



## Press Releases

### **Yuen Long DC member charged with \$147,000 salary payments fraud**

**2018-8-28**

A member of the Yuen Long District Council (DC) has been charged by the ICAC today (August 28) with defrauding the Home Affairs Department (HAD) of reimbursement of his part-time assistant's salary payments totalling \$147,000.

Man Kwong-ming, 56, faces one count of fraud, contrary to Section 16A of the Theft Ordinance.

The defendant will appear in the Tuen Mun Magistracy on Thursday (August 30) for plea.

The case arose from a corruption complaint. Subsequent ICAC enquiries revealed the above alleged offence.

At the material time, the defendant was a member of the Yuen Long DC. He was entitled to apply for reimbursement of operating expenses incurred from employing staff members to assist him in running his ward office.

The charge alleges that between February 28, 2012 and June 29, 2016, the defendant dishonestly and falsely represented that a man was employed by him as a part-time assistant between January 1, 2012 and January 31, 2016; submitted to the HAD operating expenses reimbursement applications to evidence that he had paid a monthly salary to the man in the sum of \$3,000 each month during that period; and with intent to defraud, induced staff members of the HAD to process and effect payments to him of a total sum of \$147,000 as reimbursement of the operating expenses, which resulted in benefit to him or prejudice to the Government.

The HAD has rendered full assistance to the ICAC during its investigation into the case.

The defendant has been released on ICAC bail, pending his court appearance on Thursday.

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## 新聞公佈

### 廉署起訴元朗區議會議員涉嫌詐騙十四萬七千元薪金償還款額

2018年8月28日

廉政公署今日(八月二十八日)落案起訴一名元朗區議會議員，控告他涉嫌就其兼職助理詐騙民政事務總署共十四萬七千元的薪金償還款額。

文光明，五十六歲，被控一項欺詐罪名，違反《盜竊罪條例》第16A條。

被告將於星期四(八月三十日)在屯門裁判法院答辯。

廉署早前接獲貪污投訴，調查後揭發上述涉嫌罪行。

被告於案發時為元朗區議會議員，他有權申請償還款額，以支付聘請職員協助他管理議員辦事處的開支。

控罪指被告涉嫌於二〇一二年二月二十八日至二〇一六年六月二十九日期間，不誠實地和虛假地表示他於二〇一二年一月一日至二〇一六年一月三十一日期間聘請一名男子為兼職助理；向民政事務總署遞交營運開支償還款額申請，表明他在該段期間曾每月向該男子支付三千元月薪；以及意圖詐騙而誘使民政事務總署職員處理有關程序並向他支付合共十四萬七千元作為營運開支償還款額，導致他獲得利益或政府蒙受不利。

民政事務總署在廉署調查案件期間提供全面協助。

被告已獲廉署准予保釋，以待星期四應訊。

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