

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**DEVB(PL)243****(Question Serial No. 6032)**Head: (82) Buildings DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (1) Buildings and Building WorksControlling Officer: Director of Buildings (YU Tak-cheung)Director of Bureau: Secretary for DevelopmentQuestion:

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

| Month/Year | Number of CSI masks obtained | Value of CSI masks obtained | Stock of CSI masks |
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- b. Please set out the quantity, value, stock and consumption of surgical masks that BD obtained from GLD or procured each month in the past 3 years in the following table:

| Month/Year | Number of surgical masks obtained from GLD (value) | Number of surgical masks procured (value) | Stock | Consumption |
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- c. Please set out the quantity, value, stock and consumption of N95 masks that BD obtained from GLD or procured each month in the past 3 years in the following table:

| Month/Year | Number of N95 masks obtained from GLD (value) | Number of N95 masks procured (value) | Stock | Consumption |
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- d. Please set out the quantity, value, stock and consumption of gowns that BD obtained from GLD or procured each month in the past 3 years in the following table:

| Month/Year | Number of gowns obtained from GLD (value) | Number of gowns procured (value) | Stock | Consumption |
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- e. Please set out the quantity, value, stock and consumption of protective coverall suits that BD obtained from GLD or procured each month in the past 3 years in the following table:

| Month/Year | Number of protective coverall suits obtained from GLD (value) | Number of protective coverall suits procured (value) | Stock | Consumption |
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- f. Please set out the quantity, value, stock and consumption of face shields that BD obtained from GLD or procured each month in the past 3 years in the following table:

| Month/Year | Number of face shields procured | Value of face shields procured | Stock of face shields | Consumption |
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- g. Please set out the quantity, value, stock and consumption of goggles that BD obtained from GLD or procured each month in the past 3 years in the following table:

| Month/Year | Number of goggles procured | Value of goggles procured | Stock of goggles | Consumption |
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- h. Did BD supply or sell surgical masks, N95 masks, face shields, goggles, gowns and protective coverall suits to other organisations in the past 3 years? If yes, please provide the relevant information, including the quantity, consumption and stock, in the following table:

| Month/ Year | Name of Organisation | Manner of provision (e.g. sold or supplied for free) | Surgical masks | N95 masks | Face shields | Goggles | Gowns | Protective coverall suits |
|----------------|-------------------------|--|----------------|-----------|--------------|---------|-------|------------------------------|
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- i. If BD is to supply or sell surgical masks, N95 masks, face shields, goggles, gowns and protective coverall suits to other organisations, what are the divisions and the ranks of the officers responsible for making such decisions? Please provide the ranks of the officers involved in each decision, the date they made the decision and other relevant information.

Asked by: Hon MO Claudia (LegCo internal reference no.: 121)

Reply:

- a. – g. Given the latest development of the novel coronavirus infection, the world is facing a persistently tight supply of surgical masks. To increase the overall supply of surgical masks in Hong Kong, the Government will continue to adopt a multi-pronged approach, which includes stepping up global sourcing efforts, increasing the monthly production of the Correctional Services Department (CSD), subsidising local production lines, developing reusable surgical masks, etc.

Meanwhile, the Government has endeavoured to suppress non-pressing and non-essential demands for surgical masks from various bureaux and departments so that most of these masks are used for fighting against the infection and the provision of essential and emergency services by other departments.

In the light of the rapid escalation of the novel coronavirus infection, the demand for personal protective equipment (PPE) (including surgical masks) from government departments will change in line with our battle with the coronavirus. The Government Logistics Department (GLD) and other government departments are now making their best endeavours to procure PPE by various means, and keep in view their stock and demand.

Since the global demand for PPE is rising sharply, the Government (including the Buildings Department (BD)) is currently facing stiff competition in its procurement. At this stage, it is deemed not appropriate to disclose further details about the PPE used by individual departments recently and in the past few years, in particular about the stock, place of origin, supplier's details, quantity and price, delivery schedule and consumption rate, so as not to undermine the bargaining power of GLD and other departments (including BD) in their procurement mission.

BD has obtained masks produced by the CSD from GLD and has also purchased masks from the market for use by staff. BD has not compiled information about the different sources of masks distributed to individual staff.

- h. & i. BD did not supply or sell surgical masks, N95 masks, face shields, goggles, gowns and protective coverall suits to other organisations in the past three years.