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BETTER PROTECTION FOR INJURED EMPLOYEES PROPOSED  
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AN AMENDMENT BILL, WHICH SEEKS TO PROVIDE COMPULSORY INSURANCE AND OTHER BENEFITS FOR EMPLOYEES INJURED AT WORK, WAS INTRODUCED IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL THIS (WEDNESDAY) AFTERNOON BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, THE HON J.N. HENDERSON.

MOVING THE SECOND READING OF THE EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1982, MR HENDERSON SAID THAT THE MULTIFARIOUS AMENDMENTS INTRODUCED BY THE BILL WOULD PROVIDE MUCH BETTER PROTECTION TO INJURED EMPLOYEES.

THE BILL'S MAIN OBJECTS WERE TO PROVIDE IMPROVED PROTECTION FOR EMPLOYEES; IMPROVE PROCEDURES FOR THE RECOVERY OF COMPENSATION; INTRODUCE PROVISIONS TO ENSURE THAT AN EMPLOYER FULFILS HIS OBLIGATIONS; INTRODUCE REVISED PROVISIONS FOR COMPULSORY INSURANCE OF EMPLOYEES; AND CLARIFY VARIOUS UNCERTAINTIES OR AMBIGUITIES IN THE ORDINANCE.

REFERRING TO COMPULSORY INSURANCE, MR HENDERSON POINTED OUT THAT IT WOULD ELIMINATE HARDSHIPS EXPERIENCED BY CERTAIN INJURED EMPLOYEES WHO COULD NOT GET COMPENSATION DUE TO THE EMPLOYERS' INABILITY OR UNWILLINGNESS TO PAY.

IT WOULD ALSO DISSUADE EMPLOYERS FROM EXPLOITING THE IGNORANCE OF INJURED EMPLOYEES BY ENTERING INTO PRIVATE AGREEMENTS WITH THEM ON TERMS TO THEIR DISADVANTAGE.

HE SAID THAT WITH THE SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN COMPENSATION LEVELS IN 1980, THE NEED FOR COMPULSORY INSURANCE WAS MORE EVIDENT, PARTICULARLY WITH THE MULTIPLICITY OF EMPLOYERS WITH VERY SMALL NUMBER OF WORKERS.

MR HENDERSON SAID THAT EVERY EMPLOYER WAS REQUIRED TO TAKE OUT AN INSURANCE POLICY TO COVER HIS FULL AMOUNT OF LIABILITY UNDER THE ORDINANCE AND INDEPENDENTLY OF THE ORDINANCE.

IN PLACE OF AN INSURANCE POLICY, AN EMPLOYER MAY OBTAIN A WRITTEN GUARANTEE FROM A LICENSED BANK TO COVER THE FULL AMOUNT OF LIABILITY HE IS REQUIRED TO BE INSURED.

HOWEVER, HE SAID THAT THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF BANKS HAD MADE SOME COMMENTS ON THIS PROPOSAL WHICH COULD POSSIBLY RESULT IN AN AMENDMENT AT THE COMMITTEE STAGE.

MR HENDERSON THEN WENT ON TO OUTLINE OTHER MAJOR AMENDMENTS INTRODUCED BY THE BILL.

ONE OF THEM, HE SAID, PROVIDED A MORE REALISTIC AND EQUITABLE BASIS OF ASSESSMENT OF LOSS OF EARNING CAPACITY BY TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE EMPLOYEE, INCLUDING THE NATURE OF THE INJURY IN RELATION TO THE NATURE OF HIS FORMER EMPLOYMENT AND QUALIFICATIONS, PREVIOUS TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE.

TO ACHIEVE THIS OBJECTIVE, THE BILL PROVIDED FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW, TWO-TIER ASSESSMENT MACHINERY COMPRISING AN ORDINARY ASSESSMENT BOARD AND A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT BOARD.

ALL CLAIMS LIKELY TO INVOLVE PERMANENT INCAPACITY WOULD BE REFERRED IN THE FIRST INSTANCE TO THE ORDINARY ASSESSMENT BOARD, WHICH WOULD ASSESS THE PERCENTAGE OF LOSS OF EARNING CAPACITY.

WHERE SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES WERE INVOLVED, THE CLAIM WOULD BE REFERRED TO THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT BOARD, WHICH WOULD ASSESS THE TRUE LOSS OF EARNING CAPACITY, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT BOTH THE MEDICAL FACTS AND OPINIONS, AND THE SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH HAVE A BEARING ON THE CLAIM.

THE BILL, MR HENDERSON CONTINUED, INTRODUCED A NUMBER OF MEASURES TO IMPROVE THE PROCEDURE OF PROCESSING CLAIMS OF COMPENSATION.

ONE SUCH MEASURE WAS TO EMPOWER THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR TO DETERMINE, BY ISSUING CERTIFICATES OF COMPENSATION, CLAIMS IN RESPECT OF MINOR INJURIES INVOLVING ONLY TEMPORARY INCAPACITY NOT EXCEEDING 14 DAYS.

+ABOUT 81.5 PER CENT OF THE CASES DEALT WITH BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT IN 1981 DID NOT RESULT IN ANY PERMANENT INCAPACITY AND 71.3 PER CENT OF SUCH CASES INVOLVED TEMPORARY INCAPACITY OF LESS THAN 14 DAYS. IT IS OBVIOUS THAT CONSIDERABLE TIME CAN BE SAVED BY ADOPTING THE NEW PROCEDURE,+ HE NOTED.

ANOTHER MEASURE INTRODUCED BY THE BILL TO EXPEDITE THE PROCESSING OF EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION CASES WAS TO REQUIRE EMPLOYERS TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY AND REASONABLE STEPS TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE INJURED EMPLOYEE WITHIN 21 DAYS AFTER A +RELEVANT DATE+.

THE +RELEVANT DATE+ IS DEFINED UNDER THE BILL, DEPENDING ON THE NATURE OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES.

OTHER MEASURES WERE DESIGNED AS DETERRENTS FOR DELAYS IN PAYMENT OF COMPENSATION.

THESE INCLUDE STEPPING UP OF SURCHARGES FOR DELAY OF PAYMENT BEYOND THREE MONTHS AFTER THE EXPIRY OF THE PAYMENT PERIOD= EMPOWERING THE COURT TO CHARGE INTEREST ON THE WHOLE OR ANY PART OF THE COMPENSATION RECOVERED BY THE INJURED EMPLOYEE= AND MAKING THE FAILURE OF THE EMPLOYER TO PAY PERIODICAL PAYMENTS WITHIN SEVEN DAYS AFTER THE DUE DATE A PROSECUTABLE OFFENCE.

THE BILL HAS ALSO INTRODUCED A NUMBER OF MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS FOR THE PURPOSES OF IMPROVEMENT, UP-DATING OR CLARIFICATION.

SOME OF THE MORE SIGNIFICANT CHANGES OR ADDITIONS MENTIONED BY MR HENDERSON ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- \* ACCIDENTS IN WHICH AN EMPLOYEE IS INJURED WHILE TRAVELLING TO OR FROM HIS PLACE OF WORK BY TRANSPORT PROVIDED BY OR ARRANGED BY HIS EMPLOYER WILL BE DEEMED TO BE +ARISING OUT OF AND IN THE COURSE OF EMPLOYMENT+, THEREBY ENABLING THE INJURED EMPLOYEE TO CLAIM COMPENSATION.
- \* THE BILL REMOVES THE EXISTING TWO-YEAR LIMIT IN RESPECT OF MEDICAL EXPENSES PAYABLE BY EMPLOYERS.
- \* THE BILL IMPROVES THE EXISTING SECTION WHICH PLACES A RESPONSIBILITY ON THE +PRINCIPAL+ IN RESPECT OF HIS +CONTRACTOR+.
- \* THE BILL REQUIRES AN EMPLOYER TO GIVE THE NECESSARY ABSENCE OF LEAVE WITH PAY TO AN EMPLOYEE FOR ATTENDING MEDICAL EXAMINATION OR ASSESSMENT OR VISITING THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT IN CONNECTION WITH AN AGREEMENT ON COMPENSATION.

MR HENDERSON SAID HE INTENDED TO BRING THE PROVISIONS IN THE BILL INTO OPERATION BY TWO STAGES IN ORDER TO ALLOW BOTH EMPLOYERS AND INSURANCE COMPANIES SUFFICIENT TIME TO MAKE THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENT TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS.

IT WAS PROPOSED THAT ALL THE PROVISIONS, EXCEPT THOSE CONCERNING COMPULSORY INSURANCE, SHOULD BE BROUGHT INTO FORCE SIX MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF PUBLICATION OF THE AMENDING ORDINANCE IN THE GAZETTE.

