

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FSTB(Tsy)012**

**(Question Serial No. 2682)**

Head: (59) Government Logistics Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Supplies Management

Controlling Officer: Director of Government Logistics (Miss Mary CHOW)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question:

Would the Government set out the figures in the table below.

Figures for January 2020 Quantity of anti-epidemic supplies provided by the Government Logistics Department (GLD) to individual departments

	Surgical mask	N95 mask	Protective clothing	Sterile supplies
Hong Kong Police Force				
Immigration Department				
Department of Health				
Education Bureau				
Chief Executive's Office				
Chief Secretary for Administration's Office and Financial Secretary's Office				
Food and Environmental Hygiene Department				
Other Government Departments				

Figures for February 2020 Quantity of anti-epidemic supplies provided by GLD to individual departments

	Surgical mask	N95 mask	Protective clothing	Sterile supplies
Hong Kong Police Force				
Immigration Department				
Department of Health				
Education Bureau				
Chief Executive's Office				
Chief Secretary for Administration's Office and Financial Secretary's Office				
Food and Environmental Hygiene Department				
Other Government Departments				

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen (LegCo internal reference no.:17)

Reply:

With the rapid development of the epidemic, Government departments' demand for anti-epidemic items will vary depending on their needs arising from work related to preventing and combating the epidemic. Currently, the Government Logistics Department (GLD) and other Government departments are making their best endeavours to procure anti-epidemic items through different channels and means; and will keep under review the stock position and demand for these items.

Given the sharp increase in global demand for anti-epidemic items, the HKSAR Government's procurement work faces keen competition. To avoid undermining the bargaining power of GLD and other departments in the procurement of anti-epidemic items, the HKSAR Government considers that it is not appropriate at this stage to disclose specific information about the quantity of anti-epidemic items used by individual departments.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FSTB(Tsy)013****(Question Serial No. 2573)**Head: (59) Government Logistics DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ()Programme: (1) ProcurementControlling Officer: Director of Government Logistics(Miss Mary CHOW)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Financial Services and the TreasuryQuestion:

Please provide information on procurement of anti-epidemic items by the Government in the past 5 years.

Year	Surgical mask			N95 mask			Protective coverall suit		
	Unit price	Number of masks procured	Stock level	Unit price	Number of masks procured	Stock level	Unit price	Number of suits procured	Stock level
2015-2016									
2016-2017									
2017-2018									
2018-2019									
2019-2020									

Please provide information on the estimates for procurement of anti-epidemic items in the coming 5 years.

Year	Surgical mask			N95 mask			Protective coverall suit		
	Unit price	Number of masks to be procured	Stock level	Unit price	Number of masks to be procured	Stock level	Unit price	Number of suits to be procured	Stock level
2020-2021									
2021-2022									
2022-2023									
2023-2024									
2024-2025									

Asked by: Hon Tanya CHAN (LegCo internal reference no.: 18)

Reply:

With the rapid development of the epidemic, Government departments' demand for anti-epidemic items will vary depending on their needs arising from work related to preventing and combating the epidemic. Currently, the Government Logistics Department (GLD) and other Government departments are making their best endeavours to procure anti-epidemic items through different channels and means; and will keep under review the stock position and demand for these items.

Given the sharp increase in global demand for anti-epidemic items, the HKSAR Government's procurement work faces keen competition. To avoid undermining the bargaining power of GLD and other departments in the procurement of anti-epidemic items, the HKSAR Government considers that it is not appropriate at this stage to disclose specific information about the stock of anti-epidemic items, the procurement quantity and the value involved, etc.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FSTB(Tsy)014**

**(Question Serial No. 0438)**

Head: (59) Government Logistics Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Procurement

Controlling Officer: Director of Government Logistics (Miss Mary CHOW)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question:

Please provide the following information about the procurement services of the Government Logistics Department:

1. In the past 3 financial years, did the Department set any targets for the stockpile of masks which meet the standard of surgical operations, or stockpile such masks in response to other departments' requests? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?
2. How many surgical masks did the Department purchase, distribute and stockpile respectively in each of the past 3 financial years? What is the respective expenditure involved in purchasing masks? What is the estimated provision earmarked for purchasing masks in the coming financial year?
3. Did the Department help organisations other than government departments e.g. the Hospital Authority and the Hong Kong Housing Authority etc. to purchase masks in the past 3 financial years? If yes, what are the details?

Asked by: Hon CHIANG Lai-wan (LegCo internal reference no.: 14)

Reply:

1. The Government Logistics Department (GLD) is required to maintain a stock of 10 million surgical masks (masks) under the Government's current preparedness and response plans for infectious diseases.

2. With a sharp increase in global demand for anti-epidemic items, the HKSAR Government's procurement work faces keen competition. To avoid undermining the bargaining power of GLD and other departments in the procurement of masks, the HKSAR Government considers that it is not appropriate at this stage to disclose more specific information about the stock of masks kept by individual departments, as well as the quantity and value of masks procured in the past few years. In 2020-21, \$14.4 million will be set aside in the estimates of expenditure by GLD for purchasing masks and other emergency items.
3. GLD undertakes procurement in order to meet the operational needs of Government departments. From 2017-18 to 2019-20, GLD did not procure masks for any organisation other than Government departments.

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**FSTB(Tsy)015**

**(Question Serial No. 2822)**

Head: (59) Government Logistics Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Procurement

Controlling Officer: Director of Government Logistics (Miss Mary CHOW)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question:

Please advise the number of surgical masks that the Government Logistics Department attempted to order, the actual number of masks delivered and the amount involved since 1 December 2019.

Asked by: Hon CHU Hoi-dick (LegCo internal reference no.: 3019)

Reply:

Since early January of this year, the Government Logistics Department (GLD) has adopted a multi-pronged approach through different channels and means for procuring masks and anti-epidemic items. The target is to acquire such items as soon as possible to meet the internal needs of the Government. Since early January this year, more than 20 million masks procured by GLD have been delivered.

With the rapid development of the epidemic, Government departments' demand for anti-epidemic items (including masks) will vary depending on their needs arising from work related to preventing and combating the epidemic. Currently, GLD and other Government departments are making their best endeavours to procure anti-epidemic items through different channels and means; and will keep under review the stock position and demand for these items.

Given the sharp increase in global demand for anti-epidemic items (including masks), the HKSAR Government's procurement work faces keen competition. To avoid undermining the bargaining power of GLD and other departments, the HKSAR Government considers that it is not appropriate at this stage to disclose more specific information about the procurement quantity, the actual number of masks delivered and the value involved, etc.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FSTB(Tsy)016**

**(Question Serial No. 3109)**

Head: (59) Government Logistics Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Supplies Management

Controlling Officer: Director of Government Logistics (Miss Mary CHOW)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question:

Please provide this Committee, in table form, with the quantity of protective items that were allocated through the Government Logistics Department (GLD) to the following parties in response to the novel coronavirus disease since December 2019:

- (1) Offices of Secretaries of Departments/Directors of Bureaux;
- (2) individual bureaux; and
- (3) individual departments.

What are the criteria and factors considered in determining the allocation amount and what are the uses of the items? Please reply by providing the following information:

Year/Department/Number of N95 masks allocated/Number of protective coverall suits allocated/Amount of bleach allocated/Number of surgical masks allocated/Reasons for being allocated the relevant amount of items and their uses

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ka-ki (LegCo internal reference no.: 5)

Reply:

With the rapid development of the epidemic, Government departments' demand for anti-epidemic items will vary depending on their needs arising from work related to preventing and combating the epidemic. Currently, the Government Logistics Department (GLD) and other Government departments are making their best endeavours to procure anti-epidemic items through different channels and means; and will keep under review the stock position and demand for these items.



Given the sharp increase in global demand for anti-epidemic items, the HKSAR Government's procurement work faces keen competition. To avoid undermining the bargaining power of GLD and other departments in the procurement of anti-epidemic items, the HKSAR Government considers that it is not appropriate at this stage to disclose specific information about the consumption of anti-epidemic items of individual departments.

Taking into account advice from experts and in consideration of the stock level, the Government has set priorities for the use of anti-epidemic items. At present, for anti-epidemic items procured by GLD, priority will be accorded to meeting the needs of frontline staff involved in quarantine-related work (including medical and port health staff of the Department of Health and staff implementing quarantine orders) and maintenance of essential public services.

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**FSTB(Tsy)017**

**(Question Serial No. 3120)**

Head: (59) Government Logistics Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Supplies Management

Controlling Officer: Director of Government Logistics (Miss Mary CHOW)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question:

Would the Government Logistics Department (GLD) provide a reply to this Committee by tabulating the following information, including: Year/Departments to which masks have been allocated/Number of masks allocated/Reasons for being allocated masks and their uses

- (1) Concerning CSI masks produced by the Correctional Services Department (CSD), the number of masks allocated to various departments by GLD in the past 3 years; the criteria and consideration factors in determining the number of masks allocated; and
- (2) Concerning the CSI masks produced by CSD, the number of masks allocated to various departments through GLD in response to the novel coronavirus disease since December 2019; and the criteria and factors considered in determining the number of masks allocated.

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ka-ki (LegCo internal reference no.: 16)

Reply:

From 2017 to 2019, the Government Logistics Department (GLD) procured an average of around 1.1 million masks produced by the Correctional Services Department (CSD) every month and issued roughly the same amount to Government departments per month for their use.

Since the outbreak of the epidemic, CSD has increased its output of masks from an average of around 1.1 million to around 2.5 million per month. Out of these 2.5 million masks, 0.7 million will be set aside for distribution to frontline cleansing workers engaged by Government contractors, while the remaining 1.8 million will be supplied to GLD for meeting the demand of Government departments.

Taking into account advice from experts and in consideration of the stock level, the Government has set priorities for the use of masks. Given the development of the epidemic, priorities will be accorded to meeting the needs of frontline staff taking part in quarantine-related work (including medical and port health staff of the Department of Health and staff implementing quarantine orders) and maintenance of essential public services as far as masks procured by GLD are concerned.

With the rapid development of the epidemic, Government departments' demand for anti-epidemic items will vary depending on their needs arising from work related to preventing and combating the epidemic. Currently, GLD and other Government departments are making their best endeavours to procure anti-epidemic items through different channels and means; and will keep under review the stock position and demand for these items.

