

## **Paper for LegCo Panel on Environmental Affairs**

### **Appointment of Members of the Advisory Council on the Environment**

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of this paper is to inform Members of the criteria and mechanism for appointment of members to the Advisory Council on the Environment (ACE).

#### **Background**

2. ACE is the Administration's principal advisory body on matters related to pollution control and protection of the environment. Its terms of reference are as follows -

- (a) keep under review the state of the environment in Hong Kong; and
- (b) advise the Government, through the Secretary for the Environment and Food, on appropriate measures which might be taken to combat pollution of all kinds, and to protect and sustain the environment.

3. At present, ACE consists of 23 non-official members. The membership list is at Annex. Although there is no official member on ACE, the following government officials and/or their representatives attend ACE meetings -

- (a) Secretary for the Environment and Food;
- (b) Secretary for Planning and Lands;
- (c) Director of Environmental Protection;
- (d) Director of Planning;
- (e) Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation; and
- (f) Director of Health.

#### **Appointment criteria and mechanism**

4. ACE members are appointed by the Chief Executive. The composition of ACE is made up of (a) persons appointed on an ad personam basis; and (b) nominations from the following business organizations and green groups -

Business organizations

- Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce;
- Federation of Hong Kong Industries;
- Chinese Manufacturers' Association of Hong Kong; and
- Motor Traders Association of Hong Kong.

Green groups

- Friends of the Earth;
- World Wide Fund for Nature Hong Kong;
- Green Power; and
- Conservancy Association.

5. With regard to para. 4(a), the appointment of members follows the general government policy on appointment of members of advisory and statutory bodies. The overriding objective is to ensure that persons most capable of meeting the needs of the Council are appointed. Appointments are in general made on the basis of the individuals' personal abilities, expertise, experience, integrity and commitment to public service. In addition to members appointed in their personal capacity, relevant organizations (eight business organizations and green groups) are invited to nominate representatives to serve on ACE. This is to ensure that ACE would take care of the interests of the major stakeholders when discharging its duties.

**Environment and Food Bureau**  
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## Advisory Council on the Environment Membership List

- Mr. Peter WONG Hong-yuen, G.B.S., J.P. (*Chairman*)  
Professor Anthony Johnson HEDLEY, B.B.S., J.P.  
Professor Peter Ronald HILLS  
Mr. Edward HO Sing-tin, S.B.S., J.P.  
Mr. KWOK Kwok-chuen, B.B.S.  
Professor LAM Kin-che  
Professor LAM Shun-chiu, Dennis  
Mr. Edwin LAU Chi-kit  
Dr. LEONG Che-hung, J.P.  
Mr. LIN Chaan-ming  
Mr. PAO Ping-wing, J.P.  
Mr. Otto POON Lok-to  
Ms. TAM Siu-ying, Iris  
Professor WONG Yuk-shan  
Mr. Daniel CHENG Man-chung  
(*appointed on the nomination of the Federation of Hong Kong Industries*)  
Mr. Barrie COOK  
(*appointed on the nomination of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce*)  
Dr. HO Kin-chung  
(*appointed on the nomination of Green Power*)  
Mr. Peter Y.C. Lee,  
(*appointed on the nomination of the Chinese Manufacturers' Association of Hong Kong*)  
Dr. NG Cho-nam  
(*appointed on the nomination of Conservancy Association*)  
Mr. Michael John Dudley RUSHWORTH  
(*appointed on the nomination of the Motor Traders Association of Hong Kong*)  
Mr. Plato YIP Kwong-to  
(*appointed on the nomination of Friends of the Earth*)  
Miss YAU Shuk-kau, Alex  
(*appointed on the nomination of World Wide Fund For Nature Hong Kong*)  
Mr. LOH Ah Tuan  
(*appointed on the nomination of the Republic of Singapore*)