

4. Hon Mrs Selina CHOW to ask: (Translation)

Regarding crackdowns on the sale and purchase of duty-not-paid cigarettes, will the Government inform this Council of:

- (a) the respective numbers of persons arrested, prosecuted and convicted last year for selling duty-not-paid cigarettes, and how such numbers compare with those of the preceding year;
- (b) the respective numbers of persons prosecuted and convicted last year for buying duty-not-paid cigarettes; and
- (c) the measures the Customs and Excise Department will take to prevent the resurgence of the sale of duty-not-paid cigarettes?

Public Officer to reply : **Secretary for the Treasury**