Given the sharp increase in global demand for anti-epidemic items, the HKSAR Government's procurement work faces keen competition. To avoid undermining the bargaining power of GLD and other departments in the procurement of mask, the HKSAR Government considers that it is not appropriate at this stage to disclose specific information about the consumption of masks of individual departments.

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**FSTB(Tsy)018**

**(Question Serial No. 1551)**

Head: (59) Government Logistics Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses

Programme: (2) Supplies Management

Controlling Officer: Director of Government Logistics (Miss Mary CHOW)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question:

1. In response to the outbreak of the novel coronavirus infection, what is the number of masks to be provided to all civil servants in the coming year as estimated by the Civil Service Bureau? What is the estimated total expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon LAM Cheuk-ting (LegCo internal reference no.: 1)

Reply:

The quantity of masks needed to be provided to civil servants by the Government in the coming year depends on the development of the epidemic. Currently, given the tight supply of masks worldwide, all government departments have stepped up efforts in reducing their demand for masks. With the \$1 billion earmarked under the Anti-epidemic Fund, the Government Logistics Department will continue its endeavour to source masks and other personal protective equipment items globally for use by government departments. In this regard, priority will be accorded to meeting the needs of frontline staff involved in quarantine-related work, execution of quarantine orders (including medical and port health staff of the Department of Health) and maintenance of essential public services. In addition, government departments will also procure masks on their own where necessary to meet internal operational needs.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FSTB(Tsy)019**

**(Question Serial No. 1167)**

Head: (59) Government Logistics Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Procurement

Controlling Officer: Director of Government Logistics (Miss Mary CHOW)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question:

A) Please provide details on the quantity of smart electronic products procured by the Government in the past 3 years.

Type	Brand and model	Procurement quantity (and number of contracts)	Expenditure involved and average unit price	Government department which have been allocated most of the products and the number of products allocated	Expected service life
Smart mobile phone	e.g. Apple - iPhone 11				
Tablet computer					
Desktop computer					
Laptop computer					
Body-worn smart devices					

- B) What is the Government's current policy on smart electronic products, such as product life cycle, specifications of equipment to be procured and the conditions for replacement with the new generation equipment, etc.? What is the difference between the price of equipment procured through the Government Logistics Department and the retail price in the market?
- C) It is estimated that 10 000 smart phones will be purchased for supporting home quarantine measures under the Anti-epidemic Fund. What are the models and specifications of this batch of phones, the quantity of each model and the amount involved? How will the equipment concerned be handled when the epidemic is over?

Asked by: Hon LAM Kin-fung, Jeffrey (LegCo internal reference no.: 28)

Reply:

- A) The details on procurement of smart electronic products by the Government Logistics Department (GLD) for Government bureaux/departments (Government departments) in the past 3 years are as follows:

Year	Category	Number of contracts	Contract amount (\$ million)	Bureau/department
2017	Desktop personal computers and software	2	15.62	Inland Revenue Department Independent Commission Against Corruption
2017	Mobile devices	1	20.57	Hongkong Post
2017	Personal computer products and related services required by computer systems	2	13.01	Social Welfare Department
2018	Desktop personal computers and software	2	8.94	Lands Department

Year	Category	Number of contracts	Contract amount (\$ million)	Bureau/department
2019	Personal computers, hardware, software and related services	17	176.93	Transport Department Hong Kong Police Force Environmental Protection Department Planning Department Leisure and Cultural Services Department Legal Aid Department Inland Revenue Department Lands Department Fire Services Department Social Welfare Department Civil Engineering and Development Department Home Affairs Department Hongkong Post
2019	Mobile phones	4	28.1	Government departments

- B) Government departments procure smart electronic products to meet daily operational needs. In procuring the items required, Government departments will take into account various factors, including specifications of products available on the market, their service life and whether such products can support other existing equipment, etc. as well as ensuring that there are enough resources for the procurement.

Regardless of whether the procurement is conducted on behalf of bureaux/departments by GLD or direct by the Government departments concerned, the Stores and Procurement Regulations must be observed and the lowest offer which complies with the tendering terms and specifications, or the offer with the highest total score from the technical proposal and the price proposal should be accepted. Therefore, the final procurement price should reflect the reasonable price on the market.

- C) The Anti-epidemic Fund does not form part of the estimates for Government expenditures. GLD did not take part in the procurement of monitoring devices used in home quarantine measures.

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**FSTB(Tsy)020**

**(Question Serial No. 1851)**

Head: (59) Government Logistics Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

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

Controlling Officer: Director of Government Logistics (Miss Mary CHOW)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question:

Please inform this Committee of the following regarding the procurement of surgical masks by the Government:

- (1) i) the models or specifications of masks procured; ii) quantity; iii) total expenditure and unit price; iv) suppliers; v) stock level in the past 3 years (2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20);
- (2) the name of government departments and non-profit making organisations to which masks were supplied and the respective number of masks allocated (including those produced by the Correctional Services Department (CSD) and those procured from external sources) in the past 3 years (2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20);

(Example) Surgical masks supplied to government departments and non-profit organisations:

	CSI masks produced by CSD (piece)	Masks procured from external sources (piece)
Department 1		
Department 2		
...		
Organisation 1		
Organisation 2		

- (3) the latest procurement criteria adopted in the light of tight global supply of masks.

Asked by: Hon LAU Ip-keung, Kenneth (LegCo internal reference no.: 6)



Reply:

From 2017 to 2019, the Government Logistics Department (GLD) procured an average of around 1.1 million masks produced by the Correctional Services Department (CSD) every month and issued roughly the same amount per month to Government departments for their use.

Since early January this year, GLD has adopted a multi-pronged approach through different channels and means for procuring masks and other anti-epidemic items. The target is to acquire such items as soon as possible to meet the internal needs of the Government. As long as the items offered by manufacturers and suppliers meet the specifications and the asking price is in line with the prevailing market price, GLD will place orders immediately. In addition, to reach out to more suppliers globally with a view to widening the sources of supply, GLD issued an open tender in end January for the procurement of masks. Since early January this year, more than 20 million masks procured by GLD have been delivered.

Since the outbreak of the epidemic, CSD has increased its output of masks from an average of around 1.1 million to around 2.5 million per month. Out of these 2.5 million masks, 0.7 million will be set aside for distribution to frontline cleansing workers engaged by Government contractors, while the remaining 1.8 million will be supplied to GLD for meeting the demand of Government departments.

With the rapid development of the epidemic, Government departments' demand for masks will vary depending on their needs arising from work related to preventing and combating the epidemic. Currently, GLD and other Government departments are making their best endeavours to procure masks through different channels and means; and will keep under review the stock position and demand for masks. Given the sharp increase in global demand for masks, the HKSAR Government's procurement work faces keen competition. To avoid undermining the bargaining power of GLD and other departments in the procurement of masks, the HKSAR Government considers that it is not appropriate at this stage to disclose specific information about the quantity of masks used by individual departments, their stock level, suppliers, quantity procured and the value involved, etc.

From 2017 to 2019, GLD did not supply masks to non-profit making organisations.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FSTB(Tsy)021**

**(Question Serial No. 0044)**

Head: (59) Government Logistics Department

Subhead(No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Procurement

Controlling Officer: Director of Government Logistics (Miss Mary CHOW)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question:

Regarding epidemic prevention and control, the Government indicated that it will proactively source anti-epidemic supplies worldwide. Please provide the specific details of, expenditure on, progress of and implementation timetable for the work concerned.

Asked by: Hon LEE Kok-long, Joseph (LegCo internal reference no.:1)

Reply:

Since early January this year, the Government Logistics Department (GLD) has directly procured masks and anti-epidemic items worldwide in accordance with the Stores and Procurement Regulations without going through any tendering procedures. As long as the items offered by manufacturers or suppliers meet the specifications and the asking price is in line with the prevailing market price, GLD will place orders immediately. In addition, to reach out to more suppliers globally with a view to widening the sources of supply, GLD issued an open tender to purchase 57 million masks in end January.

With the development of the epidemic, GLD has been working hard to procure anti-epidemic items worldwide since January 2020. To date, GLD has approached more than 600 suppliers from over 40 countries. Over 20 million masks procured by GLD have been delivered since early January this year.

Given the sharp increase in global demand for anti-epidemic items, the HKSAR Government's procurement work faces keen competition. To avoid undermining the bargaining power of GLD and other departments in the procurement of anti-epidemic items, the HKSAR Government considers that it is not appropriate at this stage to disclose more specific information about the place of origin of the anti-epidemic items, suppliers concerned, quantity procured, value involved and delivery schedule, etc.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FSTB(Tsy)022**

**(Question Serial No. 1170)**

Head: (59) Government Logistics Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Procurement

Controlling Officer: Director of Government Logistics (Miss Mary CHOW)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question:

The Anti-epidemic Fund has set aside \$1 billion for the Government Logistics Department to purchase masks and other anti-epidemic supplies worldwide. What are the details on the procurement so far and what are the types, quantity and place of origin of the items respectively?

Asked by: Hon LEE Wai-king, Starry (LegCo internal reference no.: 43)

Reply:

The Anti-epidemic Fund (Fund) does not form part of the estimates for Government expenditure and is not directly related to Head 59.

As Government departments' demand for anti-epidemic items will vary depending on the rapid development of the epidemic, the Government Logistics Department (GLD) and other Government departments will keep under review the stock position and demand for these items. GLD will continue to make good use of the \$1 billion earmarked under the Fund to proactively procure anti-epidemic items by adopting a multi-pronged approach with maximum flexibility and sourcing worldwide. The types and quantity of anti-epidemic items to be procured will depend on actual requirements. As long as the items offered by suppliers meet the specifications and the asking price is in line with the prevailing market price, GLD will immediately place orders. With the sharp increase in global demand for anti-epidemic items, the HKSAR Government's procurement work faces keen competition. To avoid undermining the bargaining power of GLD and other departments in the procurement of anti-epidemic items, it is not appropriate at this stage to disclose specific information about the procurement quantity, price and place of origin of the anti-epidemic items.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FSTB(Tsy)023**

**(Question Serial No. 1206)**

Head: (59) Government Logistics Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Supplies Management

Controlling Officer: Director of Government Logistics (Miss Mary CHOW)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question:

What is the total amount of stock kept by the Government at present in respect of masks and other anti-epidemic items? Please list separately the Department's stock of relevant items, the stock of individual departments and the Correctional Service Department's production capacity of masks. For how long can the total amount of stock mentioned above meet the demand of the departments? What are the details on allocation of masks and other anti-epidemic items to various government departments in the past 3 months?

