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Question: Regarding the procurement of 1 set of low radiation X-ray body scanner for conducting rectal search in Lai Chi Kok Reception Centre, the approved commitment is \$3,600,000. Please give a detailed account of the criteria of procuring the equipment and its specifications. How many staff for conducting rectal search can be reduced upon the procurement of the equipment?

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply: The Correctional Services Department (CSD) plans to procure 1 set of low radiation X-ray body scanner to assist in the search for contrabands concealed in the body of persons in custody, with a view to preventing contrabands (in particular drugs) from being smuggled into correctional institutions. In procuring the X-ray body scanner, CSD will follow the principles of achieving the best value for money and maintaining open and fair competition, and will conduct an open tender exercise in accordance with the Stores and Procurement Regulations. Also, it has to ensure that the scanner to be procured can meet the operational needs (i.e. able to show clear images of objects concealed in the body). Since the Government Logistics Department is still working on the detailed specifications of X-ray body scanner for the tendering procedure, CSD is not able to provide the detailed specifications of the scanner at present.

After the procurement of a suitable X-ray body scanner, CSD plans to operate it at Lai Chi Kok Reception Centre (LCKRC). The Department intends to use the X-ray body scanner to replace manual rectal searches for checking all the inmates newly admitted to LCKRC. Since CSD needs to deploy staff to operate the scanner and the detailed operational procedures are yet to be tested and finalised, no decrease in staff establishment is anticipated upon the procurement of the scanner.

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