices for the financial year 2022-23 are tabulated as follows:

Control Point	Annual costs of meals for detainees (\$)	2022-23 ^{Note1}
Airport		314,331
Lok Ma Chau Spur Line		0
West Kowloon Station of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link		0

Shenzhen Bay	0
Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge	0
Heung Yuen Wai	0
Macau Ferry Terminal	995
China Ferry Terminal	167
Kai Tak Cruise Terminal	0
River Trade Terminal	0
Harbour Control	1,085

Note 1: In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Government has suspended passenger clearance services at most of the control points in phases from late January 2020 to early 2023. The details of the previous suspension are as follows:

- West Kowloon Station of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link, Hung Hom, Man Kam To, Sha Tau Kok and China Ferry Terminal (with effect from 30 January 2020);
- Lo Wu, Lok Ma Chau Spur Line, Lok Ma Chau and Hong Kong Macau Ferry Terminal (with effect from 4 February 2020);
- Tuen Mun Ferry Terminal (passenger clearance services have been suspended with effect from 30 January 2020 and cross-boundary passenger ferry services ceased formally on 8 June 2021); and
- Kai Tak Cruise Terminal (passenger clearance services have been suspended with effect from 5 February 2020 and resumed for Hong Kong residents between 30 July 2021 and 6 January 2022 due to the introduction of “cruise-to-nowhere” itineraries).

The normal travel of persons between Hong Kong and the Mainland has been resumed progressively in phases starting from 8 January 2023. Apart from the Hong Kong International Airport (flights between Hong Kong and the Mainland), the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge and the Shenzhen Bay Control Point that are in operation, the following control points are reopened:

- Macau Ferry Terminal, China Ferry Terminal, Man Kam To and Lok Ma Chau Spur Line (with

- effect from 8 January 2023);
- West Kowloon Station of the Guangdong-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link (with effect from 15 January 2023); and
- Lo Wu and Lok Ma Chau (with effect from 6 February 2023).

The Heung Yuen Wai Boundary Control Point commenced operation on 26 August 2020 with cargo clearance service only. It commenced full operation (including cargo and passenger clearance services) on 6 February 2023.

The San Uk Ling Holding Centre (SULHC) is a place of detention specified in the Immigration (Places of Detention) Order (Cap. 115B) and falls under the purview of Ta Kwu Ling Divisional Police Station of the Police. The ImmD has a clearance centre in SULHC for the repatriation of persons entering Hong Kong illegally from the Mainland. As the clearance centre is part of the daily operation of the ImmD, the ImmD does not maintain a breakdown of the annual operational expenses of the clearance centre.

(ii) The costs of remuneration of the staff establishment for handling the daily operation of individual places of detention specified in the Immigration (Places of Detention) Order (Cap. 115B) and located in various control points/offices for the financial year 2022-23 are tabulated as follows:

Annual remuneration costs(\$ million) ^{Note2}	2022-23 ^{Note3}
Control point/ Office ^{Note4}	
Airport	31.95
Lok Ma Chau Spur Line	2.60
Shenzhen Bay	4.24

Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge Hong Kong Port	10.72
Heung Yuen Wai Boundary Control Point	4.09
Kai Tak Cruise Terminal	0.66
SULHC ^{Note 5}	5.80

Note 2: In terms of the notional annual mid-point salary

Note 3: Please refer to Note 1 in 3(i) above

Note 4: The ImmD does not maintain a breakdown of the staff establishment of places of detention located inside the following control points:

- Macau Ferry Terminal, China Ferry Terminal, River Trade Terminal, Harbour Control and West Kowloon Station of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link.

Note 5: The SULHC is a place of detention specified in the Immigration (Places of Detention) Order (Cap. 115B) and falls under the purview of Ta Kwu Ling Divisional Police Station of the Police. The ImmD has a clearance centre in SULHC for the repatriation of persons entering Hong Kong illegally from the Mainland.

(iii) The places of detention specified in the Immigration (Places of Detention) Order (Cap. 115B) and located in various control points/offices of the ImmD are part of the daily operation of the respective control points/offices. The ImmD does not maintain a breakdown of other operational expenses incurred for the operation of the places of detention.

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