

**Bills Committee on
Product Eco-responsibility Bill**

**List of follow-up actions arising from the discussion
at the meeting on 15 April 2008**

- (1) To advise whether there are “green” specifications for plastic products, such as plastic bags, under the green procurement policy as well as the amount and cost of plastic bags purchased over the past five years. To also provide the percentage of “green” alternatives procured on a year-by-year basis for the past five years.
- (2) To advise the basis upon which the increase in recovery rate of municipal solid waste to 45% by 2009 and 50% by 2014 is arrived at and the measures to be taken to further boost the recovery rate.
- (3) To advise how best the proposed environmental levy could be used to facilitate recycling of used plastic shopping bags, given that recycling is an integral part of producer responsibility scheme (PRS).
- (4) To review the umbrella approach of the Bill, particularly the need for the extensive power which aims at facilitating the Secretary for the Environment to introduce new PRS for products other than plastic shopping bags. To also review the scope of the Bill which mainly focuses on the charging mechanism of the environmental levy rather than the true concept of PRS. Consideration should be given to introducing a separate bill for each PRS to allow sufficient time for scrutiny by the Legislature.

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