THE PROVISIONS ON COMPULSORY INSURANCE SHOULD BE BROUGHT INTO FORCE ANOTHER SIX MONTHS LATER.

DEBATE ON THE BILL WAS ADJOURNED.

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ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA CLARIFIED  
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THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY APPROVED AN AMENDMENT TO THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR THE TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS ASSISTANCE SCHEME WHICH CLARIFIES THE ELIGIBILITY OF NON-WAGE EARNERS FOR ASSISTANCE.

IN PROPOSING THE AMENDMENT, THE SECRETARY FOR SOCIAL SERVICES, THE HON E.P. HO SAID THAT ONE CRITERION FOR ELIGIBILITY FOR ASSISTANCE WAS AT LEAST THREE DAYS' LOSS OF EARNINGS OR EARNING CAPACITY AS CERTIFIED BY A REGISTERED MEDICAL PRACTITIONER.

MR HO SAID THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AIM OF THE SCHEME, WHICH IS TO PROVIDE SOME IMMEDIATE FINANCIAL HELP TO VICTIMS OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS, OR THEIR DEPENDANTS, IN THE CASES OF INJURIES OR FATAL ACCIDENTS, NON-WAGE EARNERS, INCLUDING ELDERLY AND YOUNG VICTIMS HAD BEEN PROVIDED WITH APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE ON PRODUCTION OF A DOCTOR'S CERTIFICATE PROVIDING FOR A NUMBER OF REST DAYS OR SICK LEAVE IN EXCESS OF THREE DAYS.

+LEGAL ADVICE NOW INDICATES THAT THREE DAYS' LOSS OF EARNINGS OR EARNING CAPACITY IS NOT THE SAME AS THREE DAYS OF REST OR HOSPITALISATION.

+WHILST LOSS OF EARNING CAPACITY DOES NOT PRESUPPOSE THAT AN ELIGIBLE VICTIM MUST BE IN GAINFUL EMPLOYMENT, HE MUST HAVE A CAPACITY TO WORK WHICH HE IS CAPABLE OF LOSING.+

ACCORDINGLY, MR HO SAID, PERSONS WHO, THROUGH OLD AGE, YOUTH, OR MENTAL OR PHYSICAL DISABILITY, WERE INCAPABLE OF WORKING COULD NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR THIS ASSISTANCE WHEN THEY WERE HURT IN AN ACCIDENT.

+OF COURSE, THIS IS CONTRARY TO BOTH THE INTENTION AND PURPOSE OF THE TAVA SCHEME AND OTHER RELIEF SCHEMES SUCH AS THE CRIMINAL AND LAW ENFORCEMENT INJURIES COMPENSATION SCHEME AND THE EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND,+ HE SAID.

THE AMENDMENT, MR HO SAID, WOULD, WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE GENERALITY OF THE REQUIREMENT OF THREE DAYS' LOSS OF EARNINGS OR EARNING CAPACITY, DEEM A PERSON TO HAVE SUFFERED THREE DAYS' LOSS OF EARNINGS OR EARNING CAPACITY IF HE WAS ON SICK LEAVE OR IN HOSPITAL FOR THREE DAYS, WHETHER HE WAS A WAGE EARNER OR NOT.

MR HO SAID THIS WOULD ENSURE THAT ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS WITH NO EARNING CAPACITY WERE NOT LEFT OUT FROM ASSISTANCE.

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PHONE CHARGES TO BE INCREASED

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THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY PASSED A RESOLUTION ALLOWING THE HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY TO INCREASE CHARGES WITH EFFECT FROM JANUARY 1, 1983.

IN MOVING THE MOTION FOR APPROVAL, THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, THE HON P. JACOBS SAID THE INCREASES FOR LINE RENTALS AND INSTALLATION, AS WELL AS MAINTENANCE AND MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES, WERE PROPOSED BY THE COMPANY IN AN APPLICATION SUBMITTED IN JULY, ON THE GROUND THAT INCREASES IN THE COMPANY'S COSTS WOULD MAKE HIGHER CHARGES UNAVOIDABLE.

MR JACOBS SAID THE MAJOR ITEMS IN THE RESOLUTION COMPRISED INCREASED RENTALS FOR RESIDENTIAL LINES, BUSINESS LINES (INCLUDING SPECIAL FACILITIES FOR BUSINESS LINES) AND LEASED CIRCUITS, WITH AN AVERAGE INCREASE OF 16 PER CENT.

OTHER INCREASES RELATED TO INDIVIDUAL MAINTENANCE CHARGES FOR DIFFERENT CLASSES OF PRIVATE AUTOMATIC BRANCH EXCHANGES AND VARIOUS INSTALLATION AND REMOVAL CHARGES TO ENABLE THE COMPANY TO RECOVER THE COSTS OF PROVIDING THE SERVICES.

RENTAL FOR PRIVATE PAY-PHONES WAS ALSO INCREASED TO COVER THE COST OF ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT THAT HAD TO BE PROVIDED IN THE TELEPHONE SYSTEM TO CATER FOR USERS OF THESE PAY-PHONES, MR JACOBS SAID.

THE CHARGES FOR THE USE OF A PUBLIC PAY-PHONE WAS INCREASED FROM 50 CENTS TO \$1 A CALL. MR JACOBS SAID THE INCREASE WAS THE FIRST SINCE 1975.

+THE ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL REVENUE ACCRUING FROM THESE INCREASES SHOULD OBTAIN THE NEED FOR FURTHER INCREASES DURING 1983,+ MR JACOBS SAID.

+BUT I WOULD BE REMISS IF I DID NOT FOREWARN THIS COUNCIL THAT RISING COSTS WILL MOST PROBABLY NECESSITATE FURTHER INCREASES IN TARIFFS EARLY IN 1984,+ HE ADDED.

MR JACOBS SAID THAT LINE RENTAL CHARGES WERE LAST INCREASED BY RESOLUTION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WITH EFFECT FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 1981 WHEREAS INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE AND CERTAIN MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES WERE INCREASED AS FROM JANUARY THIS YEAR.

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FIXED PENALTY FOR PARKING TO BE DOUBLED  
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A MOTION PROVIDING FOR AN INCREASE OF THE FIXED PENALTY FOR PARKING OFFENCES FROM \$70 TO \$140 WAS APPROVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY.

IN MOVING THE MOTION UNDER THE FIXED PENALTY (TRAFFIC CONTRAVENTIONS) ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 237), THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, THE HON MICHAEL SUEN POINTED OUT THAT THE INCREASE WAS ORDERED BY THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL TO RESTORE THE DETERRENT EFFECT OF THE PENALTY WHICH HAS BEEN ERODED BY THE GENERAL INCREASE OF PRICES AND INCOMES SINCE THE LAST ONE IN 1979.

THE RESOLUTION WILL COME INTO EFFECT ON A DAY TO BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR BY NOTICE IN THE GAZETTE.

TO ALLOW FOR TIME TO ORDER AND PRINT NEW FIXED PENALTY TICKETS, THIS IS EXPECTED TO BE APRIL NEXT YEAR, MR SUEN SAID.

SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF THE MOTION, THE HON ANDREW SO SAID THERE WOULD STILL BE ILLEGAL PARKINGS EVEN IF THE FINE WAS TO BE INCREASED ANNUALLY.

THIS IS BECAUSE THERE ARE FAR TOO FEW LEGAL PARKING SPACES IN HONG KONG AND MOTORISTS ARE VERY OFTEN COMPELLED TO PARK THEIR CARS ILLEGALLY, HE SAID.

HE URGED THE GOVERNMENT TO DISCOURAGE THE INCREASE OF PRIVATE CARS AND LORRIES, AND TO BUILD MORE ROADS AND CAR PARKS.

EXPEDITIOUS ACTION SHOULD ALSO BE TAKEN TO PROVIDE SUITABLE SITES FOR CAR-REPAIRING WORKSHOPS AND TO DISPOSE OF ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLES, MR SO ADDED.

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TRAINED MANPOWER NEEDED FOR INDUSTRIES

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THE HIGHER PRODUCTIVITY AND BETTER QUALITY OF HONG KONG'S CLOTHING INDUSTRY STILL RELY ON THE KEY FACTOR OF AN ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF WELL-TRAINED MANPOWER.

THIS WAS POINTED OUT BY THE HON FRANCIS Y.H. TIEN, CHAIRMAN OF THE CLOTHING INDUSTRY TRAINING AUTHORITY AT TODAY'S (WEDNESDAY) LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING.

