

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**FSTB(Tsy)023****(Question Serial No. 0334)**Head: (59) Government Logistics DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ()Programme: (2) Supplies ManagementControlling Officer: Director of Government Logistics (Carlson CHAN)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Financial Services and the TreasuryQuestion:

How many surgical masks did the Government Logistics Department (GLD) procure, distribute and stockpile in each of the past 3 years? What was the respective expenditure involved in procuring masks? What is the estimated provision earmarked for procuring masks in the coming year? Did GLD help organisations other than government departments, such as the Hospital Authority and the Hong Kong Housing Authority, to procure masks in the past 3 years? If so, what are the details? As the epidemic subsides, what changes will be made to the arrangements for mask procurement this year? What is the estimated provision required and what are the details?

Asked by: Hon WONG Ying-ho, Kennedy (LegCo internal reference no.: 26)Reply:

The quantity of surgical masks (masks) procured by the Government Logistics Department (GLD) using funds of the General Revenue Account, the value of masks procured and the quantity of masks distributed in the past 3 years till now are as follows:

Year	Quantity of masks procured (Note 1) (pieces)	Value of masks procured (Note 1) (\$)	Quantity Distributed (Note 2) (pieces)
2020	around 125 million	around 357 million	around 237 million
2021	around 20 million	around 10 million	around 474 million
2022 to February 2023	around 178 million	around 88 million	around 326 million

Note 1: Masks procured using funds of the General Revenue Account.

Note 2: The quantity of masks distributed as listed below includes masks procured using funds of the General Revenue Account and the Anti-epidemic Fund, as well as masks from the Local Mask Production Subsidy Scheme under the Anti-epidemic Fund. GLD does not have a breakdown of the quantity of masks distributed by their funding sources.

At the same time, GLD also procured masks using the Anti-epidemic Fund. The expenditure under the Anti-epidemic Fund is not related to the Appropriation Bill or the estimates of the General Revenue Account.

As at end February 2023, GLD has approximately 38.1 million masks in stock.

GLD procures supplies to meet the operational needs of government departments. Other than assisting the Hospital Authority to procure masks during the fifth wave of the COVID-19 epidemic in early 2022, GLD did not procure masks for organisations other than government departments in the past 3 years.

As the epidemic subsides, government departments' demand for masks will vary depending on the development of the epidemic situation. The Government will continue to closely monitor departments' demand for masks and review the relevant procurement strategies and stock level.

GLD has set aside about \$51.20 million in 2023 for procuring emergency items (e.g. masks) and essential items (e.g. national flag and national emblem, regional flag and regional emblem, and government general forms).

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FSTB(Tsy)024

(Question Serial No. 0630)

Head: (59) Government Logistics Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Procurement, (2) Supplies Management

Controlling Officer: Director of Government Logistics (Carlson CHAN)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question:

1. What was the total amount of anti-epidemic items (e.g. masks, Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) kits and hand rubs) that the Government Logistics Department (GLD) procured centrally or assisted other departments in procuring in the past 3 years and what was the expenditure involved? What is the remaining stock level to date?
2. Has the Government compiled statistics on the quantity of relevant items directly procured by departments during the same period, the expenditure involved, and the latest remaining stock level? If so, what are the details?
3. In the past 3 years, how many anti-epidemic items with shelf-life (such as masks and RAT kits) have expired before use or will expire this year? What is the estimated expenditure involved?
4. Has the Government formulated policies or guidelines requiring departments to use such items as far as possible before the end of their shelf life, or to transfer the items to other departments in need or appropriate organisations and persons through GLD or other mechanisms?
5. Will the Government review its work on the procurement, distribution and stock management of anti-epidemic items during this epidemic to learn from experience and improve relevant procedures, so as to make the best use of public funds when encountering similar large-scale emergencies in future, and to ensure that departments can obtain necessary emergency items promptly and fairly?

