

LCQ14: Persons from Mainland entering or transiting via Hong Kong

Following is a question by Dr the Hon Kwok Ka-ki and a written reply by the Secretary for Transport and Housing, Mr Frank Chan Fan, in the Legislative Council today (June 17):

Question:

Regarding persons from the Mainland entering or transiting via Hong Kong, will the Government inform this Council:

(1) of the respective numbers of Mainland residents from (i) Wuhan, (ii) Hubei Province (excluding Wuhan) and (iii) the Mainland (excluding Hubei Province) entering Hong Kong in each of the past 12 months, with a tabulated breakdown by the boundary control points they used (i.e. the Hong Kong International Airport, Hong Kong West Kowloon Station of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link, Hung Hom, Lo Wu, Lok Ma Chau Spur Line, Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge, Lok Ma Chau, Man Kam To, Sha Tau Kok, Shenzhen Bay, China Ferry Terminal, Kai Tak Cruise Terminal, Hong Kong-Macau Ferry Terminal, and Tuen Mun Ferry Terminal);

(2) whether it knows the respective numbers of persons transiting via Hong Kong in each of the past 12 months who departed from (i) Beijing, (ii) Shanghai, (iii) Wuhan and (iv) other Mainland places, with a tabulated breakdown by their destinations (i.e. Australia, Canada, Japan, South Korea, North Korea, New Zealand, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand, the United Kingdom, and the United States); and

(3) whether it knows the number of persons who took direct flights at the Wuhan Tianhe International Airport to Hong Kong in each of the past 12 months (set out in a table)?

Reply:

President,

In consultation with the Security Bureau and Airport Authority Hong Kong (AAHK), my reply to various parts of the question raised by Dr the Hon Kwok Ka-ki is as follows:

(1) For (i) and (ii), with effect from January 27, 2020, except for Hong Kong residents, residents from Hubei Province and persons who have visited Hubei Province in the past 14 days are not permitted to enter Hong Kong. The Immigration Department (ImmD) does not maintain breakdown statistics mentioned in the question.

For (iii), the ImmD does not maintain breakdown statistics mentioned in the question. The numbers of Mainland visitor arrivals at various control points from June 2019 to May 2020 (by month) are tabulated in the Annex.

(2) Since transfer passengers do not enter into Hong Kong, the relevant figures are maintained by airlines. The AAHK is not able to provide the breakdown statistics as per Dr the Hon Kwok Ka-ki's request. The numbers of transfer passenger trips from Mainland via the Hong Kong International Airport from June 2019 to May 2020 (by month) are tabulated below:

	2019							2020				
	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr (Note 2)	May (Note 2)
Total passengers (trips) (Note 1)	358 000	527 000	410 000	351 000	290 000	277 000	244 000	445 000	77 000	11 000	Less than 500	Less than 500

Note 1: Figures are rounded to the nearest thousand. Two trips will be counted for a passenger transferred from the Mainland to Hong Kong and from Hong Kong to other destinations.

Note 2: The figures for April and May 2020 are provisional.

(3) The numbers of passengers travelling to Hong Kong from Wuhan Tianhe International Airport by direct flights from June 2019 to May 2020 (by month) are tabulated below:

	2019							2020				
	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr (Note 2)	May (Note 2)
Total passengers (Note 1)	7 200	6 300	4 100	3 500	3 900	4 000	3 000	1 500	–	1 200 (Note 3)	–	–

Note 1: Figures refer to the number of passengers taking direct flights and are rounded to the nearest thousand. Transfer passengers are excluded.

Note 2: The figures for April and May 2020 are provisional.

Note 3: The figure refers to the number of passengers of the chartered flights arranged by the HKSAR Government for Hong Kong residents stranded in Hubei Province.