

Hon Mrs Selina CHOW to ask on 08/03/06:

In July last year, the Finance Committee of this Council approved a provision for gradually increasing the number of red-light cameras from 28 to 96. Also, starting from New Year's Day this year, the driving-offence points which motorists will incur for red-light jumping have also been raised from 3 to 5 while the fixed penalty has been increased from \$450 to \$600. Nevertheless, red-light jumping is reportedly still rampant. In this connection, will the Government inform this Council:

- of the respective numbers of red-light jumping prosecutions instituted by the Police in January and February this year, and how such numbers compare to those for the same months last year as well as the average monthly figure for last year;
- of the progress in installing red-light cameras; and
- whether it plans to further increase the number of red-light cameras and step up law enforcement efforts to deter such acts?

Public Officer to reply : **Secretary for the Environment, Transport and Works**