Asked by: Hon TSE Wai-chuen, Tony (LegCo internal reference no.: 35)

Reply:

1. The quantities of surgical masks (masks), Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) kits and alcohol-based hand rubs procured by the Government Logistics Department (GLD) using funds of the General Revenue Account in the past 3 years till now (i.e. from 2020 to February 2023) and the expenditure involved are as follows:

Item	Quantity procured (pieces)	Expenditure involved (\$)
Masks	around 323 million	around 455 million
RAT kits	around 350 million	around 4.180 billion
Alcohol-based hand rubs	around 6.8179 million	around 146 million

At the same time, GLD also procured masks using the Anti-epidemic Fund. The expenditure under the Anti-epidemic Fund is not related to the Appropriation Bill or the estimates of the General Revenue Account.

As at end February 2023, GLD has approximately 38.1 million masks and 1 million alcohol-based hand rubs in stock. In addition, GLD has distributed all 350 million RAT kits in stock to bureaux/departments (B/Ds). Also, GLD has entered into bulk contracts for the procurement of RAT kits with suppliers (up to 100 million RAT kits available for procurement), allowing B/Ds to procure RAT kits directly from suppliers if necessary.

2. GLD does not have information on the quantity, expenditure involved and stock level of relevant anti-epidemic items procured by B/Ds on their own.
3. No masks or RAT kits had to be disposed of due to expiry of their shelf-life in the past 3 years. All masks currently in stock have an expiry date after 2023.
4. GLD has issued detailed guidelines to B/Ds on the management of stores. B/Ds are reminded to use stores with shelf-life (including various anti-epidemic items) in accordance with the "First Expired, First Out" principle, and to closely monitor the shelf-life of stores and arrange for their proper use before expiration. The Government's Stores and Procurement Regulations have also set out procedures and guidelines on handling surplus stores. B/Ds should try to make the best use of resources by disposing stores through various means and channels, including transferring to other government departments in need, donating to non-government organisations for non-profit-making purposes, or arranging a tender or an auction exercise.
5. To enable a more rapid response to various emergencies, GLD has been constantly reviewing and improving the procedures and methods for procuring, storing and distributing stores. Since the outbreak of the COVID-19 epidemic, GLD has taken a number of measures to expedite and improve the procedures for procuring anti-epidemic items, including updating the list of suppliers of anti-epidemic items (including personal protective equipment) to include about 550 new suppliers, and entering into Standing Offer Agreements with eligible suppliers to allow the Government to procure compliant anti-epidemic items within a specified price ceiling. This will streamline the process and enhance the efficiency and flexibility of procurement, so as to facilitate B/Ds in procuring anti-epidemic items promptly based on their actual needs.

GLD will continue to review its work on procuring, storing and distributing stores from time to time in order to respond to the Government's procurement needs in a more effective and efficient manner when emergencies arise in future.

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FSTB(Tsy)025

(Question Serial No. 0631)

Head: (59) Government Logistics Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Land Transport, (4) Printing Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Government Logistics (Carlson CHAN)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question:

1. The estimated expenditure on land transport in 2023-24 is 53.5% higher than that in 2022-23, and the provision for procurement of general purpose vehicles is more than double that of the previous year. What are the reasons?
2. As Hong Kong becomes a smarter society and the Government continues to digitalise its services, the Government's printing demand should gradually decrease. Why has the Government Logistics Department's expenditure on "printing services" gone up instead of going down? Has the Government formulated any policies or guidelines to encourage or require departments to reduce the production of physical printed materials and the volume of printing?

Asked by: Hon TSE Wai-chuen, Tony (LegCo internal reference no.: 37)

Reply:

1. The estimated expenditure of the Government Logistics Department (GLD) on land transport in 2023-24 is higher than that in 2022-23, mainly due to the increased cash flow requirement for procurement of government vehicles. The estimated number of general purpose vehicles to be delivered in 2023-24 is about 350 more than that in 2022-23, of which 325 are replacement vehicles and the remaining some 25 are additional vehicles which include vans and medium trucks. These vehicles are procured after taking into account the operational needs of bureaux and departments and the actual condition of existing vehicles (including accumulated maintenance cost, vehicle age, mileage run and replacement cost, etc.).
2. The estimated expenditure of GLD on printing services in 2023-24 is higher than that in 2022-23, mainly due to the procurement of new equipment (including offset printing machine, gathering machine and computer-to-plate machine, etc.) for replacing aged and obsolete ones for enhancing the efficiency and quality of printing services. On the consumption of printing paper, GLD provides printing services based on the needs of bureaux/departments. All along the Government is committed to setting a "green" example by promoting waste avoidance and reduction at source and formulating various