+THE CLOTHING INDUSTRY CONTINUES TO BE THE LARGEST MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY IN HONG KONG, AND BECAUSE THE INDUSTRY IS FASHION-ORIENTED, RAPID CHANGES IN STYLE AND FABRIC CONSTRUCTION ARE THE PRIME REQUIREMENTS.

+LARGE SCALE APPLICATION OF FULLY-AUTOMATIC MACHINES IS THEREFORE DIFFICULT, + MR TIEN SAID, IN TABLING THE SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE AUTHORITY, COVERING 1981.

MR TIEN POINTED OUT THAT THE CLOTHING INDUSTRY TRAINING CENTRE IN KWAI CHUNG STARTED A TRAINING COURSE FOR FUR SEWING OPERATORS IN MAY, 1982 TO SUPPORT FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN THE CLOTHING INDUSTRY.

THE DEMAND FOR SKILLED WORKFORCE STILL FAR EXCEEDS THE CAPACITY OF THIS CENTRE AND CONSTRUCTION OF A SECOND CENTRE WILL START SOON ON A PREMIUM-FREE SITE AT KOWLOON BAY GRANTED BY THE GOVERNMENT, MR TIEN SAID AND THANKED THE GOVERNMENT FOR ITS CONTINUING SUPPORT.

MR TIEN ALSO PRESENTED ITS SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT, COVERING 1981, ON BEHALF OF THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY TRAINING AUTHORITY.

+IN ORDER TO MEET THE DEMAND FOR TRAINED MANPOWER IN THE INDUSTRY AND CONTINUE TO UPGRADE THE SKILLS OF THE INDUSTRY'S WORKFORCE, THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY TRAINING AUTHORITY HAS INCREASED ITS TRAINING CAPACITY BY SETTING UP A SECOND TRAINING CENTRE IN KWAI CHUNG ON LAND ALSO GRANTED BY THE GOVERNMENT, + MR TIEN SAID.

THIS CENTRE HAS JUST BEEN OPENED THIS MONTH.

IN THE YEAR UNDER REVIEW, THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY MAINTAINED A HIGH LEVEL OF ACTIVITIES, PARTICULARLY IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR, MR TIEN SAID.

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PRINCE PHILIP DENTAL HOSPITAL  
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THE PRINCE PHILIP DENTAL HOSPITAL WILL PROVIDE A BADLY-NEEDED RELIEF OF THE PRESENT SHORTAGE OF DENTISTS IN HONG KONG WHEN THE FIRST GROUP OF SOME 70 STUDENTS GRADUATE FROM THE HOSPITAL IN EARLY 1985.

THEREAFTER, AROUND THE SAME NUMBER OF GRADUATES WILL JOIN THE DENTAL PROFESSION EACH YEAR.

THIS WAS DISCLOSED TODAY BY THE HON LYDIA DUNN WHEN TABLING THE PRINCE PHILIP DENTAL HOSPITAL ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1981-82.

MISS DUNN SAID THAT DURING THE YEAR UNDER REVIEW THE HOSPITAL WAS IN AN EARLY STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT.

+APART FROM BUDGETARY MATTERS, THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS DEVOTED MUCH OF ITS ATTENTION DEVELOPING APPROPRIATE ADMINISTRATIVE AND MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR AN INSTITUTION WHICH IS WHOLLY DEVOTED TO THE SUPPORT OF UNIVERSITY TEACHING,+ SHE SAID.

AS A TEACHING INSTITUTION, SHE NOTED, THE HOSPITAL HAS BEEN ADMITTING AN AVERAGE OF 250 PATIENTS A WEEK SINCE IT WAS OPENED TO THE PUBLIC ON OCTOBER 7 LAST YEAR.

HOWEVER, SHE POINTED OUT, ONLY PATIENTS WHOSE DENTAL PROBLEMS ARE CONSIDERED SUITABLE FOR TEACHING PURPOSES AND PATIENTS REQUIRING EMERGENCY AND SIMPLE TREATMENT ARE ACCEPTED.

MISS DUNN, WHO IS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HOSPITAL'S BOARD OF GOVERNORS, SAID THE HOSPITAL, IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC, ALSO PROVIDES TRAINING COURSES FOR PARADENTAL WORKERS.

THIRTEEN EXTENDED DUTY DENTAL ASSISTANTS, 33 DENTAL SURGERY ASSISTANTS, 14 DENTAL HYGIENISTS AND 56 DENTAL TECHNICIANS HAVE SO FAR QUALIFIED, SHE SAID.

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MEDICAL FACILITIES PLANNED ON REGIONAL BASIS  
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MEDICAL AND HEALTH FACILITIES ARE PLANNED AND PROVIDED FOR ON A REGIONAL RATHER THAN ON AN ELECTORAL DISTRICT BASIS IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THE MAXIMUM USE OF LIMITED RESOURCES.

THIS WAS STATED TODAY BY THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR THE HON K.L. THONG, IN REPLY TO A QUESTION BY AN UNOFFICIAL MEMBER, DR THE HON HO KAM-FAI, ABOUT MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES PROVIDED IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF HONG KONG ISLAND.

/DR THONG .....

DR THONG SAID THAT RESOURCES IN BOTH FINANCE AND TRAINED MANPOWER WERE +NOT UNLIMITED+.

+PRIORITIES IN REGARD TO THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OF MEDICAL PROJECTS ARE SUBJECT TO KEEN COMPETITION NOT ONLY FROM OTHER AREAS OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES BUT ALSO AMONG THE PROJECTS WITHIN THE MEDICAL PLAN ITSELF,+ HE SAID.

THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT ADOPTED A REGIONALISATION SCHEME FOR MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES FROM 1977 UNDER WHICH A WIDE RANGE OF BOTH CURATIVE AND PREVENTIVE SERVICES WERE PROVIDED FOR THE PEOPLE IN THE REGION AS A WHOLE.

UNDER THE SCHEME, THERE ARE FOUR HOSPITAL REGIONS, OF WHICH HONG KONG ISLAND AS A WHOLE IS ONE.

UNDER THE REGIONALISATION SCHEME, THE EASTERN PART OF HONG KONG ISLAND IS SERVED BY FOUR GOVERNMENT AND SUBVENTED HOSPITALS AND SEVEN OUT-PATIENT CLINICS AND POLYCLINICS.

DR THONG SAID, HOWEVER, THAT DUE TO POPULATION SHIFTS AND GROWTHS, COUPLED WITH TRAFFIC AND OTHER PROBLEMS OVER THE LAST DECADE, THERE APPEARED TO BE SOME NEED FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF MEDICAL FACILITIES FOR THE EASTERN PART OF HONG KONG.

THERE ARE PLANS FOR THE EXPANSION OF THE TANG SHIU KIN HOSPITAL AND THE RUTTONJEE SANATORIUM AS WELL AS THE BUILDING OF TWO CLINICS, ONE POLYCLINIC AND THREE MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH CENTRES.

FACILITIES AT THE EXISTING QUEEN MARY HOSPITAL WILL ALSO BE GREATLY EXPANDED AND UPDATED IN A MAJOR EXTENSION PROJECT, HE SAID.

ALL THESE PROJECTS ARE SCHEDULED TO BE IN OPERATION JUST AFTER THE MID-1980S.

IN ADDITION, A NEW HOSPITAL IS BEING PLANNED AND SCHEDULED TO BE BUILT IN CHAI WAN AT THE END OF THE DECADE.

MEANWHILE, DR THONG SAID, PLANS ARE ALREADY IN HAND TO ESTABLISH ADDITIONAL TREATMENT FACILITIES AT THE CHAI WAN CLINIC FOR TAKING CARE OF EMERGENCY CASES AS AN INTERIM MEASURE.

+IN VIEW OF BOTH THE EXISTING FACILITIES AND THE SCHEDULED IMPROVEMENTS, THE OVERALL FACILITIES FOR THE EASTERN PART OF HONG KONG, WHICH COMPRISE A WIDE RANGE OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, ARE CONSIDERED TO BE SATISFACTORY,+ HE ADDED.

FIRE SAFETY STANDARDS FOR HIGH-RISE BUILDINGS

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IN MANY HIGH-RISE BUILDINGS WHICH HAD PROPER MANAGEMENT, THE STATUTORY FIRE SAFETY STANDARDS WERE BEING ADEQUATELY ENFORCED. HOWEVER, FOR BUILDINGS WHERE SUCH MANAGEMENT DID NOT EXIST, PARTICULARLY THOSE WITH MULTI-OWNERSHIP, THE POSITION WAS LESS SATISFACTORY.

