CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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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	No. of surgical Stock	Quantity of
	masks obtained	masks procured	consumption
	from GLD (value)	(value)	_

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	No.	of	N95	Stock	Quantity	of
	respirators			respirators				consumpt	ion
	obtained from		procured (value)						
	GLD (value)								

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

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

e. Please set out the quantity, value, stock and the quantity of consumption of protective coverall suits that the IRD obtained from the GLD or procured each month over the past 3 years in the following table:

Month/ Year	No. of protective coverall suits procured (value)	Quantity of consumption

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

Month/ Year	No. of face shields	Value	of	face	Stock of	Quantity of
	procured	shields procured			face	consumption
		I			shields	_

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

Month/ Year	No. of goggles procured	Value of goggles procured	Quantity of consumption

h. Did the IRD provide or sell any surgical masks, N95 respirators, face shields, goggles, gowns and protective coverall suits to other organisations over the past 3 years? If so, please set out in the following table the relevant information, including the quantities, quantities of consumption and stock:

Month/	Name	of	Manner	Surgical	N95	Face	Goggles	Gowns	Protective
Year	organisations		of	masks	respirators	shields			coverall
			provision						suits
			(e.g. by						
			way of						
			sale or						
			supplied						
			for free)						

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.

<u>Asked by</u>: Hon MO Claudia (LegCo internal reference no.: 160) <u>Reply</u>:

As the epidemic is evolving swiftly, the demand for personal protective equipment (PPE) (including masks) by government departments keeps changing to meet the latest antiepidemic 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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