green measures and guidelines for reference by bureaux and departments. These measures include those related to paper saving and paper waste reduction, e.g. making good use of electronic means in disseminating information, uploading publications onto website/homepage, encouraging staff and the public to access information via the Internet or other electronic means, reviewing the list and distribution of government publications, and limiting the number of paper publications to the absolute minimum. Relevant guidelines will also be circulated to bureaux and departments on a regular basis for implementing relevant green practices.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FSTB(Tsy)026

(Question Serial No. 0848)

Head: (59) Government Logistics Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Land Transport

Controlling Officer: Director of Government Logistics (Carlson CHAN)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question:

The Government Logistics Department renders advice to government departments on the efficient operation and management of their vehicle fleets. It vets requests for additional and replacement vehicles to ensure that their procurement is justified. In this connection, will the Government inform this Committee of the following:

1. List the number of replacement vehicles by government department in the past 5 years and the expenditure involved;
2. List the number of additional vehicles by government department in the past 5 years and the expenditure involved;
3. Whether the Government has set the replacement year for vehicles; if so, what are the details; and
4. How does the Government assess the need for replacement or additional vehicles, and whether there are any hard and fast rules; what are the mechanisms in place to ensure that the replacement or addition of vehicles will not be excessively frequent and cause a waste of public funds.

Asked by: Hon IP LAU Suk-ye, Regina (LegCo internal reference no.: 9)

Reply:

- 1 & 2. The Government Logistics Department (GLD) is responsible for procuring general purpose vehicles for bureaux/departments (B/Ds). The number of replacement and additional vehicles by B/D in the past 5 years and the expenditure involved are set out in Annex 1 and Annex 2 respectively.
- 3 & 4. In considering whether a vehicle should be replaced, GLD will take into account all relevant factors (including accumulated maintenance cost, vehicle age, mileage run, replacement cost and operational needs of the B/D concerned, etc.) instead of solely considering the vehicle's years of use.

When vetting B/Ds' requests for additional vehicles to meet their additional operational needs, GLD will consider whether the request submitted by the B/D is well justified; the utilisation rate of the B/D's existing vehicles; the feasibility of deploying existing vehicles to meet the additional operational needs; and whether there are other alternative means in meeting the additional operational needs, such as hiring of vehicles, so as to meet B/Ds' operational needs for vehicles in a cost-effective manner.

The number of replacement general purpose vehicles arranged by GLD for departments and the expenditure involved in 2018 are as follows:

Bureau/Department/Organisation	2018	
	No. of replacement vehicles* (general purpose vehicles)	Expenditure involved* (general purpose vehicles) (HK\$)
Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department	20	6,605,000
Buildings Department	14	1,625,000
Chief Executive's Office	3	961,000
Civil Aviation Department	1	282,000
Civil Engineering and Development Department	1	122,000
Civil Service Bureau	1	110,000
Correctional Services Department	11	17,400,000
Customs and Excise Department	37	9,853,000
Department of Health	12	9,180,000
Drainage Services Department	4	1,367,000
Electrical and Mechanical Services Department	19	4,766,000
Environmental Protection Department	12	2,678,000
Fire Services Department	55	11,741,000
Food and Environmental Hygiene Department	71	32,874,000
Government Logistics Department	12	4,119,000
Highways Department	3	660,000
Home Affairs Department	5	764,000
Hong Kong Monetary Authority	1	159,000
Hong Kong Police Force	98	18,924,000
Home and Youth Affairs Bureau	1	110,000
Housing Department	6	745,000
Immigration Department	7	3,787,000
Independent Commission Against Corruption	5	939,000
Innovation and Technology Commission	1	278,000
Judiciary	1	159,000
Labour Department	2	332,000
Lands Department	23	5,185,000
Leisure and Cultural Services Department	13	4,209,000
Marine Department	1	263,000
Office of the Communications Authority	1	247,000
Planning Department	1	159,000
Post Office	26	8,072,000
Radio Television Hong Kong	8	3,529,000
Transport Department	3	1,302,000

