

**Replies to supplementary questions raised by Finance Committee Members
in examining the Estimates of Expenditure 2011-12**

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

S-ENB01

Question Serial No.

SV002

Head : 39 - Drainage Services Department Subhead:

Programme : (2) Sewage Services

Controlling Officer : Director of Drainage Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for the Environment

Question :

In response to Mr. Tommy CHEUNG, the Administration undertook to provide a flow chart setting out the mechanism and time frame for processing appeal cases for trade effluent surcharge (TES) rates and discharge factors for sewage charges and TES.

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy

Reply :

The mechanism and procedures of the application for reassessment of trade effluent surcharge (TES) rates and discharge factors for sewage charge and TES have been publicised and can be found in the website of the Drainage Services Department (DSD).

Procedures for assessing discharge factors for sewage charge and TES are relatively straight-forward and require the applicant to demonstrate that the volume of sewage discharged into the public sewerage system is not more than 85% of the chargeable volume of water. Upon receipt of all documental evidence and required information, six to eight weeks will be needed to process the application.

The procedures for TES rates reassessment include collecting and analysing representative samples of trade effluents, as detailed in the Technical Memorandum on Procedures and Methods for Sampling and Analysis of Trade Effluents (TM). They are summarised as follows -

- A TES payable consumer who is producing lower pollution strength effluent can apply for a Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD) reassessment for variation of the TES rate.
- The applicant should appoint an approved laboratory accredited under the Hong Kong Laboratory Accreditation Scheme (HOKLAS laboratory) to submit an application.
- Upon receipt of all required information, DSD will conduct site inspection to the concerned premises normally within two weeks to confirm the sampling arrangement and to verify the information submitted by the applicant.
- Sampling dates will be agreed amongst the applicant, the HOKLAS laboratory and DSD.
- Sampling conducted by the HOKLAS laboratory appointed by the applicant, depending on water consumption rates, will comprise two to six days of whole-day sample collection.
- During the course of sampling, DSD will inspect the site at any time to confirm that the agreed sampling protocol is being complied with, and that the trade activities and practices, including all pollution control measures affecting the effluent quality, are normal and strictly adhered to.
- When sampling is completed, the HOKLAS laboratory will carry out COD tests on the samples and submit a formal test report to DSD.

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Reply Serial No.

S-ENB02

Question Serial No.

S008

Head : 42 – Electrical and Mechanical Subhead (No. & title):
Services Department

Programme : (1) Energy Supply; Electrical, Gas and Nuclear Safety

Controlling Officer : Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for the Environment

Question : Will the Administration construct dedicated LPG filling stations at the two new development zones, namely Kwu Tung and Hung Shui Kiu? If not, what are the reasons? The LPG vehicle trade has strongly requested for increase of dedicated LPG filling stations. If the Administration will not increase dedicated filling stations in the above-mentioned two new development zones, will there be any plan to increase dedicated LPG filling stations?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

At present, there are already a total of 12 dedicated and 50 petrol filling stations providing liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) filling services in Hong Kong, which can cater for the refilling needs of LPG taxis and light buses. To make refilling more convenient for LPG vehicles, the Government has a standing policy since 2000 to include the provision of LPG filling facilities in land sales requirement for petrol filling stations, subject to safety requirements being met, and has no plans to set up additional dedicated LPG filling stations. The new development areas at Kwu Tung and Hung Shui Kiu are still under planning. The Administration will consider providing petrol filling stations there, to which the afore-mentioned policy will apply.

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Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services

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30 March 2011

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SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

S-ENB03

Question Serial No.

S009

Head : 42 – Electrical and Mechanical Services Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (1) Energy Supply; Electrical, Gas and Nuclear Safety

Controlling Officer : Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for the Environment

Question : In respect of the recent stalling problem with travelling liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) taxis and light buses, please furnish the latest examination results so as to ensure the safety of passengers and drivers.

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

With a view to ensuring liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) quality compliance, the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) has been conducting quality check on LPG since early January 2010. Up to end February 2011, EMSD has collected a total of 152 LPG samples directly from the LPG filling stations and LPG terminals for testing conducted by an accredited laboratory against the auto-LPG specification. So far, all test results show that LPG quality does not affect the performance of vehicles.

On top of the above-mentioned initiative, EMSD has also been vetting the independent third-party test reports submitted by LPG supply companies for each shipment to ensure that the quality of the imported LPG complies with the specified requirements.

EMSD has been maintaining a 24-hour hotline since January 2010 for drivers to report any stalling incident of LPG vehicles. Until 21 March 2011, the hotline received 195 calls on vehicle breakdown with most of the reports received in early 2010. From 1 January to 21 March 2011, the hotline only received four calls on vehicle breakdown. EMSD had inspected the four LPG taxis concerned and found that the vehicle breakdowns were not related to LPG quality but were caused by aged/failed vehicle parts or incorrect adjustment of air-fuel mix ratio, which were then referred to concerned vehicle owners and drivers to follow up.

