

Waste Disposal (Amendment) Bill 2005

2<sup>nd</sup> Bills Committee Meeting

Members' Concerns and Requests	Administration's Response
<p>To provide the draft Waste Disposal (Clinical waste) (General) Regulation (draft regulation) to be made under the Ordinance after enactment of the Bill for reference of the Bills Committee in early September 2005</p>	<p>The English and Chinese versions of the draft regulation have been passed to the Bills Committee for reference.</p>
<p>To report on the outcome of the meeting to be held with the Kwai Tsing District Council (K&amp;T DC)</p>	<p>Views expressed by the K&amp;T DC Members at the meeting held on 8 September 2005 included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Efforts should be made to minimize the amount of clinical waste to be disposed of at the Chemical Waste Treatment Centre (CWTC);</li> <li>○ The need to abide by the control scheme should be made known to private medical practitioners;</li> <li>○ Concerns over emissions and safety issues over CWTC;</li> <li>○ The CWTC should be relocated to other areas.</li> </ul>
<p>To consider and consult the relevant parties on the proposal of Green Power to set up a committee to monitor the modification works and operation of the CWTC in Tsing Yi</p>	<p>The CWTC adopts the best available technology and can meet stringent environmental standards. Its operation is closely monitored by the EPD. We will consider suitable ways and consult relevant parties on how to monitor the modification works and operation of the CWTC.</p>

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<p>To consider the collection service for clinical waste producers in remote areas not accessible by land transport such as Cheung Chau and Peng Chau</p>	<p>Some clinical waste collectors are currently providing collection services to more remote areas such as Tung Chung. We will continue to liaise with the collectors to see whether they would extend their service to areas without vehicular access.</p>
<p>To consider whether "teeth" should not be classified as clinical waste</p>	<p>We agree with the professional view of the dental practitioners that extracted teeth do not pose health risk and should not be classified as clinical waste. Committee stage amendment to the Bill will be proposed.</p>