Asked by: Hon LEE Wai-king, Starry (LegCo internal reference no.: 36)

Reply:

Currently, the Government Logistics Department (GLD) and other departments are making their best endeavours to procure anti-epidemic items through different channels and means. As at 21 March 2020, GLD has a stock of more than 20 million masks. Since the outbreak of the epidemic, the Correctional Services Department has increased its output of masks from an average of around 1.1 million to around 2.5 million per month. With the rapid development of the epidemic, Government departments' demand for anti-epidemic items (including masks) will vary depending on their needs arising from work related to preventing and combating the epidemic. GLD and other Government departments will keep under review the stock position and demand for these items.

Given the sharp increase in global demand for anti-epidemic items, the HKSAR Government's procurement work faces keen competition. To avoid undermining the bargaining power of GLD and other departments in the procurement of anti-epidemic items, the HKSAR Government considers that it is not appropriate at this stage to disclose specific information about the stock of anti-epidemic items kept and the quantity of anti-epidemic items used, etc. by individual departments.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FSTB(Tsy)024**

**(Question Serial No. 0767)**

Head: (59) Government Logistics Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

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

Controlling Officer: Director of Government Logistics (Miss Mary CHOW)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question:

One of the duties of the Government Logistics Department (GLD) is to supply common-user items required by government departments to which the items will be delivered by suppliers directly on an as-and-when-required basis, to supply essential and emergency items to government departments in a cost-effective manner, and to assist government departments to manage their procurement and supplies activities effectively. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

- a. Concerning the masks produced by the Correctional Services Department (CSI masks), please state in the table below the number of masks obtained, number of masks used and number of masks stored by GLD in each month of the past 3 years up to March of 2020.

Month/Year	Number of CSI masks obtained	Number of CSI masks drawn	Number of CSI masks stored

- b. Please provide in the table below the information on GLD's supply of masks which were produced by CSD (CSI masks) to government departments in each month of the past 3 years up to March of 2020, including the quantity and the value, etc.

Month/Year:				
Name of department	Number of CSI masks requested	Number of CSI masks provided by GLD	Number of requests made by the department	Value of CSI masks

- c. Please provide in the table below the information on GLD's supply of masks which were produced by CSD (CSI masks) to the Hospital Authority in each month of the past 3 years up to March of 2020, including the quantity and the value, etc.

Month/Year:	Number of CSI masks requested	Number of CSI masks provided by GLD	Number of requests made by the department	Value of CSI masks

- d. Please provide in the table below the information on GLD's supply of masks which were produced by CSD (CSI masks) to public organisations in each month of the past 3 years up to March of 2020, including the quantity and the value, etc.

Month/Year:				
Name of organisation	Number of CSI masks requested	Number of CSI masks provided by GLD	Number of requests made by the department	Value of CSI masks

- e. Please provide in the table below the information on GLD's supply or sale of masks which were produced by CSD (CSI masks) to other organisations in each month of the past 3 years up to March of 2020, including the quantity and the value, etc.

Month/Year:	Name of organisation	Number of CSI masks provided	Means of provision (e.g. sale or gift)	Value of CSI masks

- f. What departments and ranks of officers are responsible for deciding on GLD's supply or sale of masks produced by CSD (CSI masks) to other organisations? 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.: 14)

Reply:

From 2017 to 2019, the Government Logistics Department (GLD) procured an average of around 1.1 million masks produced by the Correctional Services Department (CSD) every month and issued roughly the same amount per month to Government departments for their use.

Since the outbreak of the epidemic, CSD has increased its output of masks from an average of around 1.1 million to around 2.5 million per month. Out of these 2.5 million masks, 0.7 million will be set aside for allocation to frontline cleansing workers engaged by Government contractors, while the remaining 1.8 million will be supplied to GLD for meeting the demand of Government departments.

With the rapid development of the epidemic, Government departments' demand for masks will vary depending on their needs arising from work related to preventing and combating the epidemic. Currently, GLD and other Government departments are making their best endeavours to procure masks through different channels and means; and will keep under review the stock position and demand for masks.

Given the sharp increase in global demand for masks, the HKSAR Government's procurement work faces keen competition. To avoid undermining the bargaining power of GLD and other departments in the procurement of masks, the HKSAR Government considers that it is not appropriate at this stage to disclose specific information about the quantity of masks used, the stock level and the value involved, etc.

During 2017-2019, apart from Government departments, GLD did not supply or sell masks produced by CSD to any other organisation.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FSTB(Tsy)025**

**(Question Serial No. 2199)**

Head: (59) Government Logistics Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Supplies Management

Controlling Officer: Director of Government Logistics (Miss Mary CHOW)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question:

One of the duties of the Government Logistics Department (GLD) is to supply common-user items required by government departments to which the items will be delivered by suppliers directly on an as-and-when-required basis, to supply essential and emergency items to government departments in a cost-effective manner, and to assist government departments to manage their procurement and supplies activities effectively. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

- a. Please state in the table below the number, value and stock level of surgical masks procured by GLD in each month of the past 3 years

Month/Year	Number of surgical masks procured	Value of surgical masks procured	Stock level of surgical masks

- b. Please state in the table below the number, value and stock level of N95 masks procured by GLD in each month of the past 3 years.

Month/Year	Number of N95 masks procured	Value of N95 masks procured	Stock level of N95 masks



- c. Please state in the table below the number, value and stock level of protective gowns procured by GLD in each month of the past 3 years.

Month/Year	Number of protective gowns procured	Value of protective gowns procured	Stock level of protective gowns

- d. Please state in the table below the number, value and stock level of protective coverall suits procured by GLD in each month of the past 3 years.

Month/Year	Number of protective coverall suits procured	Value of protective coverall suits procured	Stock level of protective coverall suits

- e. Please state in the table below the number, value and stock level of face shields procured by GLD in each month of the past 3 years.

Month/Year	Number of face shields procured	Value of face shields procured	Stock level of face shields

- f. Please state in the table below the quantity, value and stock level of protective goggles procured by GLD in each month of the past 3 years.

Month/Year	Quantity of protective goggles procured	Value of protective goggles procured	Stock level of protective goggles

- g. Please state in the table below the quantity of surgical masks, N95 masks, face shields, protective goggles, protective gowns and protective coverall suits supplied by GLD to government departments in each month of the past 3 years up to March 2020.

Month/Year:						
Name of organisation	Surgical mask	N95 mask	Face shield	Protective goggles	Protective gown	Protective coverall suit

- h. Please state in the table below the quantity of surgical masks, N95 masks, face shields, protective goggles, protective gowns and protective coverall suits supplied by GLD to the Hospital Authority in each month of the past 3 years up to March 2020.

Month/Year:	Surgical mask	N95 mask	Face shield	Protective goggles	Protective gown	Protective coverall suit

- i. Please state in the table below the quantity of surgical masks, N95 masks, face shields, protective goggles, protective gowns and protective coverall suits supplied by GLD to public organisations in each month of the past 3 years up to March 2020.

Month/Year:						
Name of organisation	Surgical mask	N95 mask	Face shield	Protective goggles	Protective gown	Protective coverall suit

- j. Please state in the table below the quantity of surgical masks, N95 masks, face shields, protective goggles, protective gowns and protective coverall suits supplied or sold by GLD to other organisations in each month of the past 3 years up to March 2020, including quantity, utilisation, stock level and value.

Month/Year:								
Name of organisation	Means of provision (e.g. sale or gift)	Surgical mask	N95 mask	Face shield	Protective goggles	Protective gown	Protective coverall suit	Value

- k. What are the departments and ranks of officers responsible for deciding on GLD's supply or sale of surgical masks, N95 masks, face shields, protective goggles, protective gowns and protective coverall suits procured by GLD to other organisations? Please provide the ranks of officers involved in each decision, the date they made the decision and other relevant information.

- i. Did GLD recover any surgical masks, N95 masks, face shields, protective goggles, protective gowns and protective coverall suits from various government departments/organisations in the past 3 years? Please provide relevant information in the table below, including the dates, recovery quantity and the reasons for recovery, etc.

Month/ Year	Name of organisation	Surgical mask	N95 mask	Face shield	Protective goggles	Protective gown	Protective coverall suit	Reason for recovery

Asked by: Hon MO Claudia (LegCo internal reference no.: 28)

Reply:

Since early January this year, the Government Logistics Department (GLD) has adopted a multi-pronged approach through different channels and means to procuring masks and anti-epidemic items. The target is to acquire such items as soon as possible to meet the internal needs of the Government. As long as the items offered by manufacturers and suppliers meet the specifications and the asking price is in line with the prevailing market price, GLD will place orders immediately. In addition, to reach out to more suppliers globally with a view to widening the sources of supply, GLD issued an open tender in end January for the procurement of masks. Since early January this year, more than 20 million masks procured by GLD have been delivered.

From 2017 to 2019, GLD procured an average of around 1.1 million masks produced by the Correctional Services Department every month and issued roughly the same amount per month to Government departments for their use.

With the rapid development of the epidemic, Government departments' demand for anti-epidemic items will vary depending on their needs arising from work related to preventing and combating the epidemic. Currently, GLD and other Government departments are making their best endeavours to procure anti-epidemic items through different channels and means; and will keep under review the stock position and demand for these items.

Given the sharp increase in global demand for anti-epidemic items, the HKSAR Government's procurement work faces keen competition. To avoid undermining the bargaining power of GLD and other departments in the procurement of anti-epidemic items, the HKSAR Government considers that it is not appropriate at this stage to disclose specific information about the quantity of anti-epidemic items used by individual departments, procured quantity and the value involved, etc.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FSTB(Tsy)026**

**(Question Serial No. 1757)**

Head: (59) Government Logistics Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Supplies Management

Controlling Officer: Director of Government Logistics (Miss Mary CHOW)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question:

The Chief Secretary for Administration is responsible for co-ordinating major cross-bureaux policies. Will the Government provide details, in tabular form, of the following during the outbreak of the novel coronavirus epidemic:

1. the quantity of anti-epidemic equipment and gear allocated to various government departments:

Government department	Surgical mask	N95 mask	Protective gown	Protective coverall suits
Auxiliary Medical Service				
Civil Aid Service				
Correctional Services Department				
Customs and Excise Department				
Fire Services Department				
Government Flying Service				
Hong Kong Police Force				
Immigration Department				
Hospital Authority				
Department of Health				
Food and Environmental Hygiene Department				
Education Bureau				
Home Affairs Department				
...				

