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LEGO QUESTION ON KING'S ROAD TRAFFIC SCHEME
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THE GOVERNMENT WILL BE ASKED TO EXPLAIN WHY, GIVEN ALL THE PLANNING THAT APPARENTLY WENT INTO IT, THE PUBLIC TRANSPORT PRIORITY SCHEME ON KING'S ROAD HAS INITIALLY PROVED A FAILURE AND WHAT MODIFICATIONS ARE NOW PROPOSED.

THE QUESTION WILL BE ASKED BY THE HON LYDIA DUNN AT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING TOMORROW. TEN OTHER QUESTIONS WILL ALSO BE RAISED.

THE HON HU FA-KUANG WILL ASK HOW MANY CHINESE PASSPORT HOLDERS HAVE ENTERED HONG KONG IN TRANSIT DURING THE LAST 12 MONTHS AND HOW MANY HAVE SO FAR DEPARTED BEFORE AND AFTER OCTOBER 23, 1980. HE ALSO WANTS TO KNOW THE POLICY GOVERNING THE GRANT OF EXTENSIONS OF STAY TO SUCH TRANSIENTS.

DR THE HON HO KAM-FAI WILL ASK THE GOVERNMENT TO COMMENT ON THE REASONS BEHIND THE RECENT INCREASE IN UNEMPLOYMENT AND TO SAY WHAT MEASURES IT IS TAKING TO EASE THE SITUATION OF THE UNEMPLOYED.

THE HON ANDREW SO WANTS THE GOVERNMENT TO EXPLAIN WHY THE FIRST INSTALMENT OF SALARIES TAX IS USUALLY DUE AT OR AROUND LUNAR NEW YEAR. ALSO ON SALARIES TAX, THE HON CHAN KAM-CHUEN WILL LIKE TO KNOW WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT WILL CONSIDER ADJUSTING THE PERSONAL ALLOWANCE TO KEEP PACE WITH CIVIL SERVICE PAY INCREASES AT THE LOWER END OF THE MASTER PAY SCALE.

OTHER QUESTIONS TO BE ASKED CONCERN THE SPECULATIVE HOARDING OF DOMESTIC ACCOMMODATION, PROVISION OF WATER STANDPIPES IN SQUATTER AREAS, PROGRESS OF THE SCHOOL MEDICAL SERVICE SCHEME, DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG'S DEEP-SEA FISHING INDUSTRY, PETROL SUPPLY AND CAR PARKING FACILITIES IN SHA TIN, AND PROMOTION OF TREE PLANTING, PARTICULARLY IN SCHOOLS.

ALSO AT TOMORROW'S MEETING, THE CHIEF SECRETARY WILL MOVE A DEBATE ON THE WHITE PAPER ON DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION IN HONG KONG. THE DEBATE WILL BE ADJOURNED.

THREE BILLS, THE URBAN COUNCIL (AMENDMENT) BILL 1981, INLAND REVENUE (AMENDMENT) BILL 1981, AND SUMMARY OFFENCES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1981 WILL BE INTRODUCED FOR FIRST AND SECOND READINGS.

DEBATE WILL RESUME ON THE SECOND READING OF THE EMPLOYMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL 1981, INDUSTRIAL TRAINING (CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1981. AND THE FOREIGN JUDGMENTS (RECIPROCAL ENFORCEMENT) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1981.

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TRANSPORT INSPECTORS HAVE JOB TO KEEP HK MOVING

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COMMUTERS QUEUING FOR KMB BUSES DURING THE AFTERNOON RUSH HOUR RECENTLY MIGHT HAVE NOTICED A FIGURE WATCHING NEARBY, ALERT WITH A CLIPBOARD AND PEN IN HAND.

THEY MAY NOT HAVE KNOWN IT BUT THEY WERE SEEING A MEMBER OF THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT'S WATCHDOG TEAMS - A SMALL ARMY OF TRANSPORT INSPECTORS - ENGAGED IN 'OPERATION SCREENLINE'.

