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**Islands District Council  
Community Affairs, Culture and Recreation Committee  
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**Question on disinfection of police launches,  
fireboats and helicopters of the Government Flying Service**

Ms Amy YUNG notified this Council that she would raise the following enquiry at the Community Affairs, Culture and Recreation Committee meeting to be held on 4 May 2020:

“ According to the guidelines of the Hospital Authority, quarantined patients who test positive for the coronavirus disease should be taken to a hospital by ambulance. If the patient is a resident of Islands District, he or she will be conveyed to piers in the urban area by police launch or fireboat, and then transferred to the hospital by ambulance. A patient in critical situation will be delivered by helicopter of the Government Flying Service (GFS) to the hospital directly, or to an urban helipad where he or she will be transferred to a hospital by ambulance.

Due to lack of precedents for conveying patients with communicable diseases by police launches, fireboats and GFS, I would like the Hong Kong Fire Services Department, Hong Kong Police Force and GFS to arrange representatives to attend the meeting and respond to the following:

1. Are the police launches, fireboats and helicopters of GFS equipped with disinfection facilities which could kill the virus? What are the disinfection procedures?
2. Are the officers on duty subject to quarantine or isolation after serving the patients?
3. Will the transport concerned be disinfected immediately after they are used for conveying confirmed patients? ”

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