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Question:

Some persons in custody (PICs) have reflected that the clothing currently provided by the Correctional Services Department (CSD) cannot keep warmth in cold weather.

1. Please list in detail how many clothes, blankets and bed sheets are provided to each PIC in spring, summer, autumn and winter respectively.
2. In respect of the above types of clothing, what is the cost for each separate item? Please elaborate on the procedures in the whole procurement process.
3. When was the last review on whether warm clothing was adequate? When will the next review be conducted? Will CSD consider replacing the clothing with those made of lighter and warmer materials? If yes, what is the schedule? If no, what are the justifications?

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 346)

Reply:

The Correctional Services Department (CSD) provides persons in custody (PICs) with a complete outfit of clothing and blankets adequate for warmth, replacement and health in accordance with statutory requirements. Generally speaking, underwear, underpants, pullovers, pants and 2 blankets are distributed to PICs in summer whereas long sleeves underwear and underpants, long sleeves pullovers and pants, fleece pullovers, fleece jackets, socks and 5 blankets are distributed to them in winter. If individual PICs need additional clothing or blankets on medical grounds, the institutional management will provide the required items on the advice of the Medical Officer seconded to the institution.

CSD reviews the design and materials of clothing and bedding for PICs from time to time. In 2016, CSD replaced PICs' winter clothing of wool pullovers and nylon padded jackets

with double-sided fleece pullovers and 3-layer laminated fleece jackets to enhance the warmth, windproof and moisture permeability functions. Moreover, the Department currently allows PICs to use padded quilt blankets with high warmth value on a trial basis in some institutions for better storage and management.

If there is a need to procure clothing and bedding from outside, the procurement process will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Stores and Procurement Regulations which require government procurement to be conducted through open and fair competition.

The actual expenditures on clothing and bedding (including blankets) provided to PICs by CSD in the past 5 years are as follows:

Year	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Expenditure on clothing (\$million)	10.56	10.10	15.43	15.91	16.22
Expenditure on bedding (\$million)	2.06	1.51	1.47	1.50	2.13
Total expenditure (\$million)	12.62	11.61	16.90	17.41	18.35

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