SUCH A FULL-SCALE SCREENLINE SURVEY IS TAKEN ABOUT EVERY THREE MONTHS ON A DATE UNKNOWN TO THE BUS COMPANIES. LAST WEEK IT TOOK PLACE AT 24 CRITICAL LOCATIONS WHERE SOMETHING LIKE 34 INSPECTORS SCREENED ALL KMB'S 177 ROUTES - IN KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES.

DOWN THE CLIPBOARD CHART WENT THE REGISTRATION NUMBER OF A BUS, ITS FLEET NUMBER, ROUTE NUMBER AND ANY NOTEWORTHY EVENT, SUCH AS OVERCROWDING.

THE INFORMATION WAS FED BACK TO HEADQUARTERS AND PUT TOGETHER WITH OTHERS. BY THE USE OF THIS TECHNIQUE THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT CAN MONITOR THE PERFORMANCE OF THE ENTIRE BUS FLEET AND GET A PICTURE OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF BUSES IN OPERATION AT THAT TIME.

'SCREENLINE' IS ONLY ONE OF THE DEPARTMENT'S MONITORING METHODS. TRANSPORT INSPECTORS ALSO CHECK ON MANY OTHER ASPECTS, SUCH AS ON COMPLAINTS ABOUT SERVICES NOT RUNNING TO SCHEDULE.

THE METHODS INCLUDE:

* ROUTE SURVEYS:

ABOUT TWICE A WEEK, COVERING MANY BUS ROUTES, TO DETERMINE ADHERENCE TO SCHEDULES, WAITING TIMES FOR PASSENGERS, AND BUS RUNNING TIMES.

* BLANKET SURVEYS:

THESE ARE UNDERTAKEN BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT ON BEHALF OF THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, ONCE A YEAR. THEY DETERMINE THE ACTUAL NUMBER OF BUS DEPARTURES FROM TERMINI IN RELATION TO SCHEDULED REQUIREMENTS.

* ROADWORTHINESS INSPECTIONS:

SUCH INSPECTIONS ARE CARRIED OUT ANNUALLY ON EACH BUS BEFORE IT CAN BE RELICENSED FOR SERVICE.

* FITNESS INSPECTIONS:

THEY ARE CARRIED OUT ON BUSES EVERY FOUR, THREE OR TWO YEARS DEPENDING ON THE AGE OF THE VEHICLE. THESE INVOLVE A MAJOR OVERHAUL OF THE ENGINE, CHASSIS AND BODYWORK.

* SPOT CHECK INSPECTIONS:

BUSES ARE CALLED IN AT RANDOM FOR MECHANICAL INSPECTION TO DETERMINE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF DAY TO DAY MAINTENANCE AND SERVICING.

* INSPECTION OF DEPOTS:

DEPOTS ARE INSPECTED REGULARLY TO DETERMINE COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROGRAMME OF MAINTENANCE, SERVICING AND CLEANING OF BUSES. TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT VEHICLE EXAMINERS SPEND MOST OF THEIR WORKING DAYS IN THESE DEPOTS.

* EXAMINATION OF RETURNS:

BOTH BUS COMPANIES SUBMIT REGULAR RETURNS AND REPORTS ON THEIR OPERATIONS, BUS FLEETS, NEW ORDERS FOR BUSES AND ON ACTION TAKEN TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THEIR FRANCHISES AND MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING.

THE RESULTS OF ALL THESE SURVEYS AND THE RETURNS ARE RECORDED, ANALYSED AND PASSED TO PROFESSIONAL OFFICERS IN THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT. ANY SHORT-COMINGS IN PERFORMANCE ARE REPORTED TO THE OPERATORS SO THAT IMPROVEMENTS CAN BE INSTITUTED AND FOLLOW-UP CHECKS MADE. THE RESULTS ARE ALSO USED IN PREPARING ROUTE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES WHERE CHANGES TO SCHEDULES ARE INDICATED.

FOR THE BUS DEPOT INSPECTIONS, FOUR TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT MOTOR VEHICLE EXAMINERS ARE EMPLOYED EXCLUSIVELY TO EXAMINE BUSES UNDER THE CERTIFICATE OF ROADWORTHINESS AND CERTIFICATE OF FITNESS INSPECTION PROGRAMMES.