THIS WAS STATED BY THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, THE HON LEWIS DAVIES IN REPLY TO A QUESTION BY THE HON CHEUNG YAN-LUNG IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY.

MR DAVIES SAID THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT EXAMINED PLANS FOR ALL NEW BUILDINGS TO ENSURE THAT APPROPRIATE FIRE SERVICES INSTALLATIONS AND EQUIPMENT WERE INCLUDED. ON COMPLETION, EACH BUILDING WAS INSPECTED TO ENSURE THAT THESE REQUIREMENTS HAD BEEN MET, HE SAID.

+AT THIS STAGE FIRE SAFETY STANDARDS ARE SATISFACTORY. HOWEVER, DIFFICULTIES ARISE FOLLOWING THE OCCUPATION OF A BUILDING WHERE MANAGEMENT IS EITHER NOT PROVIDED, OR WHERE IT IS INEFFECTIVE.+

MR DAVIES SAID THE LAW REQUIRED THE OWNER OF ANY PREMISES IN WHICH FIRE SERVICE EQUIPMENT WAS INSTALLED TO KEEP SUCH EQUIPMENT IN EFFICIENT WORKING ORDER AND THE DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR ENFORCING THIS REQUIREMENT.

+BUT THIS IS DIFFICULT IN MULTI-OWNERSHIP BUILDINGS, WHERE MANY INDIVIDUAL OWNERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ONE FIRE SERVICE INSTALLATION IN THE BUILDING.+

THIS PROBLEM, HE SAID 'DID NOT ARISE WHERE BUILDINGS HAD OWNERS' INCORPORATIONS OR WHERE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMPANIES WERE ENGAGED.

+IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES THE MAINTENANCE OF SATISFACTORY STANDARDS OF FIRE SAFETY CAN ONLY BE ACHIEVED WITH THE COOPERATION OF THOSE OCCUPYING THE BUILDING,+ MR DAVIES SAID.

TO THIS END, THE FIRE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE HAD BEEN WORKING WITH THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO INCREASE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF FIRE SAFETY STANDARDS AND THEIR ENFORCEMENT.

AT THE SAME TIME THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT WOULD CONTINUE THEIR INSPECTIONS AND WOULD RESPOND TO ANY COMPLAINTS REGARDING FIRE HAZARDS OR OTHER BREACHES OF THE REGULATIONS.

+SO FAR A SATISFACTORY SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEMS POSED BY SOME MULTI-OWNERSHIP BUILDINGS, INCLUDING THE DIFFICULTIES SOMETIMES EXPERIENCED IN FORMING A MANAGEMENT ORGANISATION AND THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF AN ADEQUATE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, HAS NOT BEEN FOUND,+ HE SAID.

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USE OF FIREARMS BY POLICE

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THE RULES GOVERNING THE USE OF FIREARMS BY POLICE OFFICERS ARE THE SAME WHETHER THE OFFICERS CONCERNED ARE ON OR OFF DUTY, THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, THE HON LEWIS DAVIES SAID TODAY.

REPLYING TO A QUESTION BY THE HON LYDIA DUNN IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MR DAVIES SAID A POLICE OFFICER MAY USE A FIREARM TO PROTECT HIMSELF OR ANY OTHER PERSON FROM DEATH OR SERIOUS INJURY, OR TO ARREST ANY PERSON WHOM HE HAS REASON TO BELIEVE HAS COMMITTED A SERIOUS AND VIOLENT CRIME.

+WHENEVER IT IS OFFICIALLY KNOWN THAT A POLICE REVOLVER HAS BEEN EITHER DRAWN FROM ITS HOLSTER OR FIRED DURING THE COURSE OF AN INCIDENT, A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION FOLLOWS.

+IF THERE IS EVIDENCE TO SHOW INSUFFICIENT JUSTIFICATION FOR SUCH ACTION, DISCIPLINARY OR CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS MAY BE INSTITUTED AGAINST THE OFFICER CONCERNED.+

MR DAVIES SAID THE REGULATIONS CONCERNING CARRIAGE AND SAFEGUARDING OF ARMS BY AN OFF DUTY POLICE OFFICER ARE :

- (A) HE MAY CARRY HIS REVOLVER PROVIDED HIS INTENDED ACTIVITIES ARE COMPATIBLE WITH ITS SECURITY;
- (B) IF HIS INTENDED ACTIVITIES ARE INCOMPATIBLE WITH ITS SECURITY HE MUST DEPOSIT THE REVOLVER IN THE ARMOURY OF A POLICE STATION; AND
- (C) IF HE IS AT HOME HE MUST UNLOAD THE REVOLVER AND LOCK IT AND THE AMMUNITION IN A SECURE PLACE AND TAKE ADEQUATE PRECAUTIONS TO SECURE THE KEY USED.

EARLIER, MR DAVIES POINTED OUT THAT ONLY POLICE OFFICERS WHO WERE PERMITTED TO CARRY ARMS WHEN OFF DUTY WERE ISSUED WITH REVOLVERS ON PERSONAL CHARGE.

HE SAID UNDER CURRENT POLICY SUCH ISSUES WERE MADE TO JUNIOR OFFICERS WHO BY THE NATURE OF THEIR DUTIES WERE MOST LIKELY TO BE CALLED UPON TO PERFORM DUTY AT SHORT NOTICE, AND BE REQUIRED TO DEAL WITH DANGEROUS SITUATIONS WHETHER ON OR OFF DUTY.

+IN PRACTICE ISSUES ARE RESTRICTED TO JUNIOR OFFICERS IN THE CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT AND TO SOME IN SPECIAL BRANCH (EXCEPT THOSE PERMANENTLY ENGAGED ON INDOOR DUTIES).

+IN SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES OTHER OFFICERS MAY ALSO BE ISSUED WITH PERSONAL ARMS WITH THE APPROVAL OF A DIRECTORATE OFFICER,+ MR DAVIES SAID.

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BILL TO INTRODUCE TAXIS ON LANTAU  
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THE ROAD TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT) BILL 1982, IF ENACTED, WOULD PROVIDE NEEDED TAXI SERVICES ON LANTAU AND IMPROVE THE OPERATING EFFICIENCY OF TRANSPORT TRIBUNALS, THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, THE HON MICHAEL SUEN, SAID IN MOVING THE BILL THROUGH A SECOND READING AT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING TODAY.

AT PRESENT THE ONLY LEGAL PASSENGER CAR SERVICE ON LANTAU IS PROVIDED BY 14 PRIVATE CONTRACT CARS AND THE PROPOSED TAXI SERVICE IS REQUIRED TO MEET THE GROWING DEMANDS OF BOTH LOCAL RESIDENTS AND TOURISTS, MR SUEN EXPLAINED.

UNDER THE AMENDMENT REGULATIONS, HE POINTED OUT, THESE NEW TAXIS WOULD OPERATE ON LANTAU ONLY, WITH A DISTINGUISHING LIVERY SPECIFIED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT.

HE SAID THAT THE RIGHT TO REGISTER THESE TAXIS WOULD BE BY OPEN TENDER AND THE SCALE OF FARES WOULD BE THE SAME AS FOR NEW TERRITORIES TAXIS.

+TIME WILL BE REQUIRED TO ASSESS ACCURATELY HOW MANY TAXIS WILL EVENTUALLY BE NEEDED ON LANTAU ISLAND ESPECIALLY AS DEMANDS WILL FLUCTUATE BETWEEN WEEKDAYS AND WEEKENDS.

+SO IT IS INTENDED THAT THE NUMBER SHOULD INITIALLY BE LIMITED TO 20 AND BE REVIEWED AFTER SIX MONTHS,+ MR SUEN SAID.

THE OPPORTUNITY WAS TAKEN TO ABOLISH THE REQUIREMENT THAT APPLICANTS FOR NEW TERRITORIES TAXI LICENCES MUST HAVE HELD A DRIVING LICENCE FOR AT LEAST THREE YEARS AS THIS REQUIREMENT NO LONGER SERVES ANY USEFUL PURPOSE, MR SUEN POINTED OUT.

THE TERMS OF THE EXISTING LEGISLATION REQUIRE A TRANSPORT TRIBUNAL TO CONSIDER ONLY THE REPRESENTATIONS OF THE APPLICANT AND NOT THOSE OF THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT.

HOWEVER, IN PRACTICE, THE COMMISSIONER IS REPRESENTED BY A DEPARTMENTAL OFFICER TO STATE HIS CASE IN A TRIBUNAL, WHICH MAKES ITS DECISION ON ALL THE EVIDENCE PRESENTED.

