

Panel on Environmental Affairs

**List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 18 June 2007)**

	Proposed timing for discussion
1. A proposal on an environmental levy on plastic shopping bags	July 2007
2. Proposal of banning idling vehicles from running their engines	To be confirmed
3. 4340DS – Port Shelter Sewerage Stage 3 – Mang Kung Uk Sewerage	To be confirmed
Full upgrade of the sewerage item to Category A.	
4. 4352DS – Harbour Area Treatment Scheme Stage 2A – Construction of advance disinfection facilities at Stonecutters Island Sewage Treatment Works	To be confirmed
Full upgrade of the sewerage item to Category A.	
5. Impact of the new nature conservation policy	To be confirmed
The concern about the impact of the new nature conservation policy on landowners was raised at the meetings between LegCo Members and members of Heung Yee Kuk and Yuen Long District Council on 25 January, 5 May 2005 and 31 October 2006 (LC Paper Nos. CB(1) 2327/04-05 and CB(1) 577/06-07) respectively. Hon LEE Wing-tat has also raised concern about the conservation of wetland along the West Rail (LC Paper No. CB(1) 844/06-07). A joint meeting with the Panel on Planning, Lands and Works may be required to discuss the subject.	
6. Land contamination policy	To be confirmed (Pending the outcome of the legal pursuits arising from the decommissioning of the Cheoy Lee Shipyard)
7. 4329DS – Upgrading of the Pillar Point Sewage Treatment Works	To be confirmed
Full upgrade of the sewerage item to Category A.	

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8. Proposed legislation on Producer Responsibility Schemes

To be confirmed

To follow up on the views and suggestions expressed by members at the Panel meeting on 24 April 2006.

9. Protection of marine environment

To be confirmed
(Information paper provided by the Administration was circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(1) 2039/05-06(01) on 20 July 2006)

10. Conservation of natural rivers in Hong Kong

To be confirmed
(Information paper provided by the Administration was circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(1) 2039/05-06(02) on 20 July 2006)

11. Review of Trade Effluent Surcharge rates

To be confirmed
(Following the completion of effluent surveys of all Trade Effluent Surcharge trades)

12. Reusing surplus public fill in reclamation projects in the Mainland

To be confirmed

Following the signing of the cooperation agreement between the Administration and the State Oceanic Administration in March 2004 which has provided a foundation for the accommodation of public fill in Mainland waters, members would like to follow up on the progress of the scheme, particularly the cost incurred from the delivery of the surplus public fill to the Mainland.

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13. Progress of measures to mitigate road traffic noise

To be confirmed

Members would like to be briefed on the progress of the “Draft Comprehensive Plan to Tackle Road Traffic Noise in Hong Kong” which was last discussed by the Panel at its meeting on 3 July 2006. Referrals have been received from the Tsuen Wan District Council on the traffic noise problem at Fairview Garden (LC Paper No. CB(1) 1173/06-07(01)); the Kowloon City District Council on the retrofitting of noise barriers along the East Kowloon Corridor (LC Paper No. CB(1) 1173/06-07(03)); the Wong Tai Sin District Council on the traffic noise at New Clearwater Bay Road near Choi Wan Estate (LC Paper No. CB(1) 1624/06-07(01)); and the Kwun Tong District Council on the problem of railway noise at MTR stations as well as traffic noise along Lei Yue Mun Road (LC Paper No. CB(1) 1624/06-07(02)).

14. Greenhouse gas emissions and their effects on global warming

To be confirmed

At the Panel meeting on 28 May 2007 when the subject was discussed, members have requested that the subject should be re-visited when reviewing the Scheme of Control Agreements of the two local power companies.

15. Mechanism for review of the cost recovery of sewage charges

To be confirmed

At the request of the Subcommittee set up to study the Sewage Services (Sewage Charge) (Amendment) Regulation 2007, the Administration has undertaken to submit for consideration by the Panel the summary of the sewage services operating accounts on an annual basis, the results of the mid-term review of sewage charges cost recovery in mid-2011 together with the Progress Report and Programme for Stage 2B of the Harbour Area Treatment Scheme.