THEY SPEND THEIR WORKING DAYS IN INSPECTION PITS IN THE DEPOTS AT CHAI WAN, NORTH POINT, WONG CHUK HANG, LAI CHI KOK, KWUN TONG AND KWAI SHING. THROUGH PERSONAL OBSERVATION AND CONTACT WITH BUS COMPANY EMPLOYEES THEY NOTE AND REPORT IMPROVEMENTS IN MAINTENANCE AND SERVICING.

THE EXAMINERS THEMSELVES SUBMIT MONTHLY RETURNS TO THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS ON THE NUMBER OF INSPECTIONS CONDUCTED AND THE RESULTS, TOGETHER WITH DETAILS OF NEW BUSES PUT IN SERVICE. OTHER RETURNS ARE DESIGNED TO HELP UNDERSTAND THE REASONS FOR FAILURE TO PASS INSPECTIONS, AND INCLUDE GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE BUS MAINTENANCE PROCEDURES.

THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT'S +WATCHDOGS+ DO NOT ONLY MONITOR BUSES. ROUND THE YEAR, THEY ALSO KEEP A CLOSE EYE ON THE OPERATIONS OF PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES, TAXI STANDS, PARKING METERS - AND THE CIRCULATION OF PEDESTRIANS - ALL WITH THE OBJECT OF KEEPING HONG KONG MOVING.

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REMINDER TO ALL REGISTERED COMPANIES
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OPERATORS OF LOCAL AND FOREIGN COMPANIES ARE REMINDED OF THEIR OBLIGATION TO SEND IN ANNUAL RETURNS AND REPORT CHANGES IN THE PRESCRIBED FORM TO THE REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES.

THE OBLIGATION IS ON COMPANIES INCORPORATED UNDER THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE AND FOREIGN COMPANIES WHICH HAVE ESTABLISHED A PLACE OF BUSINESS IN HONG KONG.

FOR LOCAL COMPANIES, ANNUAL RETURNS SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO THE COMPANIES REGISTRY WITHIN 28 DAYS OF THEIR FIRST OR ONLY GENERAL MEETING IN THE YEAR.

+IF FOR ANY REASON A COMPANY HAS BEEN UNABLE TO HOLD A GENERAL MEETING IN 1980, AN ANNUAL RETURN MADE UP TO DECEMBER 31, 1980 SHOULD BE FILED NOT LATER THAN JANUARY 28, 1981,+ A REGISTRY SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

THESE COMPANIES ARE ALSO REQUIRED TO NOTIFY THE REGISTRAR WITHIN 14 DAYS OF ANY CHANGE IN THE REGISTERED PARTICULARS OF THE DIRECTORS, OR WITHIN 28 DAYS OF ANY CHANGE IN THE SITUATION OF THE REGISTERED OFFICE.

FOR FOREIGN COMPANIES, A BALANCE SHEET SHOULD BE MADE OUT IN EVERY CALENDAR YEAR AND A COPY SENT TO THE REGISTRAR.

THEY SHOULD ALSO INFORM THE REGISTRAR WITHIN 21 DAYS OF ANY CHANGE IN EITHER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE COMPANY, THE LIST OF DIRECTORS, OR THE NAMES OR ADDRESSES OF THE PERSONS AUTHORISED TO ACCEPT SERVICE ON BEHALF OF THE COMPANY.

A FILING FEE OF \$10 IS PAYABLE FOR EACH DOCUMENT DELIVERED TO THE REGISTRY.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT FAILURE TO FILE ANY OF THESE DOCUMENTS MAY RENDER COMPANIES AND THEIR OFFICERS LIABLE TO PENALTIES.

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COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT WEEK TO BE HELD IN TUEN MUN
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TUEN MUN NEW TOWN, WHICH NOW HAS 120 000 RESIDENTS, IS TO HOLD A COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT WEEK FROM FEBRUARY 22 TO MARCH 1.

A COMMITTEE WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, LOCAL VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, SCHOOLS AND ASSOCIATIONS IS ORGANISING THE WEEK.

INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAMME ARE A FUN FAIR, AN EXHIBITION ON LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS, A CHILDREN'S GAMES DAY AND A CULTURAL EVENING, AS WELL AS FIGHT CRIME AND FIRE PREVENTION ACTIVITIES.

