

Call to cut wait for visas

THE waiting time for visas for residents of the former Soviet Union should be shortened, legislators said yesterday. Mr. Lau Wah-sum called on the Government to relax its seven working day policy and bring it in line with the practice in Britain, where visas were issued in one working day.

The Secretary for Security, Mr. Alistair Asprey, defended Hongkong's policy, saying "seven working days is related essentially to time taken to communicate".