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Wong Tai Sin DC member charged with \$15,000 salary payments fraud

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A member of the Wong Tai Sin District Council (DC) has been charged by the ICAC today (June 13) with defrauding the Home Affairs Department (HAD) of reimbursement of his part-time assistant's salary payments totalling \$15,000.

Joe Chan Yim-kwong, 48, faces one count of fraud, contrary to Section 16A of the Theft Ordinance.

The defendant will appear in the Kowloon City Magistracy on Friday (June 15) 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 Wong Tai Sin DC. He employed a woman as his part-time assistant at a monthly salary of \$5,000 for the period between January and December 2016. In March 2016, the woman tendered her resignation.

The charge alleges that between May 5 and July 12, 2016, the defendant falsely represented that the woman was employed by him as a part-time assistant between April and June 2016; submitted to the HAD Operating Expenses Reimbursement applications to evidence that he had paid a monthly salary to that woman in the sum of \$5,000 each month; and with intent to defraud, induced staff members of the HAD to process and effect payment of a total sum of \$15,000 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 Friday.

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新聞公佈

廉署起訴黃大仙區議會議員涉嫌詐騙一萬五千元薪金償還款項

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廉政公署今日(六月十三日)落案起訴一名黃大仙區議會議員，控告他涉嫌就其兼職助理詐騙民政事務總署共一萬五千元的薪金償還款項。

陳炎光，四十八歲，被控一項欺詐罪名，違反《盜竊罪條例》第16A條。

被告將於星期五(六月十五日)在九龍城裁判法院答辯。

廉署早前接獲貪污投訴，調查後揭發上述涉嫌罪行。

被告於案發時為黃大仙區議會議員，並以月薪五千元聘請一名女士於二〇一六年一月至十二月期間擔任其兼職助理。該名女士於二〇一六年三月辭職。

控罪指被告涉嫌於二〇一六年五月五日至七月十二日期間，虛假地表示該名女士於二〇一六年四月至六月受僱於他為兼職助理；向民政事務總署遞交營運開支償還款額申請，以證明他曾每月向該名女士支付五千元作為月薪；並意圖詐騙而誘使民政事務總署職員處理及支付合共一萬五千元的營運開支償還款項，導致他獲益或政府蒙受不利。

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，以待星期五應訊。

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