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PHEY YEW KOK, the former trade union leader who jumped bail, is still a wanted man.

Home Affairs Minister Chua Sian Chin told the House yesterday that "the warrant of arrest against Phey is still very much in force."

Responding to **Mr J. B. Jeyaretnam** (Anson), who asked the same question a year ago, the minister said:

"Phey Yew Kok remains on the wanted list of all Interpol affiliated countries, and the alert for his arrest on sight is still on."

He added that the police and Corrupt Practices Investigation Bureau were in constant contact with Interpol to locate Phey, but there was still no information on his whereabouts.

Mr Jeyaretnam sought Mr Chua's approval to write to Interpol to find out what had been done to trace him.

The minister said he had no objection. The opposition MP wanted to know what Interpol had done about the case in the last four or five years.

He asked if Phey was hiding in one of the neighbouring countries.

Mr Chua said the Singapore police had no jurisdiction to go abroad and arrest Phey. "They have to depend on the cooperation of the police force of that country, and I have stated quite clearly in my answer the way to go about it," he added.