

## **Public Health and Municipal Services (Amendment) Bill**

During Members' discussion on the Administration's proposed amendments to the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Cap. 132) on 14 December 2004, there were queries about the definition of "potential mosquito breeding ground" and the Administration's follow-up measures to deal with mosquito breeding problem at government land.

### **Potential mosquito breeding ground**

2. Under section 27(1) of Cap. 132 and clause 2(c) of the Public Health and Municipal Services (Amendment) Bill 2005 published in the Gazette on 22 April 2005, "potential mosquito breeding ground" is clearly spelt out as "any accumulation of water, whether waste or otherwise, likely to contain larvae or pupae of mosquitoes" or "any article capable of causing accumulation of water which allows the breeding of mosquitoes". The scope is considered specific enough for necessary enforcement actions.

### **Actions against mosquito breeding at government land**

3. Various government departments have been carrying out regular anti-mosquito control and preventive measures in breeding places identified by the District Anti-Mosquito Task Force which are under their respective jurisdictions including at government land as follows –

- (a) concerning fenced vacant government land, the Lands Department carries out grass cutting on a regular basis as an integral part of its anti-mosquito actions; and
- (b) for unfenced government land, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department prevents mosquito breeding through the elimination of potential breeding grounds and implementation of control measures such as larviciding and fogging. Besides, the Home Affairs Department also carries out regular grass cutting in unfenced vacant government lands.

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