

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Question:

The old model of Sony radio has been discontinued. Panda TOBO TB-2018, the new model, costs HK\$120 each. However, the signal reception of this model is poor in most of the areas and there is no signal even in open areas. Although persons in custody (PICs) have the radios, what they have got is useless. Figures show that the majority of these radios are sold on Taobao or Tmall.

1. Please provide the brands and models of the radios considered, and their prices for comparison, and the reasons for choosing the above radio model.
2. Do PICs use PANDA Radio in taking the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Listening Examinations?

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 341 )

Reply:

The Correctional Services Department (CSD) procures suitable radios through quotation in accordance with the Stores and Procurement Regulations of the government.

When vetting quotations, CSD will test the reception quality of various models provided by bidders within the correctional institutions in different regions. The most suitable radio model will be selected, taking into consideration the reception test results, security requirements and price, etc. In general, signal reception is affected by various environmental factors, such as the location and terrain of different institutions, and the location and distance of broadcasting stations. Therefore, the strength of signal reception might not be solely related to the brand and model of the radio.

Since 2016, the Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority has provided designated models of USB players for the use by PICs taking the Chinese and English Listening Examinations in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education in examination centres inside correctional institutions.

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