Asked by: Hon TAM Man-ho, Jeremy (LegCo internal reference no.: 17)

Reply:

With the rapid development of the epidemic, Government departments' demand for anti-epidemic items (including masks) will vary depending on their needs arising from work related to preventing and combating the epidemic. Currently, the Government Logistics Department (GLD) and other Government departments are making their best endeavours to procure anti-epidemic items through different channels and means; and will keep under review the stock position and demand for these items.

Given the sharp increase in global demand for anti-epidemic items, the HKSAR Government's procurement work faces keen competition. To avoid undermining the bargaining power of GLD and other departments in the procurement of anti-epidemic items, the HKSAR Government considers that it is not appropriate at this stage to disclose specific information about the consumption of anti-epidemic items of individual departments.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FSTB(Tsy)027**

**(Question Serial No. 1787)**

Head: (59) Government Logistics Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Supplies Management

Controlling Officer: Director of Government Logistics (Miss Mary CHOW)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question:

Regarding the recent complaints lodged by frontline healthcare staff and different discipline departments on various issues, including the use of only 1 N95 mask per day as required by hospitals, the downgrade and reuse of protective clothing and cleansing workers wearing sub-standard gowns, etc., I request your Department to give a breakdown on the allocation of various types of items to individual departments.

Month	Police Force	Food and Environmental Hygiene Department	Customs and Excise Department	Immigration Department	Social Welfare Department	Department of Health	Radio Television Hong Kong	Fire Services Department	Education Department
Protective Coverall Suit (Piece)									
N95 Mask (Piece)									
Bleach (Litre)									
Surgical Mask (Piece)									
Protective Gown (Piece)									
Protective Goggles (Pair)									
Plastic Gloves (Pair)									
Plastic Boots (Pair)									

Asked by: Hon TAM Man-ho, Jeremy (LegCo internal reference no.: 47)

Reply:

With the rapid development of the epidemic, Government departments' demand for anti-epidemic items (including masks) will vary depending on their needs arising from work related to preventing and combating the epidemic. Currently, the Government Logistics Department (GLD) and other Government departments are making their best endeavours to procure anti-epidemic items through different channels and means; and will keep under review the stock position and demand for these items.

Given the sharp increase in global demand for anti-epidemic items, the HKSAR Government's procurement work faces keen competition. To avoid undermining the bargaining power of GLD and other departments in the procurement of anti-epidemic items, the HKSAR Government considers that it is not appropriate at this stage to disclose specific information about the consumption of anti-epidemic items of individual departments.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FSTB(Tsy)028****(Question Serial No.1789)**Head: (59) Government Logistics DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ()Programme: (1) ProcurementControlling Officer: Director of Government Logistics (Miss Mary CHOW)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Financial Services and the TreasuryQuestion:

To learn about procurement made by the Government in details, I request your Department to provide details by giving a breakdown on the procurement and the quantity of various items purchased in 2019 and the first 4 months of 2020.

## Procurement quantity and amount

Month	Quantity	Amount (HKD)
Protective Coverall Suit (Piece)		
N95 Mask (Piece)		
Bleach (Litre)		
Surgical Mask (Piece)		
Protective Gown (Piece)		
Protective Goggles (Pair)		
Plastic Gloves (Pair)		
Plastic Boots (Pair)		

Asked by: Hon TAM Man-ho, Jeremy (LegCo internal reference no.: 49)

Reply:

With the rapid development of the epidemic, Government departments' demand for anti-epidemic items will vary depending on their needs arising from work related to preventing and combating the epidemic. Currently, the Government Logistics Department (GLD) and other Government departments are making their best endeavours to procure anti-epidemic items through different channels and means; and will keep under review the stock position and demand for these items.

Given the sharp increase in global demand for anti-epidemic items, the HKSAR Government's procurement work faces keen competition. To avoid undermining the bargaining power of GLD and other departments in the procurement of anti-epidemic items, the HKSAR Government considers that it is not appropriate at this stage to disclose specific information about the quantity and value of anti-epidemic items procured.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FSTB(Tsy)029**

**(Question Serial No. 0463)**

Head: (59) Government Logistics Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Procurement

Controlling Officer: Director of Government Logistics (Miss Mary CHOW)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question:

The Anti-epidemic Fund has set aside \$1 billion for the Government Logistics Department (GLD) to procure anti-epidemic supplies. Meanwhile, according to the document on application for provision of the Anti-epidemic Fund submitted by the Government to the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council, the Government has exercised maximum flexibility in the procurement process, stating that 'as long as the items supplied meet the specifications and are sold at the prevailing market price, the Government will immediately purchase them directly and the principle of "the lowest bid wins" does not apply':

1. What are GLD's staff establishment, ranks and expenditure involved in procuring anti-epidemic supplies?
2. What are the procedures and decision mechanism adopted by GLD for purchasing masks e.g. what are the ranks of the officers responsible for making decisions on procurement? How did they 'exercise maximum flexibility'?
3. How much provision has been spent and how much protective equipment has been procured by GLD since allocation of provision? Please provide the figures by the type of equipment.
4. What is the highest, lowest and average price of various types of protective equipment since allocation of provision? Please provide the figures by the type of equipment.
5. At present, how many suppliers have been approached by GLD and how many masks are estimated to be purchased in the coming 2 months?

Asked by: Hon TO Kun-sun, James (LegCo internal reference no.: 13)

Reply:

1. As the Government Logistics Department (GLD) used existing manpower to procure anti-epidemic items and the officers concerned performed other duties at the same time, the breakdown of manpower and expenditure involved in procuring anti-epidemic items is not available.
2. Since early January this year, GLD has directly procured masks and anti-epidemic items worldwide in accordance with the Stores and Procurement Regulations without going through any tendering procedures. As long as the items provided by manufacturers or suppliers meet the specifications and the asking price is in line with the prevailing market price, GLD will place orders immediately. In addition, to reach out to more suppliers globally with a view to widening the sources of supply, GLD issued an open tender to purchase masks in end January.
3. and 4. The Anti-epidemic Fund (Fund) does not form part of the estimates for Government expenditures and is not directly related to Head 59. GLD and other Government departments will keep under review the stock position and the demand for anti-epidemic items. GLD will also continue to make good use of the \$1 billion earmarked under the Fund to proactively procure anti-epidemic items worldwide through adopting a multi-pronged approach. The type and quantity of anti-epidemic items to be procured will depend on actual requirements while the means of procurement will be the same as those mentioned in part 2 of the reply above.

With the rapid development of the epidemic, Government departments' demand for anti-epidemic items will vary depending on the needs arising from work related to preventing and combating the epidemic. GLD will keep under review the stock position and demand for these items. Given the sharp increase in global demand for anti-epidemic items, the HKSAR Government's work faces keen competition. To avoid undermining the bargaining power in the procurement of anti-epidemic items, it is not appropriate at this stage to reveal specific information about the quantity of anti-epidemic items procured, their prices and place of origin, etc.

5. Since January 2020, GLD has approached more than 600 suppliers from over 40 countries. The development of the epidemic has led to a drastic increase in local and overseas demand for masks. Hence, general supply of masks is very tight. Given the highly competitive global market situation, GLD is not able to estimate the number of masks that can be procured in the coming 2 months. Nevertheless, GLD will continue to make its best endeavours to procure.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FSTB(Tsy)030**

**(Question Serial No. 0464)**

Head: (59) Government Logistics Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

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

Controlling Officer: Director of Government Logistics (Miss Mary CHOW)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question:

Regarding the procurement and distribution of anti-epidemic items by the Government Logistics Department (GLD), please provide monthly figures for the matters below since January of this year:

1. How many anti-epidemic items have been procured by GLD from the Correctional Services Department and external sources? Please provide the figures by the type of items (e.g. masks, protective clothing and bleach, etc. of different specifications);
2. How many anti-epidemic items have been distributed by GLD to government departments, public organisations and other organisations? Please provide the quantity of various types of items distributed, with a breakdown by department and organisation;
3. What are the monthly stockpile and consumption of various types of anti-epidemic items in each government department?
4. Does GLD have any guidelines governing the distribution of anti-epidemic items to various departments? If yes, what are the details?
5. What are the criteria adopted currently for supply of anti-epidemic items to public organisations and other organisations?

Asked by: Hon TO Kun-sun, James (LegCo internal reference no.: 14)

Reply:

Since early January this year, the Government Logistics Department (GLD) has adopted a multi-pronged approach through different channels and means for procuring masks and anti-epidemic items. The target is to acquire such items as soon as possible to meet the internal needs of the Government. As long as the items offered by manufacturers and suppliers meet the specifications and the asking price is in line with the prevailing market price, GLD will place orders immediately. Since early January this year, more than 20 million masks procured by GLD have been delivered.

Since the outbreak of the epidemic, the Correctional Services Department (CSD) has increased its output of masks from an average of 1.1 million to around 2.5 million per month. Out of these 2.5 million masks, 0.7 million will be set aside for distribution to frontline cleansing workers engaged by Government contractors, while the remaining 1.8 million will be supplied to GLD for meeting the demand of Government departments.

Taking into account advice from experts and in consideration of the stock level, the Government has set priorities for the use of anti-epidemic items. For anti-epidemic items procured by GLD, priority will be accorded to meeting the needs of frontline staff involved in quarantine-related work (including medical and port health staff of the Department of Health and staff implementing quarantine orders) and maintenance of essential public services.

With the rapid development of the epidemic, Government departments' demand for anti-epidemic items will vary depending on their needs arising from work related to preventing and combating the epidemic. Currently, GLD and other Government departments are making their best endeavours to procure anti-epidemic items through different channels and means; and will keep under review the stock position and demand for these items.

