

**Subcommittee on
Sewage Services (Sewage Charge) (Amendment) Regulation 2007,
Sewage Services (Trade Effluent Surcharge) (Amendment) Regulation 2007
and Technical Memorandum on Procedures and Methods for Sampling and
Analysis of Trade Effluents**

Fourth meeting on 30 April 2007

List of follow-up actions to be taken by the Administration

1. To address members' concern about the use of chlorination/dechlorination for disinfection, the Administration is requested to provide the following information:
 - (a) A comparison of the annual operating costs of using chlorination/dechlorination and UV radiation for disinfection under Stage 2A and Stage 2B of the Harbour Area Treatment Scheme (HATS), with breakdown by costs under different components (such as staff, light and power, chemical, maintenance and replacement of UV lights);
 - (b) The environmental impact assessment of the chlorination/dechlorination technology; and
 - (c) The criteria for selection of the 24 overseas cities in the survey on disinfection practices in other coastal cities, and if practicable, a list of all coastal cities using marine disposal of sewage in the past 10 years and with population of over 100 000.
2. To address members' concern about the propriety and timeliness of the approval sought for the incremental increases in Sewage Charge (SC) fee levels over a 10-year period to recover 80% of the operating costs of a number of sewage treatment projects yet to be commissioned, the Administration is requested to provide more details on the SC increment projection to illustrate whether the proposed increments in the coming 10 years would result in the recovery of operating costs in excess and/or in advance of the actual increase in SC expenditure.
3. To address members' concern about the efforts made by the Administration in making available the suitable site for construction of the biological treatment plant under HATS Stage 2B, the Administration is requested to provide a chronology on the following:
 - (a) The activities/work which have been undertaken since the identification of the land adjacent to the Stonecutters Island Sewage Treatment Works site (in 2004) till present; and

- (b) The activities/work to be done from the present day till the conduct of the review on the timing for implementation of Stage 2B in 2010.

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