Bureau/Department/Organisation	2018	
	No. of replacement vehicles* (general purpose vehicles)	Expenditure involved* (general purpose vehicles) (HK\$)
Water Supplies Department	36	13,745,000
Total	515	167,251,000

* Excluding specialised vehicles

The number of replacement general purpose vehicles arranged by GLD for departments and the expenditure involved in 2019 are as follows:

Bureau/Department/Organisation	2019	
	No. of replacement vehicles* (general purpose vehicles)	Expenditure involved* (general purpose vehicles) (HK\$)
Administration Wing	1	732,000
Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department	23	3,435,000
Census and Statistics Department	1	274,000
Civil Engineering and Development Department	1	304,000
Correctional Services Department	3	497,000
Customs and Excise Department	6	1,239,000
Department of Health	4	2,054,000
Drainage Services Department	1	307,000
Electrical and Mechanical Services Department	11	3,489,000
Environmental Protection Department	2	474,000
Fire Services Department	8	1,990,000
Food and Environmental Hygiene Department	20	5,930,000
Government Logistics Department	1	325,000
Home Affairs Department	5	879,000
Hong Kong Police Force	112	11,383,000
Housing Department	3	512,000
Immigration Department	2	1,741,000
Lands Department	8	1,609,000
Marine Department	1	163,000
Post Office	15	3,293,000
Radio Television Hong Kong	1	325,000
Secretariat, Commissioner on Interception of Communications and Surveillance	1	577,000
Social Welfare Department	1	325,000
Transport Department	1	190,000
Water Supplies Department	5	1,603,000
Total	237	43,650,000

* Excluding specialised vehicles

The number of replacement general purpose vehicles arranged by GLD for departments and the expenditure involved in 2020 are as follows:

Bureau/Department/Organisation	2020	
	No. of replacement vehicles* (general purpose vehicles)	Expenditure involved* (general purpose vehicles) (HK\$)
Administration Wing	1	125,000
Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department	12	1,667,000
Buildings Department	3	762,000
Civil Aid Service	12	1,315,000
Civil Aviation Department	2	1,405,000
Civil Engineering and Development Department	4	1,394,000
Correctional Services Department	20	24,624,000
Customs and Excise Department	11	5,692,000
Department of Health	3	1,230,000
Drainage Services Department	1	401,000
Electrical and Mechanical Services Department	17	7,509,000
Environmental Protection Department	4	939,000
Fire Services Department	6	1,417,000
Food and Environmental Hygiene Department	17	5,711,000
Government Logistics Department	5	2,726,000
Highways Department	14	6,729,000
Home Affairs Department	1	218,000
Hong Kong Observatory	1	408,000
Hong Kong Police Force	122	32,747,000
Housing Department	7	4,668,000
Immigration Department	4	3,793,000
Independent Commission Against Corruption	1	207,000
Information Services Department	1	219,000
Labour Department	3	456,000
Lands Department	32	10,870,000
Leisure and Cultural Services Department	6	2,186,000
Office of the Communications Authority	1	209,000
Post Office	50	19,616,000
Rating and Valuation Department	1	125,000
Social Welfare Department	2	425,000
Trade and Industry Department	1	207,000
Transport Department	10	3,681,000
Water Supplies Department	20	8,831,000
Total	395	152,512,000

* Excluding specialised vehicles

The number of replacement general purpose vehicles arranged by GLD for departments and the expenditure involved in 2021 are as follows:

Bureau/Department/Organisation	2021	
	No. of replacement vehicles* (general purpose vehicles)	Expenditure involved* (general purpose vehicles) (HK\$)
Administration Wing	1	319,000
Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department	21	6,491,000
Architectural Services Department	2	720,000
Auxiliary Medical Service	2	704,000
Buildings Department	3	956,000
Census and Statistics Department	1	237,000
Civil Aviation Department	2	719,000
Civil Engineering and Development Department	6	2,167,000
Companies Registry	1	237,000
Correctional Services Department	3	1,384,000
Customs and Excise Department	7	2,546,000
Department of Justice	1	237,000
Drainage Services Department	4	1,698,000
Electrical and Mechanical Services Department	1	237,000
Environmental Protection Department	8	2,669,000
Fire Services Department	7	3,122,000
Food and Environmental Hygiene Department	37	13,329,000
Government Logistics Department	2	474,000
Highways Department	8	3,122,000
Home Affairs Department	2	436,000
Hong Kong Monetary Authority	1	232,000
Hong Kong Observatory	1	346,000
Hong Kong Police Force	42	12,078,000
Housing Department	10	2,290,000
Immigration Department	1	330,000
Independent Commission Against Corruption	1	209,000
Intellectual Property Department	1	237,000
Land Registry	1	237,000
Lands Department	17	4,507,000
Legal Aid Department	1	237,000
Leisure and Cultural Services Department	5	2,104,000
Office of the Communications Authority	1	324,000
Post Office	64	8,975,000
Radio Television Hong Kong	2	549,000
Rating and Valuation Department	2	444,000
Social Welfare Department	4	1,271,000

Bureau/Department/Organisation	2021	
	No. of replacement vehicles* (general purpose vehicles)	Expenditure involved* (general purpose vehicles) (HK\$)
Transport Department	9	4,457,000
Water Supplies Department	51	24,743,000
Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency	1	319,000
Total	334	105,693,000

* Excluding specialised vehicles

The number of replacement general purpose vehicles arranged by GLD for departments and the expenditure involved in 2022 are as follows:

Bureau/Department/Organisation	2022	
	No. of replacement vehicles* (general purpose vehicles)	Expenditure involved* (general purpose vehicles) (HK\$)
Administration Wing	2	828,000
Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department	35	19,767,000
Buildings Department	1	284,000
Chief Executive's Office	2	1,143,000
Civil Aviation Department	4	1,385,000
Civil Engineering and Development Department	2	986,000
Correctional Services Department	4	2,474,000
Customs and Excise Department	30	13,569,000
Department of Health	3	979,000
Development Bureau	1	550,000
Drainage Services Department	8	3,363,000
Electrical and Mechanical Services Department	26	10,920,000
Environmental Protection Department	2	782,000
Fire Services Department	24	8,633,000
Food and Environmental Hygiene Department	34	19,432,000
Government Flying Service	1	462,000
Government Logistics Department	4	1,995,000
Highways Department	1	593,000
Home Affairs Department	1	522,000
Hong Kong Observatory	1	509,000
Hong Kong Police Force	72	21,788,000
Housing Department	4	1,945,000
Immigration Department	2	1,083,000
Independent Commission Against Corruption	3	922,000
Information Services Department	2	1,017,000
Judiciary	7	3,659,000

Bureau/Department/Organisation	2022	
	No. of replacement vehicles* (general purpose vehicles)	Expenditure involved* (general purpose vehicles) (HK\$)
Labour Department	3	1,119,000
Lands Department	20	10,027,000
Leisure and Cultural Services Department	11	8,800,000
Office of the Communications Authority	1	334,000
Post Office	13	10,819,000
Radio Television Hong Kong	4	2,113,000
Social Welfare Department	4	1,545,000
Transport Department	5	2,853,000
Water Supplies Department	15	6,057,000
Total	352	163,257,000

* Excluding specialised vehicles

Annex 2

The number of additional general purpose vehicles arranged by GLD for departments and the expenditure involved in 2018 are as follows:

Bureau/Department/Organisation	2018	
	No. of additional vehicles* (general purpose vehicles)	Expenditure involved* (general purpose vehicles) (HK\$)
Buildings Department	1	110,000
Correctional Services Department	2	700,000
Customs and Excise Department	19	5,634,000
Fire Services Department	4	2,457,000
Lands Department	1	160,000
Total	27	9,061,000