BY PROVIDING FOR THE COMMISSIONER TO BE REPRESENTED BEFORE THE TRIBUNAL, THE BILL SEEKS TO FORMALISE THE CURRENT PRACTICE OF A TRIBUNAL HEARING BOTH SIDES OF THE ISSUE, MR SUEN EXPLAINED.

THE BILL ALSO PROVIDES FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER FROM A PANEL OF LEGAL ADVISERS APPOINTED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO A TRANSPORT TRIBUNAL.

+THIS WILL SERVE TO ENSURE THAT THE COMPLEX LEGISLATION WITHIN THE TRIBUNAL'S JURISDICTION IS PROPERLY INTERPRETED AND APPLIED,+ MR SUEN SAID.

DEBATE ON THE BILL WAS ADJOURNED.

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POWER TO ISSUE RECEIPTS

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THE OBJECTIVE OF THE TRUSTEE (AMENDMENT) BILL 1982 IS TO CONFIRM THE POWER OF A SOLE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE ADMINISTERING THE ESTATE OF A DECEASED PERSON TO ISSUE RECEIPTS FOR LAND SALES, THE LAW DRAFTSMAN, THE HON G.P. NAZARETH, SAID AT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING TODAY.

UNDER THE COMMON LAW, SUCH A REPRESENTATIVE CAN ISSUE THIS TYPE OF RECEIPTS AND THIS WAS THE ACCEPTED POSITION IN HONG KONG UNTIL 1971, HE EXPLAINED, IN READING THE BILL A SECOND TIME.

IN THAT YEAR THE PROBATE AND ADMINISTRATION ORDINANCE WAS ENACTED AND ONE OF ITS PROVISIONS GAVE RISE TO +CONSIDERABLE DOUBT+ AS TO WHETHER THE REPRESENTATIVE CAN STILL GIVE SUCH RECEIPTS TODAY, MR NAZARETH SAID.

+THERE IS, OF COURSE, NO GENERAL REASON WHY HE SHOULD NOT DO SO, AND THE OBJECT OF THIS BILL IS TO REMOVE THE DOUBTS AND CONFIRM THE POWER OF SOLE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES TO ISSUE RECEIPTS FOR THE SALE OF LAND,+ HE STATED.

QUESTIONS HAD BEEN RAISED, HE SAID, AS TO WHETHER THE OBJECTIVE MIGHT ENDANGER THE INHERITANCE OF MINOR CHILDREN IN THE HANDS OF +ILL-ADVISED OR IMPROVIDENT WIDOWED MOTHERS WHO ARE SOLE ADMINISTRATORS+.

BUT HE POINTED OUT THAT SECTION 25 OF THE PROBATE AND ADMINISTRATION ORDINANCE SHOULD BE AN ADEQUATE SAFEGUARD AGAINST SUCH A DANGER.

+IF IT IS THOUGHT THAT ANY FURTHER SAFEGUARD IS DESIRABLE, PROMPT CONSIDERATION WILL BE GIVEN TO IT,+ MR NAZARETH STRESSED.

DEBATE ON THE BILL WAS ADJOURNED.

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PUBLIC SHOULD SHARE RESPONSIBILITY FOR  
REFUSE CONTROL

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SOME 5 000 TONNES OF REFUSE HAS BEEN PICKED UP FROM HONG KONG WATERS SO FAR THIS YEAR BY SPECIALISED VESSELS OF THE MARINE DEPARTMENT WHICH EXPECTS TO SPEND \$6.2 MILLION ON THE OPERATION FOR THE YEAR, THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, THE HON DENIS BRAY, TOLD THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY.

THE DEPARTMENT, HE SAID, HAS AN EXPANSION PLAN WHICH SHOULD DOUBLE THE FLEET OF SPECIALLY DESIGNED VESSELS FOR THE PURPOSE BY 1986-87.

+SINCE COMPREHENSIVE REFUSE COLLECTION SERVICES ARE PROVIDED ON LAND THE STRICT ANSWER TO THE QUESTION IS THAT THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR CONTROLLING FLOATING REFUSE DOES NOT LIE WITH ANY GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT AT ALL BUT WITH THE PEOPLE WHO DUMP IT IN THE FIRST PLACE,+ HE STRESSED.

MR BRAY WAS REPLYING TO THE HON ANDREW SO WHO ASKED WHAT ACTION THE GOVERNMENT IS TAKING TO CONTROL FLOATING REFUSE AND HOW THE RESPONSIBILITY IN THIS MATTER IS BEING SHARED AMONG GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

MR BRAY OUTLINED SIX PROGRAMMES TO PREVENT REFUSE FROM GETTING INTO THE SEA :

- \* DISCHARGES FROM SEWERS ARE SCREENED OF SOLIDS BY THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.
- \* OPEN NULLAHS ARE THE SUBJECT OF SPECIAL EFFORTS BY THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT.
- \* SQUATTER AREA REFUSE CLEARANCE HAS RECENTLY BEEN STEPPED UP BY THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT.
- \* THE PORT WORKS DIVISION ON THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT DOES ITS BEST TO STOP TIMBER AND OTHER REFUSE FROM FLOATING OFF FROM RECLAMATIONS.
- \* A FREE BOAT-TO-BOAT REFUSE COLLECTION SERVICE IS OPERATED IN FIVE TYPHOON SHELTERS BY THE MARINE DEPARTMENT.
- \* A FREE REFUSE COLLECTION SERVICE IS PROVIDED TO ALL SHIPS IN THE HARBOUR BY THE MARINE DEPARTMENT.

MR BRAY SAID THAT WHILE ALL THESE OPERATIONS MADE SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO REDUCING THE AMOUNT OF REFUSE GETTING INTO THE SEA, THE AMOUNT OF FLOATING REFUSE AROUND THE HARBOUR SHOWED THEY WERE NOT COMPLETELY SUCCESSFUL.

BUT HE ADDED, +WE HAVE DONE ALL THE OBVIOUS THINGS BUT TO GO FURTHER IS LIKELY TO COST A GOOD DEAL.+

MR BRAY DISCLOSED THAT THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY IS PLANNING TO DO MORE SERIOUS RESEARCH TO FIND OUT WHERE FLOATING REFUSE COMES FROM, THE ROUTES IT FOLLOWS IN VARIOUS COMBINATIONS OF WIND AND TIDE AND WHERE IT FINISHES UP.

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MOVE TO CONTROL METALLIC CONTAMINATION IN FOOD  
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REGULATIONS WILL SHORTLY BE INTRODUCED TO CONTROL METALLIC CONTAMINATION AND HARMFUL SUBSTANCES IN FOOD FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION, THE SECRETARY FOR SOCIAL SERVICES, THE HON ERIC HO, SAID AT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

IN MOVING THE SECOND READING OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND URBAN SERVICES (AMENDMENT) (NO. 3) BILL 1982, MR HO SAID: THE BILL, IF ENACTED, WOULD ENABLE REGULATIONS TO BE MADE TO AUTHORISE THE DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES TO AMEND THE MAXIMUM PERMITTED CONCENTRATIONS OF SUBSTANCES IN FOOD BY NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE.

+AS THE MAXIMUM PERMITTED LEVEL OF SUCH SUBSTANCES MAY NEED TO BE REVISED FROM TIME TO TIME IN THE LIGHT OF LOCAL AND OVERSEAS SCIENTIFIC FINDINGS, IT IS DESIRABLE THAT SOME MECHANISM SHOULD EXIST FOR THEIR SPEEDY UPDATING WITHOUT CONSTANT REFERENCE TO THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL,+ HE SAID.

DEBATE ON THE BILL WAS ADJOURNED.

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BILL TO PROTECT ILLEGITIMATE CHILDREN  
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THE WELFARE OF A CHILD, EVEN IF ILLEGITIMATE, IS PARAMOUNT UNDER THE GUARDIANSHIP OF MINORS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1982.

THIS WAS STRESSED BY THE LAW DRAFTSMAN, THE HON G.P. NAZARETH, DURING THE SECOND READING OF THE BILL AT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY.

MR NAZARETH EXPLAINED THAT THE GUARDIAN OF MINORS ORDINANCE PROVIDES THAT IN COURT PROCEEDINGS ON THE CUSTODY OF MINORS AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS, THE WELFARE OF THE MINOR SHOULD BE THE +FIRST AND PARAMOUNT+ CONSIDERATION.

IT ALSO PROVIDES THAT IN THESE MATTERS, THE MOTHER AND FATHER HAVE EQUAL RIGHTS WHICH CAN BE EXERCISED SEPARATELY.

BUT HE POINTED OUT THAT NEITHER OF THESE PROVISIONS UNDER THE EXISTING ORDINANCE APPLY TO ILLEGITIMATE CHILDREN.