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Reply Serial No.

S-ENB04

Question Serial No.

S038

Head : 44 Environmental
Protection Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (1) Waste

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for the Environment / Director of Environmental Protection

Director of Bureau : Secretary for the Environment

Question : On item (3) of ENB131 (Question No. 0286), the Administration points out that to achieve the target, the Administration is taking a series of measures involving people of all walks to enhance the community's participation in waste reduction and recycling. Would the Administration advise that apart from submitting the consultation on producer responsibility schemes and the second phase of Environmental Levy on Plastic Shopping Bags, what other levy schemes would be imposed in respect of other recycling policies in the Estimate for 2011-12? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. IP Wai-ming

Reply :

As part of our comprehensive waste management strategy announced in January 2011, the Government would engage the public in discussions on possible options to introduce municipal solid waste charging as a direct economic incentive to reduce waste at source and promote recycling. We aim to conduct public engagement on this subject later this year.

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28 March 2011

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SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

S-ENB05

Question Serial No.

S039

Head : 44 Environmental
Protection Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (1) Waste

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for the Environment / Director of Environmental Protection

Director of Bureau : Secretary for the Environment

Question : On item (3) of ENB131 (Question No. 0286), the Administration has committed to raise the target of municipal solid waste recovery rate to 55% by 2015, but did not answer whether they would consider lowering the estimated disposal amount in 2011. Besides, what are the amount and percentage of recovered waste processed locally in the total amount of recovered waste? What are the amount and percentage of recovered waste that is immediately shipped overseas in the total amount of recovered waste?

Asked by : Hon. IP Wai-ming

Reply :

As mentioned in the reply to Question No. 0286, the amount of waste requiring disposal is dependent upon a number of factors including economic and population growth and construction activities, in addition to the recovery of waste for recycling. While the current recovery rate of municipal solid waste (MSW) was 49% in 2009, the Administration is working to strengthen measures to enhance community participation in waste reduction and recycling in order to reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal in 2011.

In 2009*, about 3.18 million tonnes of MSW were recovered in Hong Kong, out of which, about 0.03 million tonnes (or 0.9%) was recycled locally and about 3.15 million tonnes (or over 99%) were exported to places outside Hong Kong for recycling.

Remark

* 2010 data are not yet available.

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Reply Serial No.

S-ENB06

Question Serial No.

S040

Head : 44 Environmental
Protection Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (1) Waste

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for the Environment / Director of Environmental Protection

Director of Bureau : Secretary for the Environment

Question : On item (4) of ENB131 (Question No. 0286), the Administration points out that they are examining the feasibility of landfill disposal ban in their development of producer responsibility schemes (PRSs). What is the progress of the examination work? What are the manpower and expenditure involved? When will the schemes be rolled out?

Asked by : Hon. IP Wai-ming

Reply :

As part of our comprehensive waste management strategy announced in January 2011, the Government would expedite legislative proposals to introduce the new PRS on waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE). Amongst other things, the feasibility of landfill disposal ban would be considered in this context.

Preparation of the new PRS is being undertaken by the existing staff of the Environmental Protection Department as part of our normal duties and does not incur additional expenditure. We will report back to the Legislative Council Panel on Environmental Affairs on implementation proposal of the PRS on WEEE later this year.

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SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

S-ENB07

Question Serial No.

S010

Head : 44 Environmental
Protection Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (1) Waste

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for the Environment / Director of Environmental Protection

Director of Bureau : Secretary for the Environment

Question : What is the percentage of rechargeable batteries recycled under voluntary schemes in the total amount? What are the reasons for not enforcing mandatory recycling? Would the Bureau consider the policy directions for introducing mandatory recycling?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

"Rechargeable Battery Recycling Programme" is a voluntary producer responsibility scheme (PRS) managed and funded by 36 battery manufacturers and importers. Since its inception in 2005, 249 tonnes (approximately 1 700 000 pieces) of rechargeable batteries have been collected under the recycling programme. At present, a significant portion of rechargeable batteries is used in mobile phones, digital cameras and other consumer electronic equipment. Used batteries are mostly sold to second hand dealers or channeled to them through trade-in as part of the equipment. Neither did our landfill survey capture any significant volume of rechargeable batteries. There is therefore not sufficient data to derive the recycling rate of rechargeable batteries.

In pursuing mandatory PRSs, our work priorities are to take forward the extension of the current scheme on plastic shopping bags and a new PRS on waste electrical and electronic equipment. Meanwhile, we are continuing with various voluntary programmes.

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SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

S-ENB08

Question Serial No.

