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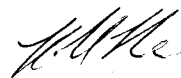
Dear Mrs MA,

Bills Committee on Waste Disposal (Amendment) Bill 2005

Please find enclosed the Administration's response to "Action required" as per draft minutes of the Bills Committee meeting held on 14 October 2005.

2. In relation to paragraph 2(a) of the draft minutes, Members may wish to note that, in the English text of paragraph (a) of Clause 2(g) of the Bill (i.e. definition of "clinical waste"), the comma that appears immediately before "or any other practice" is meant to indicate that the entity following the comma is an independent entity separate from the preceding elements. In that sense, the bilingual text of the subject paragraph conveys the same meaning. On the other hand, we are grateful for the Chairman's suggestion to split paragraph (a) into two paragraphs so that there would be no doubt that these are two separate entities.

Yours sincerely,



(David Ha)

for Director of Environmental Protection

Encl.

Waste Disposal (Amendment) Bill 2005
4th Bills Committee Meeting held on 14 October 2005
Administration's Response to Members' Requests

Members' Requests	Administration's Response
<p>To split paragraph (a) of the English version of the definition of "clinical waste" in Clause 2(g) of the Bill ("para.(a)") into 2 paragraphs, so as to bring out better the 2 separate scenarios in para. (a)</p>	<p>Committee stage amendment will be made to the definition of "clinical waste" in Clause 2(g) of the Bill.</p>
<p>To revert to the Bills Committee on clinical waste collection arrangement for outlying islands and the list of available clinical waste collectors before passage of the Bill by the LegCo</p>	<p>We will advise Members of the clinical waste collection arrangement for outlying islands before passage of the Bill.</p>
<p>To specify in the Code of Practice the types of information required to be produced by waste producers under section 12(1) of the Draft Regulation</p>	<p>We will provide guidelines on the type of information which waste producers are recommended to keep in the Code of Practice.</p>
<p>To specify a reasonable period for which waste producers were required to keep such information for inspection by the Director of Environmental Protection (DEP) under section 12(1) of the Draft Regulation</p>	<p>We will consider specifying a reasonable period for which waste producers have to keep such information for inspection by DEP under section 12(1) of the Draft Regulation.</p>