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Following is the transcript of remarks by the Secretary for Security, Mr John Lee, at a media session after attending the Legislative Council meeting today (June 24):

Reporter: Secretary, since the laws could be enforced as soon as July 1, where will suspects be held from then on? For how long? And is the Police going to be in charge of them? And because reports said authorities are looking to set up a special detention facility for them, is that part of the preparation work the Police is doing?

Secretary for Security: We have to wait until the proper promulgation of the law so that we will know exactly what the law says and requires us to do. The preparation work is to ensure that when the law is promulgated, on which it becomes effective law in Hong Kong, how we are going to carry out our duties. So the preparation work is to ensure that we will be able to discharge that functions and responsibilities. As to how we will carry out those functions and responsibilities, first of all, we'll have to wait for the details of the provisions. Second is, when we implement, what will be required? We will basically be doing what the law actually asks us to do. If the current practice satisfies the requirement, then we will be basically carrying out our duty in that way.

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