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Information on Views of the Members of The Waste Reduction Task Force for the Construction Industry <u>on the Landfill Charging Scheme</u>

1. Background

EPD had in two occasions explained to the Members of the Task Force about the proposed landfill charging scheme. The first presentation was conducted on 12.7.1999 and the second presentation was conducted on 18.12.2000. The two presentations covered the past history of the charging scheme and updated Members on the progress made in the arrangement of charging mechanisms.

2. Views from Members

The progress in relation to the launching of the charging scheme has been a discussion topic in past meetings. From all the Task Force meetings held so far, members are generally supportive to the charging scheme but have expressed views on the details of implementation.. Hence, whilst concerned with some of these the Task Force has been consistently supportive to the Landfill Charging Scheme.

3. Conclusion

The Task Force for the Construction Industry considers that Landfill Charging is but one of a number of essential elements/initiatives that need to be implemented in order to achieve the stated objectives for waste reduction in the SAR.