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Paper for the House Committee meeting on 9 March 2007

**Report of the delegation of the Panel on Environmental Affairs to
study overseas experience in
air quality control, management of municipal solid waste,
renewable energy and total water management**

Purpose

This paper invites Members to note the report of the delegation of the Panel to study overseas experience in air quality control, management of municipal solid waste, renewable energy and total water management, and seeks the agreement of the House Committee to allocate a debate slot under House Rule 14A(h) to Hon CHOY So-yuk, Head of the delegation, to move a motion on the Report at the Council meeting on 25 April 2007.

The Panel's study

2. The Panel has been monitoring the progress made in the avoidance and mitigation of environmental pollution, particularly in respect of waste management, air pollution control and water quality management.
3. In order that members could be in a better position to advise and monitor the Government in implementing the related policies and projects in future, the Panel visited Japan, Denmark and Finland in August 2006 to acquire first-hand information on the latest development in the measures to improve air quality, recycling and disposal of municipal solid waste, application of renewable energy in wider scale and water management. Based on the information it has obtained and its observations on relevant issues, the Panel has published a report on the study, copies of which have been distributed to all Members vide LC Paper No. CB(1) 1051/06-07.
4. The findings of the report are primarily pointers for future deliberations and a reminder of the key issues that need to be properly addressed when mapping out measures on avoidance and mitigation of environmental pollution. The Panel will continue to follow up these issues with the Administration.

Motion debate

5. At the meeting held on 26 February 2007, the Panel considered that to provide an opportunity for Members of this Council to express their views on the subject and for the Administration to provide its response, a motion on the Panel's report should be moved for debate at the Council meeting on 25 April 2007. In this connection, House Rule 14A provides for the allocation of slots for debates to chairmen of committee of the Council. However, there is no requirement that only the chairman of a committee may move a motion on behalf of the committee. Pursuant to Members' deliberation at the House Committee meeting on 6 December 2002, a committee (including a Panel) may consider designating one of its members to move a motion on its behalf. As the study has taken place in August 2006 in the 2005-06 session under the chairmanship of Hon CHOY So-yuk, the Panel, with the consent of the Chairman, has agreed that the motion should be moved by Miss CHOY as the Head of the delegation. The wording of the motion, as endorsed by the Panel, is in the **Appendix**.

6. The Panel notes that under House Rule 14A(h), should the House Committee accede to the Panel's request to allocate a slot to Hon CHOY So-yuk to move the motion at the Council meeting on 25 April 2007, the debate slot would not be counted as Miss CHOY's own slot. It has also been suggested that if the House Committee agrees to the proposed motion debate on the Panel's report, then there should only be one other debate at that Council meeting.

Advice sought

7. The House Committee's agreement is sought for the Panel's request in paragraphs 5 and 6 above.

**Motion on
“Overseas Experience in Air Quality Control,
Management of Municipal Solid Waste,
Renewable Energy and Total Water Management”
to be moved by Hon CHOY So-yuk, Head of delegation of the
Panel on Environmental Affairs
at the Legislative Council meeting
of Wednesday, 25 April 2007**

Wording of the Motion

“That this Council notes the Report of the Delegation to Study Overseas Experience in Air Quality Control, Management of Municipal Solid Waste, Renewable Energy and Total Water Management and urges the Government to consider the findings therein.”