

## 38 illegal agents convicted

NINETY suspected unlicensed travel agents were reported between 1991 and last year, according to Secretary for Trade and Industry **Brian Chau Tak-hay**.

In response to **Howard Young's** question, he said 35 were prosecuted and 38 people convicted. Eleven cases were outstanding.

Complaints had also been received about people who lost money through using unlicensed travel agents.

They could not claim from the Travel Agency Compensation Fund.

Mr Chau said the Government and the Consumer Council made regular efforts to get across the message that it was an offence to provide travel services without a licence.

The travel industry had also been encouraged to report cases of suspected unlicensed travel agents.