

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

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Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

- (1) Has the Department received and used Correctional Services Industries (CSI) masks produced by the Correctional Services Department (CSD)? If yes, what are the details? If no, what is/are the reason(s)?
- (2) If CSI masks produced by the CSD have been received and used, what are the respective figures on the CSI masks received and used in each of the past 5 years?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 603)

Reply:

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department has received masks produced by the Correctional Services Department from the Government Logistics Department (GLD) for distribution to in-house staff for use in performing duties. With an upsurge in demand for personal protective equipment (PPE) around the world, the Government is facing keen competition in procurement. The Government considers it not appropriate to disclose at this stage further specific information, such as the stock in respect of PPE (including masks) in individual departments in the past few years and recently, lest the bargaining power of GLD and other departments in procuring PPE be undermined.

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