Given the sharp increase in global demand for anti-epidemic items, the HKSAR Government's procurement work faces keen competition. To avoid undermining the bargaining power of GLD and other departments in the procurement of anti-epidemic items, the HKSAR Government considers that it is not appropriate at this stage to disclose specific information about the stock position, procurement quantity and consumption etc. of anti-epidemic items.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FSTB(Tsy)031**

**(Question Serial No. 0510)**

Head: (59) Government Logistics Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Supplies Management

Controlling Officer: Director of Government Logistics (Miss Mary CHOW)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question:

1. Are there any specific indicators for the Government's work of procuring, maintaining, storing and distributing medical gear and masks each year? If yes, what are the contents? Have they been modified as compared with those formulated during and after SARS in 2003?
2. What is the total amount of medical gear and masks procured by the Government and what is the expenditure involved respectively in each of the past 5 years? What is the percentage of increase or decrease? What are the reasons for such increase or decrease?
3. What is the total amount of medical gear and masks procured by the Government and what is the expenditure involved respectively in the first 2 months of 2020? What is the amount of medical gear and masks procured successfully and solely through the Government Logistics Department (GLD)? What is its proportion as a percentage of the procurement quantity during the period concerned?
4. What is the definition of 'essential and emergency items'? Will the authorities communicate with the government departments concerned and conduct regular reviews? In the future, will GLD enhance its communication with various departments in the work of procuring, maintaining and storing 'essential and emergency' items, such that unexpected situations and possible emergencies can be handled timely by adjusting related work procedures and indicators?

Asked by: Hon WONG Ting-kwong (LegCo internal reference no.: 13)

Reply:

Essential items in the Controlling Officer's Report refer to items that are indispensable to departments' operations but may not be readily available on the market (such as forms, uniform items with the regional emblem printed thereon, national flag and regional flag, etc.). Emergency items refer to items required in departments' implementation of contingency plans, including personal protective equipment items (such as masks and protective gowns), cleansing materials (such as bleach and bleach powder) and medical supplies (such as disposable syringes), etc.

The quantity of essential and emergency items supplied by the Government Logistics Department (GLD) will be adjusted having regard to the estimated demand of Government departments and their previous consumption levels. The supply of such items will also need to support contingency plans formulated for unexpected situations and emergencies. The value of essential and emergency items procured by GLD in the past 5 years is as follows:

2015 - \$16.6 million  
2016 - \$14.3 million  
2017 - \$13.3 million  
2018 - \$13.7 million  
2019 - \$13.9 million

GLD is required to maintain a certain amount of emergency items, including 10 million masks under the Government's current preparedness and response plans for infectious diseases. This amount was worked out in consultation with the Food and Health Bureau (FHB). In light of changes in actual consumption levels, GLD will review the stock level in consultation with FHB.

Since early January this year, GLD has adopted a multi-pronged approach through different channels and means for procuring masks and other anti-epidemic items. The target is to acquire such items as soon as possible to meet the internal needs of the Government departments. Since early January this year, more than 20 million masks procured by GLD have been delivered.

With the rapid development of the epidemic, Government departments' demand for anti-epidemic items (including masks) will vary depending on their needs arising from work related to preventing and combating the epidemic. Currently, GLD and other Government departments are making their best endeavours to procure anti-epidemic items through different channels and means; and will keep under review the stock position and demand for these items. As in the past, GLD will render its full support to meet Government departments' demand for emergency items required in unexpected situations.

Given the sharp increase in global demand for anti-epidemic items, the HKSAR Government's procurement work faces keen competition. To avoid undermining the bargaining power of GLD and other departments in the procurement of these items, the HKSAR Government considers that it is not appropriate at this stage to disclose specific information about the quantity of the anti-epidemic items procured and the value involved, etc.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FSTB(Tsy)117**

**(Question Serial No. 3813)**

Head: (59) Government Logistics Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Land Transport

Controlling Officer: Director of Government Logistics (Miss Mary CHOW)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question:

According to the indicator of this Programme, the number of additional vehicles in 2020 is 49, representing an increase of 19 vehicles when compared with 30 vehicles in 2019. Would the Government advise the reasons why the number of additional vehicles in 2020 is greater than that in 2019? What is the recurrent expenditure on additional vehicles in 2020?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 120)

Reply:

The number of additional vehicles procured by the Government varies each year depending on the operational needs of various bureaux and departments. The main reason for increase in the number of additional vehicles in 2020 as compared with that in 2019 is that more vehicles are required by bureaux and departments to cope with additional work and emergencies. As the recurrent expenditure on additional vehicles is borne by the bureaux or departments concerned, the Government Logistics Department does not have the relevant information.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 3814)**

Head: (59) Government Logistics Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Procurement

Controlling Officer: Director of Government Logistics (Miss Mary CHOW)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question:

The number of contracts handled in 2019 under this Programme is 221, which is greater than 168 in 2018. Would the Government inform this Committee of:

- (1) The reasons why the number of contracts handled in 2019 is greater than that in 2018. Please also list the name of every contract handled in 2019, the contract value involved and the supplier to which each contract was awarded.
- (2) The Government stated that the contract value and the number of contracts in 2020 have been worked out on the basis of the forecast returns of major procurement submitted by other government departments and the contract information kept by the Government Logistics Department. Would the Government provide the estimated contract value and the number of contracts in respect of individual departments?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 121)

Reply:

- (1) The number of contracts handled by the Government Logistics Department (GLD) each year may increase or decrease depending on the requirements of bureaux/departments. In 2019, the number of contracts handled by GLD was 221 (of which 183 were newly concluded contracts and 38 involved contract variations). Information on the name of the newly concluded contracts, the contract value involved and the contract suppliers is available on the GLD website

(<https://pcms2.gld.gov.hk/iprod/#/scn00202?departmentCode=06&contractAwardYear=2019&keyWords=>).

- (2) The contract value and the number of contracts in 2020 were worked out based on the forecast returns of major procurement submitted by other Government departments and the contract information kept by GLD. The estimated number of contracts in 2020 is as follows:

Bureaux/department	Number of contracts
Involving bureaux/departments	24
Government Logistics Department	10
Electrical and Mechanical Services Trading Fund	14
Civil Aviation Department	8
Drainage Services Department	8
Leisure and Cultural Services Department	7
Correctional Services Department	5
Department of Health	5
Fire Services Department	5
Hong Kong Police Force	5
Hong Kong Observatory	4
Government Property Agency	3
Marine Department	3
<b>Environmental Protection Department</b>	2
Social Welfare Department	2
Buildings Department	1
Civil Engineering and Development Department	1
Government Flying Service	1
Hongkong Post	1
Water Supplies Department	1
Total	110

As setting out the estimated value of each contract will affect the tender price of the items, it is not appropriate for GLD to disclose such information.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FSTB(Tsy)119**

**(Question Serial No. 3865)**

Head: (59) Government Logistics Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Procurement

Controlling Officer: Director of Government Logistics (Miss Mary CHOW)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question:

Would the Government provide figures on the following:

Figures on anti-epidemic supplies successfully procured in January 2020

Place of manufacture	Surgical mask	N95 mask	Protective clothing	Sterile supplies

Figures on anti-epidemic supplies successfully procured in February 2020

Place of manufacture	Surgical mask	N95 mask	Protective clothing	Sterile supplies

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 167)

Reply:

Since early January this year, the Government Logistics Department (GLD) has been adopting a multi-pronged approach through various means and channels for procuring masks and other anti-epidemic items. The target is to acquire such items as soon as possible. As long as the items offered by manufacturers or suppliers meet the specifications and the asking price is in line with the prevailing market price, GLD will place orders immediately. Since early January this year, more than 20 million masks procured by GLD have been delivered.

With the rapid development of the epidemic, Government departments' demand for anti-epidemic items will vary depending on their needs arising from work related to preventing and combating the epidemic. Currently, GLD and other Government departments are making their best endeavours to procure anti-epidemic items through different channels and means; and will keep under review the stock position and demand for these items.

Given the sharp increase in global demand for anti-epidemic items, the HKSAR Government's procurement work faces keen competition. To avoid undermining the bargaining power of GLD and other departments in the procurement of anti-epidemic items, the HKSAR Government considers that it is not appropriate at this stage to disclose specific information about the quantity of anti-epidemic items procured, etc.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 4895)**

Head: (59) Government Logistics Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: ()

Controlling Officer: Director of Government Logistics (Miss Mary CHOW)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question:

Regarding the work in relation to the Code on Access to Information (the Code), will the Government advise this Committee on the following:

1) Concerning the requests for information under the Code received by the Government Logistics Department (GLD) from October 2018 to present for which only some of the required information has been provided, please state in table form: (i) the content of the requests for which only some of the required information has been provided; (ii) the reasons for providing some of the information only; (iii) whether the decision on withholding some of the information was made at the directorate (D1 or D2) level (according to paragraph 1.8.2 of the Guidelines on Interpretation and Application); (iv) whether the decision on withholding some of the information was made subject to a "harm or prejudice test", i.e. whether the public interest in disclosure of such information outweighs any harm or prejudice that could result from disclosure (according to paragraph 2.1.1 of the Guidelines on Interpretation and Application)? If yes, please provide the details on how the requests have been handled eventually.

From October to December 2018

(i) Content of the requests for which only some of the required information was provided	(ii) Reasons for providing some of the information only	(iii) Whether the decision on withholding some of the information was made at the directorate (D1 or D2) level (according to paragraph 1.8.2 of the Guidelines on Interpretation and Application)	(iv) Whether the decision on withholding some of the information was made subject to a “harm or prejudice test”, i.e. whether the public interest in disclosure of such information outweighs any harm or prejudice that could result from disclosure (according to paragraph 2.1.1 of the Guidelines on Interpretation and Application). If yes, please provide the details.

2019

(i) Content of the requests for which only some of the required information was provided	(ii) Reasons for providing some of the information only	(iii) Whether the decision on withholding some of the information was made at the directorate (D1 or D2) level (according to paragraph 1.8.2 of the Guidelines on Interpretation and Application)	(iv) Whether the decision on withholding some of the information was made subject to a “harm or prejudice test”, i.e. whether the public interest in disclosure of such information outweighs any harm or prejudice that could result from disclosure (according to paragraph 2.1.1 of the Guidelines on Interpretation and Application). If yes, please provide the details.

