**Part A: Current Information and Statistics**

1.) The present number of open investigations against employment agencies (“EAs”) by category:

* The number of investigations against EAs claiming to provide Foreign Domestic Worker (“FDW”) placement services:
* The number of investigations against EAs not claiming to provide FDW placement services:

**Reply: LD does not keep breakdown of complaint statistics by EAs and hence we do not have the requested information**

2.) The present number of agencies subject to ongoing court proceedings by category:

* The number of agencies that claim to provide FDW placement services subject to ongoing court proceedings:
* The number of agencies that do not claim to provide FDW placement services subject to ongoing court proceedings:

**Reply: Number of EAs prosecuted and undergoing court proceeding as at 31 December 2019**

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|  | **Number of EAs** |
| **EA claiming to provide foreign domestic helpers (“FDH”) placement services** | **10** |
| **EA not claiming to provide FDH placement services** | **0** |

**Part B: Monthly Information and Statistics**

3.) The monthly number of complaints against EAs claiming to provide

FDW placement services:

-September 2019:

-October 2019:

-November 2019:

-December 2019:

**Reply: Monthly number of complaints against EAs claiming to provide FDH placement services**

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| **2019** | **Number of complaints** |
| **September** | **25** |
| **October** | **30** |
| **November** | **33** |
| **December** | **26** |

4.) The monthly number EAs that have been complained against. (For example: If only one EA was subject to 10 complaints within January 2017, the # of EA’s complained against should be 1. However, if 2 different EAs are subject to 5 complaints each, the # of EA’s complained against should be 2.)

-September 2019:

-October 2019:

-November 2019:

-December 2019:

**Reply: LD does not keep breakdown of complaint statistics by EAs and hence we do not have the requested information**

5.) The monthly number of licensed EAs:

-September 2019:

-October 2019:

-November 2019:

-December 2019:

**Reply: Monthly number of licensed EAs in Hong Kong**

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| **2019** | **Number of licensed EAs in Hong Kong** |
| **September** | **3 189** |
| **October** | **3 210** |
| **November** | **3 226** |
| **December** | **3 240** |

6.) The monthly number of licensed EAs claiming to provide FDW placement services:

-September 2019:

-October 2019:

-November 2019:

-December 2019:

**Reply: Monthly number of licensed EAs providing FDH placement services**

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| **2019** | **Number of licensed EAs in Hong Kong providing FDH placement services** |
| **September** | **1 472** |
| **October** | **1 477** |
| **November** | **1 494** |
| **December** | **1 493** |

7.) The monthly number of EA inspections:

-September 2019:

-October 2019:

-November 2019:

-December 2019:

**Reply: Monthly number of EA inspections to EAs conducted by EAA**

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| **2019** | **Number of inspections to EAs conducted by EAA** |
| **September** | **124** |
| **October** | **117** |
| **November** | **126** |
| **December** | **178** |

8.) The monthly number of EA inspections of EAs claiming to provide FDW placement services:

-September 2019:

-October 2019:

-November 2019:

-December 2019:

**Reply: Monthly number of inspections to EAs providing FDH placement services conducted by EAA**

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| **2019** | **Number of inspections to EAs providing FDH placement services conducted by EAA** |
| **September** | **53** |
| **October** | **63** |
| **November** | **66** |
| **December** | **90** |

9.) The monthly number of EA investigations opened:

-September 2019:

-October 2019

-November 2019:

-December 2019:

**Reply: Monthly number of investigations opened on EAs**

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| **2019** | **Number of EA investigations opened on EAs** |
| **September** | **34** |
| **October** | **38** |
| **November** | **36** |
| **December** | **29** |

10.) The monthly number of EA investigations opened relating to EAs that claim to provide FDW placement services:

-September 2019:

-October 2019:

-November 2019:

-December 2019:

**Reply: Monthly number of investigations opened on EAs providing FDH placement services**

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| --- | --- |
| **2019** | **Number of investigations opened on EAs providing FDH placement services** |
| **September** | **25** |
| **October** | **30** |
| **November** | **33** |
| **December** | **26** |

11.) The monthly number of statements taken from complainants against agencies claiming to provide FDW placement services:

-September 2019:

-October 2019:

-November 2019:

-December 2019:

**Reply: LD does not keep statistics on the number of statements taken.**

12.) The monthly number of EA cases that were dismissed by a judge,

withdrawn by the prosecution, or resulted in an acquittal:

-September 2019:

-October 2019:

-November 2019:

-December 2019:

**Reply: Number of prosecution in relation to EAs dismissed by the court, withdrawn by the prosecution or resulted in acquittal of the defendant(s)**

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| **2019** | **Number of Cases** |
| **Sept** | **3** |
| **Oct** | **1** |
| **Nov** | **1** |
| **Dec** | **1** |

13.) The monthly number of court cases reaching a conclusion (conviction or acquittal) and the relevant court case identification numbers, specifically for EAs claiming to provide FDW placement services:

-September 2019:

-October 2019:

-November 2019:

-December 2019:

**Reply:**

1. **Number of concluded prosecution cases in relation to EAs claiming to provide FDH placement services:**

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| **2019** | **Number of Cases** |
| **Sept** | **2** |
| **Oct** | **2** |
| **Nov** | **2** |
| **Dec** | **3** |

**Note:**

* **A case may have more than one defendant and prosecution of different defendants of the same case may be concluded in different months.**

1. **A case heard in the Magistrates’ Courts is identified by summons number(s). No bodies corporate was convicted during the period of September to December 2019. Summons numbers in relation to defendants who are individuals are not disclosed on ground of paragraph 2.15(b) of the Code for protection of privacy of individuals. Summons numbers in relation to acquitted defendants are not disclosed on ground of paragraph 2.6(c) of the Code as these defendants are considered having clear records regarding the charges made.**

**Part C: Yearly Information and Statistics**

14.) The yearly number of cases that have undergone joint investigation protocol procedures as mentioned by the Chief Secretary for Administration’s Office, Matthew Cheung Kin-chung, in this official blog post https://www.cso.gov.hk/eng/blog/blog20190310.htm:

**Reply: Yearly number of cases that have undergone joint investigation protocol procedures**

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| **Year** | **No of Cases** |
| **2019** | **1** |