

For information

Prince of Wales Hospital Cluster
Case Investigation and Contact Tracing
Summary Statistics

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We highlighted in Paper [REDACTED] in chronological order significant activities undertaken by New Territories East Regional Office (NTERO) in the initial period of the outbreak in Prince of Wales Hospital.

Summary Statistics

2. For members' easy reference, we summarise below the statistics on case investigations and contact tracing –

Date	Reported cases investigated (cumulative)	Contacts followed up (cumulative)
11.3.2003	26	51
15.3.2003	200)	600)
20.3.2003	380) round	900) round
25.3.2003	460) figures	1950) figures
31.3.2003	480)	2000)

3. Out of the 480 reported cases investigated as at 31.3.2003, 146 were subsequently confirmed. The corresponding figure for the 2000 contacts followed up was 59.

Staff Redeployment

4. We were able to deal with this large volume of work because -

- staff worked extended hours; and
- significant reinforcement of the NTERO were made through internal redeployment.

5. Some illustrations of the increase in manpower to deal with SARS at NTERO are provided below -

- (a) an enhancement of one Principal Medical Officer during the period 21-30-March,
- (b) Senior Medical and Health Officer (SMO) and MO

Date		Original establishment	Strength after redeployment
11.3.2003	SMO	½	1
	MO	2	4
13.3.2003	SMO	½	2
	MO	2	4
19.3.2003	SMO	½	3
	MO	2	9

- (c) Nursing Staff

Date	Original establishment	Strength after redeployment
11.3.2003	5½	6
13.3.2003	5½	11
19.3.2003	5½	16