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A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE SAID IT WAS HOPED THAT A COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT WEEK WOULD ENABLE OLD AND NEW RESIDENTS TO GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER AND ALSO GIVE THEM A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF HOW THE NEW TOWN IS BEING DEVELOPED.

THE LOCAL DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD HAS AGREED TO SPEND \$30 000 TO FINANCE THE ACTIVITIES.

THE COMMITTEE IS ALSO ORGANISING A ROUND DISTRICT RACE, TO BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 15. THE RACE WILL COVER A 5.64 KILOMETRE COURSE STARTING FROM TUEN MUN TEMPORARY SPORTS GROUND.

THERE WILL BE SECTIONS FOR MEN AND WOMEN, DIVIDED ACCORDING TO AGE.

THE DEADLINE FOR THOSE WISHING TO ENTER THE RACE IS FEBRUARY 9.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FROM TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE, THE LOCAL RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE OFFICE AND TAI HING COMMUNITY HALL.

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571 PROSECUTIONS FOR BREACH OF LABOUR LAWS * * * * *

THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT LAST MONTH (DECEMBER) TOOK OUT 571 PROSECUTIONS FOR BREACHES OF LABOUR LEGISLATION.

OF THE CASES TAKEN OUT BY THE DEPARTMENT'S PROSECUTIONS UNIT, 569 RESULTED IN CONVICTION AND FINES IMPOSED BY THE COURTS TOTALLED MORE THAN \$533 000.

THE MAJORITY OF CASES WERE RELATED TO BREACHES OF THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS ORDINANCE AND VARIOUS REGULATIONS MADE UNDER THE ORDINANCE, INCLUDING THE CONSTRUCTION SITES (SAFETY) REGULATIONS.

AMONG THEM, 187 CONCERNED VIOLATION OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY REGULATIONS AND FINES AMOUNTED TO \$263 300.

OF THESE CASES, 89 (WITH \$94 600 IN FINES) WERE FOR BREACHES OF THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (GUARDING AND OPERATION OF MACHINERY) REGULATIONS AND 79 (WITH \$154 250 IN FINES) FOR THE CONSTRUCTION SITES (SAFETY) REGULATIONS.

OFFENCES IN CONNECTION WITH EMPLOYMENT OF WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS ACCOUNTED FOR 451 CASES WITH \$226 100 IN FINES.

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SWD DIRECTOR INSPECTS CHILDREN'S CLUB AND PHAB CENTRE
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THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR SELWYN ALLEYNE, TODAY INSPECTED THE SERVICES OF A CHILDREN'S CLUB IN ABERDEEN AND A RECREATIONAL CENTRE FOR THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED AND ABLE-BODIED IN POKFULAM.

ACCOMPANIED ON THE HALF-DAY VISIT BY ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, MRS EVELYN DOE, MR ALLEYNE FIRST CALLED AT THE WONG CHUK HANG CHILDREN'S CLUB RUN BY THE BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUBS ASSOCIATION.

OCCUPYING AN AREA OF 376 SQUARE METRES IN WONG CHUK HANG ESTATE, THE CLUB PROVIDES OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN TO EXPERIENCE MEANINGFUL GROUP LIFE, FOSTER INTEREST AND DEVELOP PERSONAL POTENTIALS.

MR ALLEYNE WAS SHOWN AROUND THE CLUB BY THE ASSOCIATION'S CHAIRMAN, MR CHEUNG WING-YIN, AND GENERAL SECRETARY, MRS CHAN WONG SHUI, AND SAW CHILDREN IN GROUP AND LEADERSHIP TRAINING ACTIVITIES.

HE ALSO TOURED THE LIBRARY AND STUDY ROOM ATTACHED TO THE CLUB WHICH HELP CHILDREN DEVELOP READING INTEREST.

