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Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Correctional Services (YAU Chi-chiu)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Complaints are often received from persons in custody that the Department only issues an average of 8 sheets of toilet paper for use by persons in custody per day. What is the provision by the Department for toilet paper in 2015-16? Which Subhead will the provision be deducted from? Will the Government increase the provision so that all persons in custody can use, on average, no less than 16 sheets of toilet paper per day?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 190)

Reply:

The Correctional Services Department (CSD) 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 CSD. 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 based on their actual need.

Toilet paper is one of the daily commodities of persons in custody and the expenses are included under Subhead 000 Departmental Expenses - Specialist supplies and equipment. The provision for this item is around \$37.4 million in 2015-16.

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