+THE DISPLACEMENT OF THE PROVISION FOR EQUAL RIGHTS BETWEEN PARENTS IS INTENTIONAL AND IT ENABLES THE COMMON LAW PRIORITY ACCORDED TO THE CLAIM OF THE MOTHER OF AN ILLEGITIMATE CHILD, TO TAKE EFFECT.

/+IN DISPLACING .....

+IN DISPLACING AT THE SAME TIME THE OTHER PROVISION MAKING THE WELFARE OF A MINOR THE PARAMOUNT CONSIDERATION, THE ORDINANCE INADVERTENTLY WENT TOO FAR,+ HE SAID.

THE OBJECT OF THE BILL, HE STRESSED, IS TO MAKE CLEAR THAT THE WELFARE OF CHILDREN, EVEN IF THEY ARE ILLEGITIMATE, SHOULD BE PARAMOUNT.

THE BILL ALSO PROVIDES THAT DUE CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE WISHES OF THE MINOR WHERE PRACTICABLE AND TO ANY MATERIAL INFORMATION AVAILABLE, INCLUDING REPORTS BY THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR NAZARETH SAID.

DEBATE ON THE BILL WAS ADJOURNED.

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#### EXHIBITION CENTRE PROJECT

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THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, THE HON BILL DORWARD, TOLD THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY THAT THE SECOND STAGE OF THE CONSULTANCY FOR THE EXHIBITION CENTRE PROJECT WAS AWARDED IN JULY TO A CANADIAN/GERMAN CONSORTIUM WHICH HAD FORMED A LOCAL COMPANY FOR THE PURPOSE.

+THEIR TERMS OF REFERENCE CALL FOR A DETAILED BRIEF AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR A MULTI-STOREY DEVELOPMENT TO INCLUDE AN EXHIBITION CENTRE OF ABOUT 20 000 SQUARE METRES, WITH ANCILLARY FACILITIES, AND TO ESTIMATE THE CAPITAL AND RECURRENT COSTS INVOLVED AND THE REVENUE WHICH COULD BE GENERATED,+ HE SAID, IN REPLY TO A QUESTION BY THE HON STEPHEN CHEONG.

THE CONSULTANCY IS BEING OVERSEEN BY A NON-STATUTORY BOARD UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF MR MICHAEL SANDBERG AND COMPRISING PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR REPRESENTATIVES. REGULAR MEETINGS ARE BEING HELD BETWEEN THE BOARD AND THE CONSULTANTS, WHOSE FINAL REPORT IS DUE IN JANUARY 1983.

+ON RECEIPT OF THE BOARD'S ASSESSMENT OF THAT REPORT AND ITS RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO HOW TO PROCEED, PROPOSALS WILL BE PUT TO EXECUTIVE COUNCIL,+ MR DORWARD ADDED.

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PROTECTION OF MUSEUM EXHIBITS

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THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND URBAN SERVICES (AMENDMENT) (NO.2) BILL 1982 WHICH PROVIDES THE AUTHORITY WITH THE WIDER POWERS NECESSARY FOR THE EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL OF MUSEUMS AND FOR THE BETTER PROTECTION OF THE EXHIBITS WAS READ A SECOND TIME IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

IN MOVING THE SECOND READING OF THE BILL, THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, THE HON D.C. BRAY SAID THE BILL EMPOWERS THE AUTHORITY TO REQUIRE A PERSON CAUSING DAMAGE TO THE STRUCTURE OF A MUSEUM OR TO AN EXHIBIT TO REPAY THE COSTS OF REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT, AND TO PAY A SURCHARGE EQUAL TO 20 PER CENT OF THOSE COSTS.

HE SAID THE BILL WAS NEEDED TO IMPROVE THE MANAGEMENT OF THE THREE EXISTING MUSEUMS IN HONG KONG - THE MUSEUM OF ART, THE MUSEUM OF HISTORY AND THE SPACE MUSEUM.

IT WILL ALSO PROVIDE MANAGEMENT WITH ADEQUATE AUTHORITY FOR SEVERAL NEW MUSEUMS AS THEY ARE COMPLETED.

DEBATE ON THE BILL WAS ADJOURNED.

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JURISDICTION IN MATRIMONIAL MATTERS

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THE MATRIMONIAL CAUSES (FEES) (AMENDMENT) RULES 1982, MADE BY THE CHIEF JUSTICE TO REFLECT THE CHANGE IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) ORDINANCE, WERE TODAY APPROVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THE LAW DRAFTSMAN, THE HON G.P. NAZARETH SAID THE CHANGE IN THE PRINCIPAL RULES, PASSED BY THE COUNCIL IN DECEMBER, HAD PROVIDED FOR THE TRANSFER OF JURISDICTION IN MATRIMONIAL MATTERS FROM THE SUPREME COURT TO THE DISTRICT COURTS.

AS A RESULT, SOME OF THE FUNCTIONS FOR WHICH FEES WERE PRESCRIBED WOULD BE DISCHARGED BY THE DISTRICT COURT AND NOT THE REGISTRAR OF THE SUPREME COURT, HE SAID.

MR NAZARETH SAID THE AMENDMENTS CONSISTED ESSENTIALLY OF DELETING REFERENCE TO THE REGISTRAR AND THE ACTUAL FEES WOULD REMAIN UNCHANGED.

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MTR LOAN GUARANTEE  
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THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY (WEDNESDAY) APPROVED A GOVERNMENT GUARANTEE TO THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION TO COVER THE REPAYMENT OF A \$965 MILLION LOAN.

THE SUM BORROWED UNDER THIS GUARANTEE WILL BE USED TO FINANCE THE ISLAND LINE CONTRACTS FOR THE SUPPLY, INSTALLATION AND COMMISSIONING OF DUAL MODE LOCOMOTIVES, ADDITIONAL ROLLING STOCK, AN ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL SYSTEM, CHILLERS, STATION AND TUNNEL ANCILIARIES AND DEPOT SERVICES.

THIS BRINGS THE GOVERNMENT'S TOTAL GUARANTEE COMMITMENT IN RESPECT OF THE OUTSTANDING LOANS AVAILABLE TO THE MTR CORPORATION TO \$10 638 MILLION.

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ONE BILL PASSED  
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THE STOCK EXCHANGE UNIFICATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1982 WAS PASSED IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

THE FOLLOWING SIX BILLS WERE INTRODUCED AND READ A SECOND TIME AND DEBATE ON THEM WAS ADJOURNED: THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND URBAN SERVICES (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL 1982, THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND URBAN SERVICES (AMENDMENT) (NO. 3) BILL 1982, THE EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1982, THE GUARDIANSHIP OF MINORS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1982, THE TRUSTEE (AMENDMENT) BILL 1982 AND THE ROAD TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT) BILL 1982.

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HONG KONG-SHENZHEN WORKING GROUP HOLDS DISCUSSION  
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THIS MORNING, THE SHENZHEN DELEGATION AND THE HONG KONG TEAM HAD A COMPREHENSIVE DISCUSSION OF THE PROGRESS MADE IN THE FOUR WORKING GROUPS SET UP UNDER THE AGREEMENT SIGNED ON APRIL 30, 1982.

BOTH SIDES AGREED THAT GOOD PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE AND EXPRESSED SATISFACTION AT THE CLOSE COOPERATION AND GOOD WORKING RELATIONSHIPS IN THE WORKING GROUPS.

THE VARIOUS PROJECTS UNDER DISCUSSION ARE LIKELY TO BE IMPLEMENTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TIMESCALE SET OUT IN THE AGREEMENT. SOME ADDITIONAL SUB-GROUPS HAVE BEEN FORMED TO EXAMINE SPECIFIC TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF THE PROPOSALS. IT WAS AGREED THAT THE COORDINATION OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF LO WU AND SHENZHEN STATIONS REQUIRED A SPECIAL WORKING GROUP; THIS GROUP WILL MEET FOR THE FIRST TIME IN EARLY NOVEMBER.

IT WAS ALSO AGREED TO HAVE A FURTHER MEETING TO REVIEW PROGRESS IN SIX MONTHS' TIME.

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GOVERNMENT DETERMINED TO COMBAT POLLUTION  
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THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR DENIS BRAY, TODAY (WEDNESDAY) ASSURED A GROUP OF POLLUTION CONTROL EXPERTS OF THE GOVERNMENT'S DETERMINATION TO COMBAT POLLUTION AND TO MAKE HONG KONG A PLEASANT PLACE TO LIVE IN.

MR BRAY WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF A SEMINAR ON +LEGISLATION ON LIQUID AND SOLID WASTE POLLUTION CONTROL IN HONG KONG+.