2) Concerning the requests for information under the Code received by GLD from October 2018 to present for which the required information has not been provided, please state in table form: (i) the content of the requests refused; (ii) the reasons for refusal; (iii) whether the decision on withholding the information was made at the directorate (D1 or D2) level (according to paragraph 1.8.2 of the Guidelines on Interpretation and Application); (iv) whether the decision on withholding the information was made subject to a “harm or prejudice test”, i.e. whether the public interest in disclosure of such information outweighs any harm or prejudice that could result from disclosure (according to paragraph 2.1.1 of the Guidelines on Interpretation and Application)? If yes, please provide the details on how the requests have been handled eventually.

From October to December 2018

(i) Content of the requests refused	(ii) Reasons for refusal	(iii) Whether the decision on withholding the information was made at the directorate (D1 or D2) level (according to paragraph 1.8.2 of the Guidelines on Interpretation and Application)	(iv) Whether the decision on withholding the information was made subject to a “harm or prejudice test”, i.e. whether the public interest in disclosure of such information outweighs any harm or prejudice that could result from disclosure (according to paragraph 2.1.1 of the Guidelines on Interpretation and Application). If yes, please provide the details.

2019

(i) Content of the requests refused	(ii) Reasons for refusal	(iii) Whether the decision on withholding the information was made at the directorate (D1 or D2) level (according to paragraph 1.8.2 of the Guidelines on Interpretation and Application)	(iv) Whether the decision on withholding the information was made subject to a “harm or prejudice test”, i.e. whether the public interest in disclosure of such information outweighs any harm or prejudice that could result from disclosure (according to paragraph 2.1.1 of the Guidelines on Interpretation and Application). If yes, please provide the details.



3) Any person who believes that a department has failed to comply with any provision of the Code may ask the department to review the situation. Please advise this Committee on, in each of the past 5 years, (i) the number of review cases received; (ii) the number of cases, among the review cases received in the year, in which further information was disclosed after review; (iii) whether the decisions on review were made at the directorate (D1 or D2) level.

Year in which review cases were received	(i) Number of review cases received	(ii) Number of cases, among the review cases received in the year, in which further information was disclosed after review	(iii) Whether the decisions on review were made at the directorate (D1 or D2) level
2015			
2016			
2017			
2018			
2019			

4) With reference to the target response times set out in paragraphs 1.16.1 to 1.19.1 of Guidelines on Interpretation and Application of the Code, please advise this Committee on the following information by year in table form (with text descriptions).

(a) Within 10 days from date of receipt of a written request:

	Number of requests for which the information requested was provided	Number of requests involving third party information for which the information requested could not be provided	Number of requests for which the information requested could not be provided since the requests had to be transferred to another department which held the information under request	Number of requests for information which were refused under the exemption provisions in Part 2 of the Code on Access to Information	Number of applications which the applicants indicated that they did not wish to proceed with and withdrew since they did not accept the charge
2020					
2019					
2018					
2017					
2016					

Within 10 to 21 days from date of receipt of a written request:

	Number of requests for which the information requested was provided	Number of requests involving third party information for which the information requested could not be provided	Number of requests for which the information requested could not be provided since the requests had to be transferred to another department which held the information under request	Number of requests for information which were refused under the exemption provisions in Part 2 of the Code on Access to Information	Number of applications which the applicants indicated that they did not wish to proceed with and withdrew since they did not accept the charge
2020					
2019					
2018					
2017					
2016					

Within 21 to 51 days from date of receipt of a written request:

	Number of requests for which the information requested was provided	Number of requests involving third party information for which the information requested could not be provided	Number of requests for which the information requested could not be provided since the requests had to be transferred to another department which held the information under request	Number of requests for information which were refused under the exemption provisions in Part 2 of the Code on Access to Information	Number of applications which the applicants indicated that they did not wish to proceed with and withdrew since they did not accept the charge
2020					
2019					
2018					
2017					
2016					

(b) cases in which information could not be provided within 21 days from date of receipt of a request in the past 5 years:

Date	Subject of information requested	Specific reason

(c) cases in which information could not be provided within 51 days from date of receipt of a request in the past 5 years:

Date	Subject of information requested	Specific reason

5) Concerning the cases in which requests for information were refused under the exemption provisions in Part 2 of the Code, please state in table form the number of cases in which the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data (PCPD) was consulted when they were being handled in the past 5 years. For cases in which advice had been sought, was it fully accepted in the end? For cases where the advice of the PCPD was not accepted or was only partially accepted, what are the reasons?

Date	Subject	Particular exemption provision in Part 2 of the Code on Access to Information under which requests for information were refused	Whether the advice of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data was fully accepted	Reasons for refusing to accept or only partially accepting the advice of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data

Asked by: Hon CHAN Tanya (LegCo internal reference no.: 465)

Reply:

1) During the period from October 2018 to September 2019, among the requests for information received under the Code on Access to Information (the Code) by GLD, there were 4 cases in which only some of the required information could be provided. The details are as follows:

<b>(i) Content of the requests for which only some of the required information was provided</b>	<b>(ii) Reasons for providing some of the information only</b>	<b>(iii) Whether the decision on withholding some of the information was made at the directorate (D1 or D2) level (according to paragraph 1.8.2 of the Guidelines on Interpretation and Application)</b>	<b>(iv) Whether the decision on withholding some of the information was made subject to a “harm or prejudice test”, i.e. whether the public interest in disclosure of such information outweighs any harm or prejudice that could result from disclosure (according to paragraph 2.1.1 of the Guidelines on Interpretation and Application). If yes, please provide the details.</b>
The current number of designated vehicle models and the vehicle models procured by the Government under designated contracts (2019)	Refused to provide information to the applicant pursuant to paragraph 2.14 of the Code.	Yes	Yes, relevant factors have been taken into account when handling the application.
Tender document and details of the contract awarded in designated tendering exercise (2019)	Refused to provide the applicant with information that falls under the category of commercial confidence under paragraph 2.16 of the Code.	Yes	Yes, relevant factors have been taken into account when handling the application.
The number of tenders received, the assessment criteria for evaluation of tenders, the marks obtained by each tenderer, the tender prices and the contract terms of the contracts awarded in 3 designated tendering exercises (2019)	Some information does not exist; refused to provide the applicant with information that falls under the category of commercial confidence under paragraph 2.16 of the Code.	Yes	Yes, relevant factors have been taken into account when handling the application.

<b>(i) Content of the requests for which only some of the required information was provided</b>	<b>(ii) Reasons for providing some of the information only</b>	<b>(iii) Whether the decision on withholding some of the information was made at the directorate (D1 or D2) level (according to paragraph 1.8.2 of the Guidelines on Interpretation and Application)</b>	<b>(iv) Whether the decision on withholding some of the information was made subject to a “harm or prejudice test”, i.e. whether the public interest in disclosure of such information outweighs any harm or prejudice that could result from disclosure (according to paragraph 2.1.1 of the Guidelines on Interpretation and Application). If yes, please provide the details.</b>
Information on the recruitment exercises for the post of Assistant Supplies Officer in 2017 and 2019 as well as the establishment and strength of the Supplies Grades (2019)	Refused to provide the applicant with the information which will soon be published, or the disclosure of which will be premature in relation to a planned announcement or publication under paragraph 2.17 of the Code.	Yes	Yes, relevant factors have been taken into account when handling the application.

- 2) During the period from October 2018 to September 2019, among the requests for information under the Code received by GLD, there was no refusal case.
- 3) During the period from 2015 to September 2019, GLD did not receive any request for review under the Code.
- 4a) During the period from 2016 to September 2019, the number of written requests for which the information requested was provided within 10 days, 11 to 21 days and 22 to 51 days from date of receipt of a request was 245, 51 and 1 respectively. During the same period, GLD referred 14 cases to another department which possessed the information requested.
- 4b) During the period from 2016 to September 2019, there was 1 case in which the reply could not be given by GLD within 21 days from the date of receipt of the request because more time was required for seeking legal advice.

- 4c) During the period from 2016 to September 2019, there was no case in which the reply could not be made by GLD within 51 days from the date of receipt of the request.
- 5) During the period from 2015 to September 2019, GLD did not refuse any request for information under the exemption provisions in Part 2 of the Code.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FSTB(Tsy)121**

**(Question Serial No. 5425)**

Head: (59) Government Logistics Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Land Transport

Controlling Officer: Director of Government Logistics (Miss Mary CHOW)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question:

- 1) Please set out in tabular form the current number of electric vehicles purchased by government departments and their main uses.
- 2) Please set out in tabular form the number of electric vehicles purchased by government departments in each of the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 1331)

Reply:

- 1) As at end December 2019, details of the use of electric vehicles by government departments are tabulated as follows:

<b>Bureau/Department</b>	<b>Number of electric vehicles purchased</b>	<b>Main uses</b>
Hong Kong Police Force	101	Transportation of officers to carry out duties, e.g. performing patrol and traffic duties, response to emergency calls and other special operations, etc.
Water Supplies Department	14	Transportation of officers to carry out duties, e.g. meter reading and on-site inspection
Electrical and Mechanical Services Department	13	Transportation of officers to carry out duties, e.g. on-site inspection and delivery of equipment
Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department	9	Transportation of officers to carry out duties, e.g. performing patrol duties in country parks and conservation areas and delivery of equipment

<b>Bureau/Department</b>	<b>Number of electric vehicles purchased</b>	<b>Main uses</b>
Hongkong Post	9	Transportation of officers to carry out mail delivery work
Buildings Department	8	Transportation of officers to carry out duties, e.g. on-site inspection
Lands Department	7	Transportation of officers to carry out duties, e.g. inspection of government sites, carrying out land and squatter control duties and delivery of equipment
Drainage Services Department	6	Transportation of officers and equipment to carry out duties, e.g. on-site inspection
Fire Services Department	6	Transportation of officers and equipment to carry out duties, e.g. inspection of fire safety facilities
Customs and Excise Department	6	Transportation of officers to carry out customs and excise duties, e.g. inspection of border control points, delivery of documents and exhibits
Transport Department	6	Transportation of officers and delivery of equipment to carry out duties, e.g. driving tests, on-site inspection, tunnel traffic control and maintenance work
Food and Environmental Hygiene Department	5	Transportation of officers to carry out duties, e.g. provision of environmental hygiene services, law enforcement and monitoring of food safety
Leisure and Cultural Services Department	5	Transportation of officers to carry out duties, e.g. inspection of leisure and cultural venues
Civil Aviation Department	5	Transportation of officers to carry out duties, e.g. attending meetings and on-site inspection
Housing Department	4	Transportation of officers to carry out duties, e.g. inspection of estates
Environmental Protection Department	2	Transportation of officers to carry out duties, e.g. attending meetings and official functions, on-site inspection and handling complaints
Social Welfare Department	2	Transportation of officers to carry out duties, e.g. inspection of social welfare service institutions and facilities
Civil Engineering and Development Department	2	Transportation of officers to carry out duties, e.g. on-site inspection
Labour Department	2	Transportation of officers to attend meetings and official functions