* Excluding specialised vehicles

The number of additional general purpose vehicles arranged by GLD for departments and the expenditure involved in 2019 are as follows:

Bureau/Department/Organisation	2019	
	No. of additional vehicles* (general purpose vehicles)	Expenditure involved* (general purpose vehicles) (HK\$)
Administration Wing	1	163,000
Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau	1	163,000
Environmental Protection Department	1	163,000
Food and Environmental Hygiene Department	2	660,000
Hong Kong Police Force	31	20,047,000
Total	36	21,196,000

* Excluding specialised vehicles

The number of additional general purpose vehicles arranged by GLD for departments and the expenditure involved in 2020 are as follows:

Bureau/Department/Organisation	2020	
	No. of additional vehicles* (general purpose vehicles)	Expenditure involved* (general purpose vehicles) (HK\$)
Administration Wing	1	319,000
Audit Commission	1	206,000
Correctional Services Department	2	2,521,000
Customs and Excise Department	1	206,000
Department of Justice	1	207,000
Environmental Protection Department	3	621,000
Fire Services Department	26	11,251,000
Health Bureau	1	125,000
Hong Kong Police Force	12	3,524,000
Lands Department	2	415,000
Total	50	19,395,000

* Excluding specialised vehicles

The number of additional general purpose vehicles arranged by GLD for departments and the expenditure involved in 2021 are as follows:

Bureau/Department/Organisation	2021	
	No. of additional vehicles* (general purpose vehicles)	Expenditure involved* (general purpose vehicles) (HK\$)
Buildings Department	2	441,000
Commerce and Economic Development Bureau	1	237,000
Customs and Excise Department	7	2,295,000
Environmental Protection Department	1	207,000
Fire Services Department	30	13,799,000
Food and Environmental Hygiene Department	4	826,000
Government Logistics Department	2	660,000
Home Affairs Department	1	402,000
Hong Kong Observatory	1	543,000
Hong Kong Police Force	190	48,024,000
Independent Commission Against Corruption	3	628,000
Lands Department	2	415,000
Social Welfare Department	1	519,000
Transport Department	1	377,000
Water Supplies Department	1	127,000
Total	247	69,500,000

* Excluding specialised vehicles

The number of additional general purpose vehicles arranged by GLD for departments and the expenditure involved in 2022 are as follows:

Bureau/Department/Organisation	2022	
	No. of additional vehicles* (general purpose vehicles)	Expenditure involved* (general purpose vehicles) (HK\$)
Administration Wing	3	1,558,000
Department of Justice	1	424,000
Electrical and Mechanical Services Department	1	517,000
Fire Services Department	3	2,748,000
Food and Environmental Hygiene Department	2	2,434,000
Government Logistics Department	1	524,000
Hong Kong Police Force	5	6,611,000
Total	16	14,816,000

* Excluding specialised vehicles

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**FSTB(Tsy)027****(Question Serial No. 1167)**Head: (59) Government Logistics DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (100) Stores and equipmentProgramme: (1) Procurement, (2) Supplies ManagementControlling Officer: Director of Government Logistics (Carlson CHAN)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Financial Services and the TreasuryQuestion:

The Procurement Division of the Government Logistics Department (GLD) assisted various bureaux and departments during the outbreak of the COVID-19 epidemic to procure various anti-epidemic items. Will the Government inform this Committee of the following:

1. The detailed breakdown, by type of item, of the quantities of anti-epidemic items (including masks, protective clothing, protective goggles, Rapid Antigen Test kits and cleaning alcohol) procured and distributed by GLD each year since the outbreak of the epidemic in 2020, and their remaining quantities;
2. The breakdown of the quantities of various anti-epidemic items that need to be destroyed due to damage or expiration;
3. How will the remaining anti-epidemic items be handled now that the society has resumed normalcy?

