

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

According to the Police, the overall number of crimes targeted at tourists in 2002 was 63.4% higher than that of 2001 and, among them, those crimes categorized as "miscellaneous thefts", "robbery" and "wounding and serious assault" were about 70%, 84% and 98% higher respectively. In this connection, will the Government inform this Council of both the long-term and short-term measures that it will take to curb such crimes, so that the reputation of Hong Kong as one of the safest cities in the world can be maintained?

Public Officer to reply: **Secretary for Security**