<b>Bureau/Department</b>	<b>Number of electric vehicles purchased</b>	<b>Main uses</b>
Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency	2	Transportation of officers to attend meetings and official functions
Government Logistics Department	2	Provision of transportation services to government departments for carrying out their duties and delivering documents
Administration Wing	1	Transportation of officers to carry out duties, e.g. delivering documents
Commerce and Economic Development Bureau	1	Transportation of officers to attend meetings and official functions
Chief Executive's Office	1	Transportation of officers to attend meetings and official functions
Correctional Services Department	1	Transportation of officers to carry out duties, e.g. inspection of correctional institutions
Department of Health	1	Transportation of officers to carry out duties, e.g. inspection of clinics
Environment Bureau	1	For use by the Secretary for the Environment
Immigration Department	1	Transportation of officers to carry out duties, e.g. delivering documents and supporting internal work at the airport
Highways Department	1	Transportation of officers to carry out duties, e.g. on-site inspection
Home Affairs Bureau	1	Transportation of officers to attend meetings and official functions
Office of the Communications Authority	1	Transportation of officers to attend meetings and official functions
Planning Department	1	Transportation of officers to carry out duties, e.g. inspection of new development areas

- 2) A total of 56 electric vehicles were purchased by government departments in the past 5 years, details of which are as follows:

<b>Bureau/Department</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>
Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department	-	1	1	-	-
Customs and Excise Department	2	2	-	-	-
Commerce and Economic Development Bureau	-	-	1	-	-

<b>Bureau/Department</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>
Administration Wing	1	-	-	-	-
Drainage Services Department	7	-	-	-	-
Electrical and Mechanical Services Department	1	7	1	-	3
Environment Bureau	1	-	-	-	-
Food and Environmental Hygiene Department	2	-	-	1	-
Fire Services Department	2	1	-	-	-
Government Logistics Department	-	1	1	-	1
Hongkong Post	-	1	-	-	-
Immigration Department	-	-	1	-	-
Labour Department	-	1	-	-	-
Lands Department	1	-	-	-	-
Leisure and Cultural Services Department	2	-	-	1	-
Office of the Communications Authority	-	-	1	-	-
Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency	1	-	-	-	-
Transport Department	-	1	-	-	-
Water Supplies Department	1	-	1	1	-
Civil Aviation Department	-	-	-	1	-
Chief Executive's Office	-	-	-	1	-
Environmental Protection Department	-	-	-	1	-
Highways Department	-	-	-	1	-
Radio Television Hong Kong	-	-	-	-	1
Social Welfare Department	-	-	-	-	1

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5429)**

Head: (59) Government Logistics Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Supplies Management

Controlling Officer: Director of Government Logistics (Miss Mary CHOW)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question:

Please inform this Committee of the following information on confiscated goods received from various departments in each of the past 5 years:

Department

Quantity of confiscated goods

Quantity of goods with value below \$200

Quantity of goods with value between \$201 and \$500

Quantity of goods with value between \$501 and \$1,000

Quantity of goods with value between \$1,001 and \$10,000

Quantity of goods with value above \$10,000

Auction proceeds

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 1340)

Reply:

The Government Logistics Department (GLD) is responsible for auctioning the items confiscated by various departments under the law. Due to the wide variety of the confiscated items, their different conditions, degree of wear and tear, and denominations, GLD cannot provide the details as requested in the question.

The proceeds from the confiscated items auctioned by GLD for various departments in the past 5 years are recorded by the number of lots (instead of the quantity of individual items). The information is tabulated as follows:

Department	Auction proceeds (HK\$) [Number of lots]				
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Customs and Excise Department	35,457,100 [172]	20,893,050 [89]	22,307,170 [115]	14,666,000 [91]	37,612,200 [118]
Hong Kong Police Force	1,722,360 [125]	2,584,070 [114]	2,103,240 [141]	1,434,130 [86]	357,020 [69]
Food and Environmental Hygiene Department	230,900 [42]	163,500 [29]	121,500 [18]	141,500 [23]	80,760 [17]
Lands Department	102,100 [9]	49,100 [6]	238,670 [31]	61,550 [22]	138,420 [58]
Independent Commission Against Corruption	1,200 [4]	- [-]	850 [2]	- [-]	- [-]
Immigration Department	196,000 [1]	- [-]	1,800 [1]	- [-]	- [-]
Housing Department	18,500 [2] (Note)	- [-]	9,200 [1]	- [-]	1,900 [2]
Office of the Communication Authority	- [-]	- [-]	- [-]	- [-]	18,500 [2]
Transport Department	4,600 [3]	2,300 [3]	1,850 [3]	19,350 [11]	54,750 [15]
Companies Registry	59,000 [1]	- [-]	7,800 [1]	5,100 [1]	- [-]
Marine Department	- [-]	182,000 [3]	- [-]	- [-]	- [-]

Note:

One of the auctions held for the Housing Department in 2015 involved items confiscated by the Housing Department and the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 5493)**

Head: (59) Government Logistics Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Supplies Management

Controlling Officer: Director of Government Logistics (Miss Mary CHOW)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question:

Please advise:

1. the monthly amount of protective equipment, including surgical masks, N95 masks, face shields and protective clothing, etc., allocated to various government departments from 1 December of last year to the present;
2. the amount of the above-mentioned protective equipment to be allocated to various government departments in the coming 3 months; and
3. the weekly stock of the above-mentioned protective equipment from December of last year to the present.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 955)

Reply:

1. and 2. With the rapid development of the epidemic, Government departments' demand for anti-epidemic items (including masks) will vary depending on their needs arising from work related to preventing and combating the epidemic. Currently, the Government Logistics Department (GLD) and other Government departments are making their best endeavours to procure anti-epidemic items through different channels and means; and will keep under review the stock position and demand for these items. Given the sharp increase in global demand for anti-epidemic items, the HKSAR Government's procurement work faces keen competition. To avoid undermining the bargaining power of GLD and other departments in the procurement of anti-epidemic items, the HKSAR Government considers that it is not appropriate at this stage to disclose specific information about the consumption and stock level of anti-epidemic items of individual departments.

3. As far as masks procured by GLD are concerned, GLD maintains a regular stock of 10 million masks under the Government's current preparedness and response plans for infectious diseases, whereas the average monthly demand for masks from Government departments before the outbreak of the epidemic was about 1.1 million.

With the development of the epidemic, the quantity of masks used by Government departments has multiplied. Following GLD's enhanced procurement efforts, we have a stock of around 20 million masks as at 21 March 2020, which is estimated to be able to meet the operational needs of Government departments for roughly more than 2 months.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FSTB(Tsy)124**

**(Question Serial No. 6780)**

Head: (59) Government Logistics Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Supplies Management

Controlling Officer: Director of Government Logistics (Miss Mary CHOW)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question:

Matters requiring special attention in 2020-21 mentioned 'continue to promote occupational safety and health in the civil service'. Please advise:

1. How many masks were distributed by the Bureau to civil servants of various departments in the past year?
2. Did the Bureau set aside any provision for purchasing masks and other anti-epidemic supplies, or request the Government Logistics Department to purchase such supplies for use by civil servants in the coming year? If yes, what is the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon CHIANG Lai-wan (LegCo internal reference no.: 13)

Reply:

In 2019, the Government Logistics Department (GLD) issued an average of about 1.1 million masks produced by the Correctional Services Department to Government departments per month.

In 2020-21, GLD will set aside \$14.4 million in the estimates of expenditure for procuring masks and other emergency items.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 4504)**

Head: (59) Government Logistics Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Procurement

Controlling Officer: Director of Government Logistics (Miss Mary CHOW)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question:

As mentioned in paragraph 38 of the Budget Speech, the Government is sourcing anti-epidemic supplies worldwide. In this connection, please advise this Committee of how the Government is sourcing anti-epidemic supplies worldwide by giving an account of (1) whether the following means were adopted in sourcing the supplies: (a) online tendering, (b) placing orders online, (c) approaching local suppliers by phone or through the Internet, (d) approaching overseas suppliers by phone or through the Internet, (e) sending officers to source the items required locally, (f) sending officers to source the items required overseas, (g) receiving offers from sellers and (h) others (please specify); (2) the names of the sellers concerned; and (3) the anti-epidemic items purchased and their quantity, price and shipping fees.

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ka-ki (LegCo internal reference no.: 74)

Reply:

Since early January this year, the Government Logistics Department (GLD) has adopted a multi-pronged approach through different channels and means for procuring masks and other anti-epidemic items. The target is to acquire such items as soon as possible to meet the internal needs of the Government. As long as the items offered by manufacturers and suppliers meet the specifications and the asking price is in line with the prevailing market price, GLD will place orders immediately. We have approached more than 600 suppliers from over 40 countries by phone, email and facsimile. The Economic and Trade Offices of the HKSAR Government and some individuals have actively rendered their support by referring overseas suppliers to us. Some suppliers also have taken the initiative to contact the Government regarding the supply of anti-epidemic items. In addition, to reach out to more suppliers globally with a view to widening the sources of supply, GLD issued an open tender in end January for the procurement of masks.

Since early January this year, more than 20 million masks procured by GLD have been delivered.

With the rapid development of the epidemic, Government departments' demand for anti-epidemic items will vary depending on their needs arising from work related to preventing and combating the epidemic. Currently, GLD and other Government departments are making their best endeavours to procure anti-epidemic items through different channels and means; and will keep under review the stock position and demand for these items.

