

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Controlling Officer: Director of the Hong Kong Observatory ( Dr. CHENG Cho-ming )

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development

Question:

- a. Please set out the quantity, value and stock of surgical masks produced by the Correctional Services Department (CSI masks) that the Hong Kong Observatory (HKO) obtained from the Government Logistics Department (GLD) each month in 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 consumption of surgical masks that the HKO obtained from the GLD or procured each month in 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	Consumption

- c. Please set out the quantity, value, stock and consumption of N95 masks that the HKO obtained from the GLD or procured each month in the past 3 years in the following table:

Month/Year	No. of N95 masks obtained from GLD (value)	No. of N95 masks procured (value)	Stock	Consumption

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

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

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

Month/Year	No. of protective coverall suits obtained from GLD (value)	No. of protective coverall suits procured (value)	Stock	Consumption

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

Month/Year	No. of face shields procured	Value of face shields procured	Stock of face shields

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

Month/Year	No. of goggles procured	Value of goggles procured	Stock of goggles

h. Did the HKO 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 organisations	Manner of provision (e.g. sold or supplied for free)	Surgical masks	N95 masks	Face shields	Goggles	Gowns	Protective coverall suits	Value

i. If the HKO is to supply or sell surgical masks, N95 masks, face shields, goggles, gowns and protective coverall suits to other organisations, what are the departments 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.: 155)

Reply:

In the past three years, the Hong Kong Observatory (HKO) obtained surgical masks produced by the Correctional Services Department and N95 masks from the Government Logistics Department (GLD). HKO also procured surgical masks from the market for staff use, but has not compiled records on the distribution of masks from different sources to individual staff.

With upsurge in demand for personal protective equipment (PPE) around the world, the Government's procurement efforts are facing fierce competition. The Government considers it inappropriate at this stage to disclose further detailed information on PPE of individual departments, such as the stock in the past few years and recent months, quantities procured and moneys involved, usage, etc. so as not to undermine the bargaining power of GLD and other departments in the procurement of PPE.

HKO did not supply or sell any PPE to other organisations.

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