MR BRAY SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS SPENDING ABOUT \$3.6 BILLION ON CAPITAL INVESTMENT ON WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT AND \$500 MILLION EACH YEAR ON THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF WASTES.

HE POINTED OUT THAT HAVING RECOGNISED THE NEED FOR CONTROLLING POLLUTION, THE GOVERNMENT COMMISSIONED CONSULTANTS IN DECEMBER 1974 TO CARRY OUT AN OVERALL REVIEW OF THE LEGAL AND ORGANISATIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PROTECTION OF HONG KONG'S ENVIRONMENT. THE CONSULTANTS SUBMITTED A FINAL REPORT IN JULY 1977.

SINCE 1977, THE GOVERNMENT HAS PROCEEDED ON SETTING UP THE LEGAL AND ORGANISATIONAL FRAMEWORK WITHIN WHICH THE FUTURE PROTECTION OF HONG KONG'S ENVIRONMENT CAN BE DEALT WITH ON AN EFFECTIVE BASIS.

/MR BRAY .....

MR BRAY SAID TWO NEW ORDINANCES - THE WASTE DISPOSAL ORDINANCE IN FEBRUARY 1980 AND THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE IN JULY 1980 - HAD SO FAR BEEN INTRODUCED.

+REGULATIONS REQUIRED FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF THESE ORDINANCES ARE NOW UNDER ACTIVE PREPARATION. CONSULTANTS HAVE ALSO BEEN COMMISSIONED TO STUDY VARIOUS PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ORDINANCES, SUCH AS THE CONTROL OF ANIMAL WASTE DISPOSAL IN THE TOLO AREA,+ MR BRAY SAID.

IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION LEGISLATION, HE SAID A KEY CONSIDERATION WHICH HAD ALWAYS BEEN BORNE IN MIND HAD BEEN THE NEED TO AVOID PLACING A SIGNIFICANT ADDITIONAL BURDEN ON EXISTING INDUSTRY.

+INSTEAD OF IMPOSING BLANKET CONTROLS OVER THE WHOLE OF HONG KONG BY HAVING A SINGLE SET OF EMISSION LIMITS, DIFFERENT EMISSION LIMITS WILL BE DRAWN UP FOR DIFFERENT GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS. THIS PROVIDES FOR AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT OF FLEXIBILITY IN THE CONTROL SYSTEM,+ HE SAID.

MR BRAY STRESSED THE NEED FOR CONSULTATION WITH INDUSTRY TO MAKE SURE THAT ANY PROPOSED CONTROL MEASURES WERE PRACTICABLE AND ACCEPTABLE TO INDUSTRY IN TERMS OF COSTS AND PROCEDURES.

TO ENSURE THAT THE INDUSTRY HAS A STRONG VOICE IN THE FORMULATION OF CONTROL MEASURES, MR BRAY SAID A GENERAL REQUIREMENT HAD BEEN INCLUDED IN THE NEW LEGISLATION TO THE EFFECT THAT THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (EPCOM) MUST BE CONSULTED ON ANY PROPOSED REGULATIONS TO BE MADE UNDER THE LEGISLATION.

THE THREE MAJOR INDUSTRIAL ORGANISATIONS - THE HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, THE CHINESE MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION AND THE FEDERATION OF HONG KONG INDUSTRIES - ARE REPRESENTED ON EPCOM.

MR BRAY PRAISED THE INDUSTRY FOR CO-OPERATING WITH THE GOVERNMENT IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CONTROL MEASURES AND NOTED THAT THERE HAD ALSO BEEN GROWING PUBLIC AWARENESS OF POLLUTION IN RECENT YEARS.

CIVIL SERVANTS EXPECTED TO CARE FOR INTEREST OF PUBLIC  
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THE SECRETARY FOR SOCIAL SERVICES, MR ERIC HO, TODAY ADVISED THOSE JOB-SEEKERS WHO ARE ONLY INTERESTED IN PERSONAL ADVANCEMENT NOT TO THINK OF JOINING THE CIVIL SERVICE.

+WE EXPECT OUR CIVIL SERVANTS TO CARE FOR THE COMMUNITY THEY SERVE, TO BE DEVOTED TO THE PROMOTION OF THE INTERESTS AND WELFARE OF HONG KONG AND ITS PEOPLE,+ HE SAID.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THIS YEAR'S CIVIL SERVICE CAREERS EXHIBITION AT THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY, MR HO SAID ALL JOBS FOR GRADUATES IN THE CIVIL SERVICE PROVIDED CHALLENGE IN THEIR DIFFERENT WAYS AND OFFERED THE SATISFACTION OF SERVING OUR COMMUNITY IN HONG KONG.

THERE IS A VARIETY OF JOB OPPORTUNITIES, RANGING FROM THE GENERALIST STREAMS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE AND EXECUTIVE GRADE, TO SPECIALIST FIELDS SUCH AS ARCHITECTURE, EDUCATION, ENGINEERING, LAW, MEDICINE AND SOCIAL WELFARE.

+EACH FIELD OFFERS A CHALLENGING AND SATISFYING CAREER WITH GOOD PROSPECTS OF ADVANCEMENT TO THE MOST SENIOR RANKS IN THE CIVIL SERVICE,+ MR HO SAID.

HE RECALLED THAT THE UNIVERSITY'S APPOINTMENTS SERVICE, WHICH ORGANISED THE EXHIBITION WITH THE CIVIL SERVICE BRANCH OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, WAS UNHEARD OF IN HIS UNDERGRADUATE DAYS IN THE UNIVERSITY.

WITH ITS ESTABLISHMENT IN 1963, OPPORTUNITIES HAVE BEEN BROUGHT TO NOTICE, AND ANXIETIES AND FRUSTRATIONS HAVE BEEN REDUCED TO A MINIMUM. POSITIVE AND EFFECTIVE STEPS ARE NOW TAKEN TO PROVIDE OUR UNDERGRADUATES WITH CAREERS COUNSELLING, MR HO SAID.

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OUTSTANDING YOUTH LEADERS REWARDED  
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SIX OUTSTANDING YOUTH LEADERS HAVE BEEN PRESENTED WITH OUTWARD BOUND SCHOLARSHIPS BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE, MR BARRIE WIGGHAM.

THEY ARE MISS WONG MAN-YI, A TEACHER- MR IP WING-CHING, A LABORATORY TECHNICIAN- MR LEE TSZ-MING, A STUDENT- MR NG KAM-FU, A LABOUR INSPECTOR- MR LAI YEE-CHEONG, A TEACHER, AND MR LAW CHIU-NAM, A WELFARE WORKER.

AT A PRESENTATION CEREMONY YESTERDAY, MR WIGGHAM PRAISED THE YOUTHS FOR THEIR DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY DURING THE 1981 SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME.

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ALSO PRESENT AT THE CEREMONY WERE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE OUTWARD BOUND TRUST OF HONG KONG, MR J. TUCKER AND MEMBERS OF THE CENTRAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR YOUTH RECREATION.

THE SCHOLARSHIPS ARE DONATED ANNUALLY BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB AND PRESENTED IN RECOGNITION OF VOLUNTARY WORK BY YOUNG PEOPLE DURING THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME.

EACH OUTWARD BOUND SCHOLARSHIP IS MADE UP OF FEES FOR A STANDARD COURSE OFFERED AT THE OUTWARD BOUND SCHOOL, MEDICAL EXAMINATION FEES AND POCKET MONEY FOR MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES, AMOUNTING TO ABOUT \$4 000.

THE STANDARD COURSES ARE 18-DAY COURSES FOR THE 16 TO 26-YEAR-OLD AGE GROUP, AND ARE DESIGNED TO FOSTER THE QUALITIES OF CO-OPERATION, INITIATIVE AND SELF-AWARENESS THROUGH THE MEDIUM OF A SUSTAINED CHALLENGE.

THEY WILL BE CONDUCTED IN THE OUTWARD BOUND SHIP 'JI FUNG'.

TRAINEES WILL UNDERGO RIGOROUS TRAINING ON BOARD THE SHIP. THERE WILL BE SCALING, RIGGING AND LONG NIGHT WATCHES ALOFT OR AT THE END OF A DIPPING BOWSPRIT. LIFE ABOARD THE VESSEL WILL CALL FOR COMMUNITY LIVING, TOLERANCE, LOYALTY AND DEDICATION.