THE DIRECTOR LATER VISITED THE LADY MACLEHOSE CENTRE OF THE HONG KONG PHAB ASSOCIATION IN POKFULAM, WHICH ENABLES PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED PEOPLE TO INTEGRATE WITH THEIR ABLE-BODIED COUNTERPARTS IN A VARIETY OF SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE ASSOCIATION'S CHAIRMAN, MR LI KWAN-HUNG, AND GENERAL SECRETARY, MR CHU HUNG-CHEUNG, MR ALLEYNE LOOKED AT THE FACILITIES OF THE CENTRE WHICH INCLUDE A MULTI-PURPOSE HALL, DORMITORY, SWIMMING POOL, PLAY AREA, ARCHERY RANGE, OUTDOOR BASKETBALL COURT AND DINING HALL.

THE CENTRE RUNS CAMPS AND SEMINARS, ARRANGES TALKS, AND ORGANISES PROMOTIONAL EVENTS TO PROMOTE THE CONCEPT OF INTEGRATION AMONG PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED AND ABLE-BODIED PERSONS.

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GOVERNMENT SCIENTIFIC ADVISER APPOINTED
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FORMER DIRECTOR OF THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY, MR GORDON BELL, HAS BEEN APPOINTED SCIENTIFIC ADVISER TO THE GOVERNMENT FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DIVERSIFICATION.

THE COMMITTEE SAID THE APPOINTMENT OF A SCIENTIFIC ADVISER SHOULD BE WITH A VIEW TO IMPROVING THE GOVERNMENT UNDERSTANDING OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF INDUSTRY AND THE MEANS OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN ITSELF, INDUSTRIAL ORGANISATIONS AND MANUFACTURERS ON ISSUES INVOLVING SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.

MR BELL'S APPOINTMENT WILL BE FOR BETWEEN SIX AND TWELVE MONTHS.

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YOUNG BLOOD FOR FACTORY INSPECTORATE
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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT HAS RECRUITED 24 YOUNG PEOPLE, INCLUDING FOUR WOMEN, AS ASSISTANT FACTORY INSPECTORS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY THE OFFICERS WERE SELECTED FROM MORE THAN 1 000 APPLICANTS IN TWO RECENT RECRUITMENT EXERCISES.

+THEY ARE A WELCOME BOOST TO THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE AND AUGUR WELL FOR OUR CONTINUING EFFORTS TO PROMOTE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY,+ HE NOTED.

HE POINTED OUT THAT IN THE COMING THREE YEARS THE RECRUITS WILL RECEIVE CLASSROOM TRAINING AND PRACTICAL TRAINING BEFORE BECOMING FULL FLEDGED FACTORY INSPECTORS.

THE CLASSROOM TRAINING WILL BE CONDUCTED IN THE DEPARTMENT'S INDUSTRIAL SAFETY TRAINING CENTRE IN CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, AND THE SYLLABUS WILL COVER MAINLY SAFETY LEGISLATION AND INSPECTION TECHNIQUES.

FOR PRACTICAL TRAINING, THE RECRUITS WILL BE POSTED TO THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE'S VARIOUS DIVISIONAL OFFICES WHERE THEY WILL WORK UNDER THE CLOSE SUPERVISION OF EXPERIENCED FACTORY INSPECTORS.

AFTER THEIR TRAINING, THEY WILL BE POSTED TO DIVISIONAL OFFICES AND THEIR MAIN RESPONSIBILITIES ARE TO ENFORCE SAFETY LEGISLATION BY INSPECTING FACTORIES AND CONSTRUCTION SITES AND TO INVESTIGATE INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS.

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POSTING OF JURY LIST
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THE ACTING REGISTRAR OF THE SUPREME COURT, MR NICHOLAS JOHN BARNETT, ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT A FURTHER LIST OF COMMON JURORS WOULD BE POSTED ON THE NOTICE BOARD OF THE SUPREME COURT BUILDING NEXT MONDAY (JANUARY 26).

THIS LIST WILL REMAIN POSTED FOR 14 DAYS. DURING THIS PERIOD ANY PERSON MAY APPLY BY WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE REGISTRAR REQUIRING THAT HIS NAME OR THE NAME OF SOME OTHER PERSON BE POSTED OR REMOVED FROM THE LIST. HIS REASON WILL HAVE TO BE GIVEN IN THE NOTICE.

THE REGISTRAR SHALL IN HIS DISCRETION, POST OR REMOVE SUCH NAME ACCORDINGLY, AND SHALL IF NECESSARY ALTER THE LIST.

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