Given the sharp increase in global demand for anti-epidemic items, the HKSAR Government's procurement work faces keen competition. To avoid undermining the bargaining power of GLD and other departments in the procurement of anti-epidemic items, the HKSAR Government considers that it is not appropriate at this stage to disclose specific information about the suppliers of anti-epidemic items, quantity procured and value involved, etc.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 4509)**

Head: (59) Government Logistics Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Supplies Management

Controlling Officer: Director of Government Logistics (Miss Mary CHOW)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question:

Will the Government Logistics Department (GLD) provide this Committee in table form with the quantity of the protective items distributed through GLD to various departments in the past 3 years; the criteria and consideration factors in determining the distribution amount as well as the uses of the items. Please reply by providing the following information, including: Year/Department/Number of N95 masks allocated/Number of protective coverall suits allocated/Amount of bleach allocated/Number of surgical masks allocated/Reasons for being allocated the relevant amount of items and their uses

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ka-ki (LegCo internal reference no.: 79)

Reply:

With the rapid development of the epidemic, Government departments' demand for anti-epidemic items will vary depending on their needs arising from work related to preventing and combating the epidemic. Currently, the Government Logistics Department (GLD) and other Government departments are making their best endeavours to procure anti-epidemic items through different channels and means; and will keep under review the stock position and demand for these items.

Given the sharp increase in global demand for anti-epidemic items, the HKSAR Government's procurement work faces keen competition. To avoid undermining the bargaining power of GLD and other departments in the procurement of anti-epidemic items, the HKSAR Government considers that it is not appropriate at this stage to disclose specific information about the consumption of anti-epidemic items of individual departments.

Taking into account advice from experts and in consideration of the stock level, the Government has set priorities for the use of anti-epidemic items. At present, for items procured by GLD, priority will be accorded to meeting the needs of frontline staff involved in quarantine-related work, execution of quarantine orders (including medical and port health staff of the Department of Health) and maintenance of essential public services.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FSTB(Tsy)127**

**(Question Serial No. 4537)**

Head: (59) Government Logistics Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Procurement

Controlling Officer: Director of Government Logistics (Miss Mary CHOW)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question:

Please provide the following information:

- (1) the quantity of bottled drinking water purchased by various Government offices and the respective expenses in the past 5 years; and
- (2) the quantity of bottled drinking water purchased by government departments and organisations for the activities they held and the respective expenses in the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ka-ki (LegCo internal reference no.: 118)

Reply:

- (1) Details on procurement of distilled water by the Government Logistics Department (GLD) in the past 5 years are as follows:

<b>Contract period</b>	<b>Estimated contract quantity</b>	<b>Contract amount (HK\$)</b>
<b>18.9 litre bottled distilled water for daily consumption by staff in various bureaux/departments</b>		
23 June 2015 to 22 June 2017	3 103 983 carboys	58,091,240.00
23 June 2017 to 22 June 2019	3 201 267 carboys	74,350,100.00
23 June 2019 to 22 June 2021	3 300 000 carboys	95,800,000.00

<b>Contract period</b>	<b>Estimated contract quantity</b>	<b>Contract amount (HK\$)</b>
<b>Bottled distilled water of other volume (0.8 litre and 4.5 litre) (Note 1)</b>		
29 December 2017 to 28 December 2018	(i) 0.8 litre: 80 000 bottles (ii) 4.5 litre: 32 220 bottles	914,125.00
4 January 2019 to 3 July 2020 (Note 2)	(i) 0.8 litre: 80 000 bottles (ii) 4.5 litre: 32 380 bottles	917,125.00

Note 1: Under the Enhanced Water Quality Monitoring Programme, if the test results confirmed that the drinking water supplied to particular users is contaminated by metals, the Government will take into account individual circumstances and provide bottled distilled water to the parties concerned as an interim mitigation measure.

Note 2: The contract period was extended according to the terms of the contract.

- (2) With effect from July 2013, Government bureaux/departments may take into account their actual operational needs to procure directly goods (such as drinking water) that are not items held in GLD's unallocated stock or not covered by bulk contracts arranged by GLD. The ceiling for the amount of such procurement has been increased from HK\$5 million to HK\$10 million with effect from April 2019. GLD does not have information on the quantity of bottled drinking water purchased directly by bureaux/departments and the associated expenses.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 4958)**

Head: (59) Government Logistics Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Supplies Management

Controlling Officer: Director of Government Logistics (Miss Mary CHOW)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question:

Please advise in table form the quantity of the following items procured by the Government Logistics Department (GLD) last year:

- 1) N95 mask;
- 2) Blue protective clothing;
- 3) Personal protective equipment i.e. products of the Tyvek series of Dupont (including face shields/goggles, gloves, shoe covers and white waterproof protective gowns); and
- 4) the number of CSI masks allocated by the Correctional Services Department to GLD last year.

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ka-ki (LegCo internal reference no.: 598)

Reply:

In 2019, the Government Logistics Department (GLD) procured an average of around 1.1 million masks produced by the Correctional Services Department every month and issued roughly the same amount to government departments per month for their use.

With the rapid development of the epidemic, Government departments' demand for anti-epidemic items will vary depending on their needs arising from work related to preventing and combating the epidemic. Currently, the Government Logistics Department (GLD) and other Government departments are making their best endeavours to procure anti-epidemic items through different channels and means; and will keep under review the stock position and demand for these items.

Given the sharp increase in global demand for anti-epidemic items, the HKSAR Government's procurement work faces keen competition. To avoid undermining the bargaining power of GLD and other departments in the procurement of anti-epidemic items, the HKSAR Government considers that it is not appropriate at this stage to disclose specific information about the quantity of anti-epidemic items procured.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FSTB(Tsy)129**

**(Question Serial No. 4959)**

Head: (59) Government Logistics Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Supplies Management

Controlling Officer: Director of Government Logistics (Miss Mary CHOW)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question:

Please provide in table form

1. the monthly amount requested (estimated demand)
2. the monthly amount allocated

in respect of medical anti-epidemic items (including N95 masks, blue protective clothing, personal protective equipment (PPE) items i.e. products of the Tyvek series of Dupont (including face shields/goggles, gloves, shoe covers and white waterproof protective gowns) and CSI masks allocated by the Correctional Services Department) concerning the Police Force, the Fire Services Department and the Immigration Department since 2019;

and advise what organisation guidelines/scientific basis were cited by the Government Logistics Department (GLD) to measure government departments' demand for PPE items and to formulate criteria on which GLD decided the quantity/ratio of items to be allocated (please specify the information cited and the criteria adopted by GLD for making decisions).

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ka-ki (LegCo internal reference no.: 599)

Reply:

Taking into account advice from experts and in consideration of the prevailing stock level, the Government has set priorities for the use of anti-epidemic items. Currently for anti-epidemic items procured by the Government Logistics Department (GLD), priority will be accorded to meeting the needs of frontline staff involved in quarantine-related work (including medical and port health staff of the Department of Health and staff implementing quarantine orders) and maintenance of essential public services. In allocating anti-epidemic items, the Government will take into account the risks involved in the posts



and work of the officers concerned instead of which Government departments they come from.

With the rapid development of the epidemic, Government departments' demand for anti-epidemic items will vary depending on their needs arising from work related to preventing and combating the epidemic. Currently, GLD and other Government departments are making their best endeavours to procure anti-epidemic items through different channels and means; and will keep under review the stock position and demand for these items. Given the sharp increase in global demand for anti-epidemic items, the HKSAR Government's procurement work faces keen competition. To avoid undermining the bargaining power of GLD and other departments in the procurement of anti-epidemic items, the HKSAR Government considers that it is not appropriate at this stage to disclose specific information about the quantity of anti-epidemic items used by individual departments.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FSTB(Tsy)130**

**(Question Serial No. 6046)**

Head: (59) Government Logistics Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Supplies Management

Controlling Officer: Director of Government Logistics (Miss Mary CHOW)

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 Government Logistics Department (GLD) obtained 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 GLD obtained 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 GLD obtained 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 GLD obtained 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 GLD obtained 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 GLD obtained 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	Consumption

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

Month/Year	Quantity of protective goggles procured	Value of protective goggles procured	Stock of protective goggles	Consumption

Asked by: Hon MO Claudia (LegCo internal reference no.: 135)

Reply:

During 2017 to 2019, the Government Logistics Department (GLD) procured an average of around 1.1 million masks produced by the Correctional Services Department every month and issued roughly the same amount to Government departments per month for their use.

With the rapid development of the epidemic, Government departments' demand for anti-epidemic items will vary depending on their needs arising from work related to preventing and combating the epidemic. Currently, GLD and other Government departments are making their best endeavours to procure anti-epidemic items through different channels and means; and will keep under review the stock position and demand for these items.

Given the sharp increase in global demand for anti-epidemic items, the HKSAR Government's procurement work faces keen competition. To avoid undermining the bargaining power of GLD and other departments in the procurement of anti-epidemic items, the HKSAR Government considers that it is not appropriate at this stage to disclose specific information about the quantity of anti-epidemic items used, the stock level, procurement quantity and the value involved, etc.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**S-FSTB(Tsy)03**

**(Question Serial No. S0014)**

Head: (59) Government Logistics Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Supplies Management

Controlling Officer: Director of Government Logistics (Miss Mary CHOW)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question:

'To avoid undermining the bargaining power of the Government Logistics Department and other departments in the procurement of anti-epidemic items, the HKSAR Government considers that it is not appropriate at this stage to disclose specific information about the consumption of anti-epidemic items of individual departments.'

To avoid affecting the bargaining power in the procurement of anti-epidemic items by publishing excessive information, the Government is hereby requested to provide only the quantity of 'surgical mask', 'N95 mask', 'protective gown' and 'protective coverall suit' allocated to the Hong Kong Police Force since the beginning of this year.

Asked by: Hon CHU Hoi-dick

Reply:

Taking into account advice from experts and in consideration of the stock level, the Government has set priorities for the use of anti-epidemic items. At present, for anti-epidemic items procured by the Government Logistics Department (GLD), priority will be accorded to meeting the needs of frontline staff involved in quarantine-related work (including medical and port health staff of the Department of Health and staff implementing quarantine orders) and maintenance of essential public services. As the stock of masks kept by GLD is not sufficient to cover all Government staff, departments may take into account their operational needs and provide masks for their staff through direct purchases.

Currently, given the strong demand for anti-epidemic items worldwide, the procurement work of the HKSAR Government faces keen competition. To avoid undermining the bargaining power of the Government as a whole or individual departments in the procurement of anti-epidemic items, the HKSAR Government considers that it is not appropriate at this stage to disclose specific information about the consumption and stock level of anti-epidemic items of any department.

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