

**Number of Persons Prosecuted and Convicted  
under Sections 26 and 27 of the Offences Against the Person Ordinance<sup>1</sup>**

| <b>Ordinance</b>        | <b>Figure</b>                | <b>2006</b> | <b>2007</b> | <b>2008</b> | <b>2009</b> | <b>2010<br/>(Jan-Sep)</b> |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------------------|
| Section 26 <sup>2</sup> | Number of persons prosecuted | 2           | 1           | 1           | 1           | 0                         |
|                         | Number of persons convicted  | 1           | 1           | 1           | 1           | 0                         |
| Section 27 <sup>3</sup> | Number of persons prosecuted | 39          | 66          | 103         | 103         | 72                        |
|                         | Number of persons convicted  | 27          | 51          | 74          | 77          | 54                        |

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<sup>1</sup> The respective year of the above figures represents the year in which the trial was concluded. As some trials might take longer time, the year in which the Police received the case may be different from the year in which the trial was concluded.

<sup>2</sup> According to section 26 of the Offences against the Person Ordinance, any person who unlawfully abandons or exposes any child, being under the age of 2 years, whereby the life of such child is endangered, or the health of such child is or is likely to be permanently injured, shall be guilty of an offence. If convicted, the maximum penalty is imprisonment for 10 years.

<sup>3</sup> According to section 27 of the Offences against the Person Ordinance, if any person over the age of 16 years who has the custody, charge or care of any child or young person under that age wilfully assaults, ill-treats, neglects, abandons or exposes such child or young person or causes or procures such child or young person to be assaulted, ill-treated, neglected, abandoned or exposed in a manner likely to cause such child or young person unnecessary suffering or injury to his health (including injury to or loss of sight, or hearing, or limb, or organ of the body, or any mental derangement) such person shall be guilty of an offence. If convicted, the maximum penalty is imprisonment for 10 years.