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SECRETARY FOR SECURITY (DESIGNATE) VISITS  
CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS

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THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY (DESIGNATE), MR DAVID JEAFFRESON, VISITED THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE AND STANLEY PRISON TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

HE WAS ACCOMPANIED ON THE VISIT BY THE ACTING COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR CHAN WA-SHEK, AND WAS BRIEFED BY SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT JOHN ASHWORTH, PRINCIPAL OF THE STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE, AND SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT WONG WAH-CHIU, IN CHARGE OF STANLEY PRISON ON THE WORK OF THEIR INSTITUTIONS.

MR JEAFFRESON'S VISIT IS THE FIRST OF A SERIES HE IS MAKING TO FAMILIARISE HIMSELF WITH THE VARIOUS TYPES OF INSTITUTIONS AND CORRECTIONAL PROGRAMMES ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

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ROAD SAFETY DRIVE IN SAI KUNG  
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TWO MODEL PRIVATE CAR DRIVERS AND 10 MODEL PEDESTRIANS WILL BE CHOSEN IN SAI KUNG ON FRIDAY (OCTOBER 15) IN A CAMPAIGN TO PROMOTE ROAD SAFETY IN THE DISTRICT.

SPONSORED BY THE LOCAL DISTRICT BOARD, THE CAMPAIGN WILL INCLUDE OTHER ACTIVITIES SUCH AS TALKS ON ROAD SAFETY FOR STUDENTS OF FOUR PRIMARY SCHOOLS ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY (OCTOBER 18 AND 19) AND AN ORGANISED VISIT FOR SOME 120 STUDENTS TO THE ROAD SAFETY CITY AT SAU MAU PING ON OCTOBER 27.

THE BUS COMPANY, LOCAL MAXICAB AND TAXI ASSOCIATIONS HAVE ALSO BEEN INVITED TO SUBMIT NOMINATIONS FOR MODEL DRIVERS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE TRADES.

ENTRY FORMS FOR A CROSSWORD PUZZLE COMPETITION IN CONNECTION WITH THE CAMPAIGN ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICE. ENTRIES MUST BE RETURNED BEFORE NOVEMBER 9.

IN ADDITION, POSTERS AND SOME 5 000 POCKET DIARIES WITH ROAD SAFETY SLOGAN AND MESSAGES ARE BEING DISTRIBUTED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN KWUN TONG  
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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE INTRODUCED IN KWUN TONG FROM 1 AM TO 5 AM ON FRIDAY (OCTOBER 15) FOR ROAD WORKS.

UNDER THE ARRANGEMENTS, THE AIRPORT TUNNEL'S EASTBOUND TUBE WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC.

THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF WAI YIP STREET BETWEEN SIU YIP STREET AND LAI YIP STREET, AND THE WESTBOUND SECTION NEAR LAI YIP STREET WILL ALSO BE CLOSED.

AT THE SAME TIME, VEHICLES TRAVELLING ALONG SIU YIP STREET AND SHUN YIP STREET WILL BE BANNED FROM TURNING LEFT INTO WAI YIP STREET.

DURING THE CLOSURE, TRAFFIC FROM TO KWA WAN HEADING FOR KWUN TONG WILL BE DIVERTED VIA SUNG WONG TOI ROAD, PRINCE EDWARD ROAD EAST AND KWUN TONG ROAD.

TRAFFIC ALONG WAI YIP STREET HEADING FOR KOWLOON CITY WILL BE DIVERTED VIA LAI YIP STREET, KWUN TONG ROAD AND PRINCE EDWARD ROAD EAST, WHILE THOSE HEADING FOR KOWLOON BAY FACTORY ESTATE WILL BE DIVERTED VIA LAI YIP STREET, HOI BUN ROAD AND SHUN YIP STREET.

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URBAN CLEARWAY IN CENTRAL  
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CLEARWAY RESTRICTION WILL BE INTRODUCED ON QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL BETWEEN POTTINGER STREET AND A POINT 10 METRES WEST OF JUBILEE STREET FROM 7 AM THIS FRIDAY (OCTOBER 15) IN A FURTHER MOVE TO EASE CONGESTION IN THAT AREA.

WITHIN THE CLEARWAY SECTION, VEHICLES OTHER THAN FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE BANNED FROM STOPPING FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY.

THIS ARRANGEMENT IS TO SUPPLEMENT THE PUBLIC TRANSPORT PRIORITY SCHEME WHICH WAS INTRODUCED IN CENTRAL ON OCTOBER 6, AND WHICH HAS REDUCED THE AVERAGE JOURNEY TIME FOR CENTRAL-BOUND BUSES BY FIVE MINUTES.

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GOOD NEWS FOR BIRD FANCIERS  
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AN ILLUSTRATED GUIDE TO HONG KONG BIRDS -- ONE OF THE MOST SUCCESSFUL BOOKS PUBLISHED BY THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES -- IS NOW BACK ON SALE AFTER BEING REPRINTED IN RESPONSE TO HEAVY PUBLIC DEMAND.

THE BOOK HAS BECOME A STANDARD SOURCE OF REFERENCE ON THE RICH VARIETY OF LOCAL BIRDS, OF WHICH THERE ARE SOME 400 SPECIES.

WRITTEN BY CLIVE VINEY, AN OFFICIAL OF THE HONG KONG BIRD-WATCHING SOCIETY, THE BOOK CONTAINS 48 PAGES OF FULL-COLOUR BIRD ILLUSTRATIONS BY KAREN PHILLIPPS, A HONG KONG ARTIST WHO SPECIALISES IN NATURAL HISTORY.

PUBLISHED UNDER THE TITLE '+A COLOUR GUIDE TO HONG KONG BIRDS+', THE BOOK IS ON SALE FOR \$26 AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, HONG KONG, AND LEADING BOOKSHOPS.

+WE ARE VERY PLEASED TO BE ABLE TO PUT THE BOOK BACK ON SALE,+ SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PUBLISHING SUB-DIVISION OF THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES.

+THE DEMAND FOR IT HAS BEEN VERY ENCOURAGING AND DEMONSTRATES THE GROWING INTEREST THAT PEOPLE ARE TAKING IN NATURAL FEATURES OF THE ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH THEY LIVE.+

A COMPANION VOLUME, '+A COLOUR GUIDE TO HONG KONG ANIMALS+', IS ALSO ON SALE. THIS AGAIN FEATURES ORIGINAL PAINTINGS BY MISS PHILLIPPS.

BOTH BOOKS ARE PRINTED BY THE GOVERNMENT PRINTER.

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GRAPHIC GUIDE TO HONG KONG 1981 CENSUS

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A REPORT SHOWING THE 1981 POPULATION CENSUS RESULTS IN THE FORM OF STATISTICAL CHARTS HAS JUST BEEN PUBLISHED.

ENTITLED 'HONG KONG 1981 CENSUS - GRAPHIC GUIDE', THE REPORT IS A BILINGUAL PUBLICATION AND CONSISTS OF 33 CHARTS COVERING SUCH TOPICS AS POPULATION GROWTH, AGE AND SEX, PLACE OF BIRTH AND PLACE OF ORIGIN, MARRIAGE AND FERTILITY, EDUCATION, ECONOMIC ACTIVITY STATUS, OCCUPATION, INCOME AND VARIOUS HOUSEHOLD AND HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS.

THE 'GRAPHIC GUIDE' IS AIMED AT THE GENERAL READER AND SHOWS IN BROAD TERMS THE SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS OF THE POPULATION.

SPECIALLY-DESIGNED STATISTICAL GRAPHS AND CHARTS ARE EMPLOYED TO HIGHLIGHT THE SIGNIFICANT FINDINGS OF THE CENSUS.

DETAILED ANALYSIS OF THE RESULTS IS NOT ATTEMPTED IN THE REPORT, BUT WILL BE PRESENTED IN THE MAIN REPORT OF THE CENSUS TO BE PUBLISHED IN A FEW MONTHS' TIME, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE REPORT IS ON SALE IN THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT CONNAUGHT PLACE AT \$6.50 PER COPY.

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TENDERS SOUGHT FOR SHORT-TERM TENANCY

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THE LANDS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR A SHORT-TERM TENANCY FOR A SITE IN SHA TIN NEW TOWN.

THE SITE, COVERING AN AREA OF ABOUT 9 000 SQUARE METRES NEAR THE FUTURE TAI WAI RAILWAY STATION, IS TO BE USED AS A PUBLIC CAR PARK.

THE TENANCY IS INITIALLY FOR TWO YEARS, RENEWABLE QUARTERLY THEREAFTER.

TENDERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER 12 PM ON OCTOBER 29.

TENDER FORMS, NOTICES, AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM, AND THE TENDER PLAN INSPECTED AT, THE SHA TIN DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, 2 TUNG LO WAN HILL ROAD, SHA TIN.

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