Asked by: Hon LAM Kin-fung, Jeffrey (LegCo internal reference no.: 22)Reply:

- 1&3. The quantities of masks, protective clothing, protective goggles, Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) kits and alcohol-based hand rubs procured by the Government Logistics Department (GLD) using funds of the General Revenue Account and the quantities distributed in the past 3 years till now, and the remaining stock level are as follows:

Item	Quantity procured (Note 1) (pieces)			Quantity distributed (Note 2) (pieces) (2020 to February 2023)	Remaining stock level (pieces) (as at end Februray 2023) (Note 3)
	2020	2021	2022 to February 2023		
Masks	around 125 million	around 20 million	around 178 million	around 1.037 billion	around 38.10 million
Protective clothing (Note 4)	around 570 500	---	around 32.3564 million	around 30.74 million	around 7.63 million

Item	Quantity procured (Note 1) (pieces)			Quantity distributed (Note 2) (pieces) (2020 to February 2023)	Remaining stock level (pieces) (as at end February 2023) (Note 3)
	2020	2021	2022 to February 2023		
Protective goggles	around 74 200	---	around 9.7644 million	around 7.80 million	around 2.63 million
RAT kits	---	---	around 350 million	350 million	- (Note 5)
Alcohol-based hand rubs	around 3.7659 million	around 180 000	around 2.8720 million	around 6.34 million	around 1 million

Note 1: Anti-epidemic items procured using funds of the General Revenue Account.

Note 2: The quantities of anti-epidemic items distributed as listed below includes items procured using funds of the General Revenue Account and the Anti-epidemic Fund, as well as masks from the Local Mask Production Subsidy Scheme under the Anti-epidemic Fund. GLD does not have a breakdown of the quantities of anti-epidemic items distributed by their funding sources. The expenditure under the Anti-epidemic Fund is not related to the Appropriation Bill or the estimates of the General Revenue Account.

Note 3: Such stock level (as at end February 2023) is not equal to the quantity procured minus the quantity distributed in the past 3 years. This is because the stock level includes the remaining stock before 2020, the anti-epidemic items procured using the Anti-epidemic fund, and those from the Local Mask Production Subsidy Scheme.

Note 4: Protective clothing includes gowns and protective coverall suits.

Note 5: GLD has distributed all 350 million RAT kits in stock to bureaux/departments (B/Ds). Also, GLD has entered into bulk contracts for the procurement of RAT kits with suppliers (up to 100 million RAT kits available for procurement), allowing B/Ds to procure RAT kits directly from suppliers if necessary.

GLD has issued detailed guidelines to B/Ds on the management of stores. B/Ds are reminded to use stores with shelf-life (including various anti-epidemic items) in accordance with the "First Expired, First Out" principle, and to closely monitor the shelf-life of stores and arrange for their proper use before expiration. The Government's Stores and Procurement Regulations have also set out procedures and guidelines on handling surplus stores. B/Ds should try to make the best use of resources by disposing stores through various means and channels, including transferring to other government departments in need, donating to non-government organisations for non-profit-making purposes, or arranging a tender or an auction exercise.

- No anti-epidemic items had to be disposed of due to damage or expiry of their shelf-life in the past 3 years.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FSTB(Tsy)028

(Question Serial No. 1357)

Head: (59) Government Logistics Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Land Transport

Controlling Officer: Director of Government Logistics (Carlson CHAN)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question:

As mentioned in the Budget, the Government Logistics Department will continue to explore the feasibility of using more environment-friendly vehicles in the government fleet, and give priority to environment-friendly vehicles when replacing vehicles in the government fleet subject to the availability of suitable models in the market as well as operational and resources considerations. In this connection, will the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- (1) What is the number of electric vehicles procured by government departments in the past 3 years? Please list the number of electric private cars and electric commercial vehicles procured by the respective departments. What is the proportion of electric private cars in the total number of private cars procured by the Government? What is the proportion of electric commercial vehicles in the total number of commercial vehicles procured by the Government?
- (2) Has the Government set a target on the proportion of electric vehicles to be procured in the next 3 years?
- (3) What is the estimated number of electric vehicles to be procured by departments and the estimated expenditure in 2023-24?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Siu-hung (LegCo internal reference no.: 38)

Reply:

- (1) The Government has procured 94 electric private cars and 1 electric commercial vehicle in the past 3 years. Details of the electric private cars procured are as follows:

Bureau/Department/Organisation	No. of electric private cars procured		
	2020	2021	2022
Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department	-	6	1
Architectural Services Department	-	1	-
Buildings Department	2	3	1
Customs and Excise Department	-	1	9
Civil Aviation Department	-	2	2
Civil Engineering and Development Department	-	1	-
Correctional Services Department	-	1	-
Administration Wing	1	1	1
Electrical and Mechanical Services Department	1	-	-
Environment and Ecology Bureau/Environmental Protection Department	1	-	-
Food and Environmental Hygiene Department	-	1	-
Housing Department	-	2	1
Hong Kong Police Force	-	1	27
Post Office	5	2	-
Highways Department	-	1	-
Independent Commission Against Corruption	-	-	2
Lands Department	1	-	1
Leisure and Cultural Services Department	1	-	-
Labour Department	-	-	2
Office of the Communications Authority	-	1	-
Social Welfare Department	-	-	4
Transport Department	-	-	1
Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency	-	1	-
Water Supplies Department	-	2	3
Total	12	27	55

The proportion of electric private cars in the total number of private cars procured by the Government is as follows:

	2020	2021	2022
No. of electric private cars procured (a)	12	27	55
Total no. of private cars procured (b)	195	385	141
Proportion (a)/(b)	6.2%	7.0%	39.0%

In addition, the Government procured 526, 344 and 414 commercial vehicles (i.e. trucks, buses and specialised vehicles) in 2020, 2021 and 2022 respectively. Only one electric commercial vehicle was procured by the Department of Health in 2020.

(2)&(3) In July 2021, the Environmental Protection Department updated the green procurement practice for government vehicles, setting electric vehicles as standard for small and medium private cars to be procured or replaced, unless there are special circumstances such as operational needs that render the use of electric vehicles technically infeasible. GLD will continue to follow the above practice and take into account the operational needs of bureaux and departments as well as the market situation (including the future development and availability of electric vehicles) when deciding on the number and requirements of vehicles to be procured.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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(Question Serial No. 3120)

Head: (59) Government Logistics Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Land Transport

Controlling Officer: Director of Government Logistics (Carlson CHAN)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question:

The Government Logistics Department (GLD) is responsible for the efficient and economical management and operation of the vehicle fleets of government bureaux and departments. Based on the current fleet establishment and management structure, will the Government inform this Committee of the following:

1. What is the procedure for fund application when government departments need to procure official vehicles? Do they submit applications to GLD centrally for budget estimation every year?
2. What was the provision in the Budget for transportation allocated to each department in the past 3 years?
3. What was the annual total expenditure for maintenance and repair of government vehicles in the past 3 years?
4. How many government vehicles had to be prematurely disposed of by year due to traffic accidents in the past 3 years?
5. What was the total amount of compensation paid by year in relation to traffic accidents involving government vehicles in the past 3 years?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Hei, Edward (LegCo internal reference no.: 42)

Reply:

1. The Government Logistics Department (GLD) is responsible for vetting requests for additional and replacement vehicles submitted by bureaux/departments (B/Ds) every year. In general, GLD will consider whether the request submitted by the B/D is well justified; the utilisation rate of the B/D's existing vehicles; the feasibility of deploying existing vehicles to meet the additional operational needs; and whether there are other alternative means in meeting the additional operational needs, such as hiring of vehicles, so as to meet B/Ds' operational needs for vehicles in a cost-effective manner. GLD will procure general purpose vehicles for B/Ds based on the vetting results and manage the funding for procuring these vehicles through a block vote.

2. B/Ds are responsible for their own daily transportation expenses. GLD does not have the relevant information.
3. The maintenance costs and expenditure on services of the vehicles are borne by B/Ds. GLD does not have the relevant information.
4. In 2020, 2021 and 2022, there were 13, 16 and 6 government vehicles respectively that had to be prematurely disposed of due to traffic accidents.
5. Compensation matters on traffic accidents involving government vehicles are handled and followed up by relevant B/Ds. GLD does not have the relevant information.

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