

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

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Head: 30 Correctional Services Department

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Programme: (1) Prison Management

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Correctional Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Complaints are often received from persons in custody that the Department only issues 8 sheets of toilet paper for use by persons in custody per day. What is the provision by the Department for toilet paper in 2013-14? Will the Government increase the provision so as to supply all persons in custody with no less than 16 sheets of toilet paper for use per day?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

The Correctional Services Department cares about the basic needs of persons in custody. On the first day of admission to a penal institution, each person in custody will be provided with 1 roll of toilet paper by the Department. Given the different physical needs of male and female, the Department provides each male person in custody with 1 roll of toilet paper every 3 weeks while each female person in custody is provided with 2 rolls each month. Persons in custody may request additional toilet paper from staff if necessary. The staff will exercise discretion to handle such requests basing on their actual need.

Toilet paper is one of the daily commodities of persons in custody and the expense is included under Subhead 000 Departmental Expenses - Specialist supplies and equipment. The provision for this item is around \$44.39 million in 2013-14.

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Post Title: Commissioner of Correctional Services

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