

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Head: (76) Inland Revenue Department

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Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Inland Revenue (WONG Kuen Fai)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question:

- a. Please set out the quantity, value and stock of surgical masks produced by the Correctional Services Department (CSI masks) that the Inland Revenue Department (IRD) obtained through the Government Logistics Department (GLD) each month over the past 3 years in the following table:

Month/ Year	No. of CSI masks obtained	Value of CSI masks obtained	Stock of CSI masks

- b. Please set out the quantity, value, stock and the quantity of consumption of surgical masks that the IRD obtained from the GLD or procured each month over the past 3 years in the following table:

Month/ Year	No. of surgical masks obtained from GLD (value)	No. of surgical masks procured (value)	Stock	Quantity of consumption

- c. Please set out the quantity, value, stock and the quantity of consumption of N95 respirators (commonly called the "N95 masks") that the IRD obtained from the GLD or procured each month over the past 3 years in the following table:

Month/ Year	No. of N95 respirators obtained from GLD (value)	No. of N95 respirators procured (value)	Stock	Quantity of consumption



i. If the IRD is to provide or sell surgical masks, N95 respirators, face shields, goggles, gowns and protective coverall suits to other organisations, what are the departmental sections and the ranks of the officers responsible for making such decisions? Please provide the ranks of the officers involved, the date and other relevant information regarding each decision made on providing or selling the said supplies to other organisations.

Asked by: Hon MO Claudia (LegCo internal reference no.: 160)

Reply:

As the epidemic is evolving swiftly, the demand for personal protective equipment (PPE) (including masks) by government departments keeps changing to meet the latest anti-epidemic needs. The Government Logistics Department and other government departments are now actively sourcing PPE through various channels and means, and would keep reviewing the PPE stock and the demand.

In view of the drastic increase in the global demand for PPE, the HKSAR Government is facing intense competition in procurement. The HKSAR Government considered it not appropriate at this stage to disclose specific information on the latest and the last few years' PPE stock level, the suppliers involved, the quantity procured and the respective values, as well as the consumption level, etc., in order to avoid jeopardising the bargaining power of government departments when procuring PPE.

Inland Revenue Department has neither provided nor sold any PPE to other organisations.

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