

S for S speaks on case of entry refusal

Following is the transcript of remarks by the Secretary for Security, Mr John Lee, at a media session at the Legislative Council (LegCo) Complex today (November 9):

Reporter: (On the Mallet case) ... sparks concerns about narrowing freedoms in Hong Kong, how would the Government address this?

Secretary for Security: This case has nothing to do with freedom of expression or freedom of the press. The Government has said many times that in considering any application for entry, we will be acting in accordance with the law and the prevailing immigration policy to make a decision. This is no different from the immigration authorities of other governments. We will not disclose the details of individual cases in public. The reasons I have explained in the last LegCo debate – that it would be inappropriate to go into details for a number of reasons. First of all, there is data privacy consideration, and also full disclosure of details may prejudice the immigration policy as a whole.

(Please also refer to the Chinese portion of the transcript.)