S001

Head : 137 Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):
Environment Bureau

Programme : (2) Power

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for the Environment

Director of Bureau : Secretary for the Environment

Question : On the completion of the study on the issue of energy wastage of external lighting, what are the revised and estimated expenditures for the consultancy study in 2010-11 and 2011-12? What overseas experience has been covered by the study? What is the local situation as analyzed in the study? What is the primary conclusion of survey on views of the public and relevant stakeholders? How would the Administration evaluate the regulatory controls and feasibility of implementing such controls and what is the time table for the relevant work?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Mo-po, Paul

Reply :

Following the Chief Executive's announcement in the 2008-09 Policy Address, the Environment Bureau commenced in 2009 a consultancy study on external lighting. The study has incurred an expenditure of \$3.2 million.

We have released the study findings and briefed the Legislative Council Panel on Environmental Affairs on our proposals on 28 March 2011.

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SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

S-ENB09

Question Serial No.

S002

Head : 137 Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):
 Environment Bureau

Programme : (2) Power

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for the Environment

Director of Bureau : Secretary for the Environment

Question : The Administration will consult the public on progressively restricting the sale of incandescent light bulbs in 2011-12. What is the estimated expenditure involved? How will the related consultation work take place and what is the work schedule? When does the Administration expect to implement the restriction on the sale of incandescent light bulbs? What is the estimated annual sale volume under the restriction?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Mo-po, Paul

Reply :

The Government is preparing the public consultation on the restriction of sale of energy-inefficient incandescent light bulbs. For estimates purpose, we have earmarked about \$3 million for this exercise. Implementation details will be mapped out if such restriction is generally supported by the public.

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Reply Serial No.

S-ENB10

Question Serial No.

S003

Head : 137 Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):
Environment Bureau

Programme : (2) Power

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for the Environment

Director of Bureau : Secretary for the Environment

Question : The Administration will engage stakeholder groups and take forward measures in 2011-12 to address environmental concerns over external lighting. What are the estimated expenditure, staff establishment and stakeholder groups involved, as well as the mode of communication and the way of taking forward measures?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Mo-po, Paul

Reply :

Following the Chief Executive's announcement in the 2008-09 Policy Address, the Environment Bureau commenced in 2009 a consultancy study on external lighting. We have released the study findings and briefed the Legislative Council Panel on Environmental Affairs on 28 March 2011 regarding our proposals on the way forward including consultation with the stakeholders. Subject to the advice of the Panel, we would take forward the proposals and engage the stakeholders through the existing staff and the provisions of the Bureau and the Departments concerned. As such, we do not have a breakdown on the staff and expenditure on this particular exercise.

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Reply Serial No.

S-ENB11

Question Serial No.

S004

Head : 137 Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):
Environment Bureau

Programme : (2) Power

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for the Environment

Director of Bureau : Secretary for the Environment

Question : The estimated expenditure of Power for 2011-12 is 29.1% higher than the estimate for 2010-11. The additional provision is mainly allocated for promoting the use of electric vehicles in Hong Kong and installation of charging facilities at government car parks. Please inform this Committee of the time table of the installation of charging facilities at government car parks, the estimated expenditure for each car park involved, the expected utilization rate, the estimated expenditure for repair and maintenance and whether coordination would be made with other relevant departments with a view to increasing the utilization rate of government car parks at the same time.

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Mo-po, Paul

Reply :

About \$10 million has been reserved in 2011-12 for setting up charging points for electric vehicles at Government car parks for public use. We are now working out with relevant departments the number of car parks to be covered and the number of charging points to be set up, having regard to various factors including technical considerations, site conditions and usage rates of the car parks. Departments overseeing Government car parks for public use will monitor closely their operation, and introduce measures to rationalise their utilisation where appropriate.

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Reply Serial No.

S-ENB12

Question Serial No.

S005

Head : 137 Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):
Environment Bureau

Programme : (3) Sustainable Development

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for the Environment

Director of Bureau : Secretary for the Environment

Question : The estimated expenditure of the sustainable development for 2011-12 is 19% higher than the revised estimate for 2010-11. This is mainly due to a new public engagement process on climate change-related issues. Please give details of the new public engagement process and distribution of the estimated expenditure so involved. Are there any work targets and indicators? How is the evaluation of performance undertaken?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Mo-po, Paul

Reply :

The Council for Sustainable Development (SDC) is actively preparing for the next round of public engagement on climate change-related issues with a view to launching the exercise for about one year from mid-2011. A provision of about \$4 million is earmarked in 2011-12 for this exercise. Its work plan includes:

- (a) preparation of an invitation for response document;
- (b) engagement of the public and stakeholders through regional fora and other appropriate activities;
- (c) appointing an independent agency to compile and analyse the public views collected; and
- (d) compilation of a report with recommendations for consideration by the Administration.

The SDC report will be uploaded on its website after the public engagement exercise is completed for public reference.

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29 March 2011

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Reply Serial No.

S-ENB13

Question Serial No.

S006

Head : 137 Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):
Environment Bureau

Programme : (3) Sustainable Development

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for the Environment

Director of Bureau : Secretary for the Environment

Question : The revised estimate of the sustainable development for 2010-11 is 13.8% lower than the original estimate for 2010-11. Please list the underspent items and contents of the approved commitment. What are the reasons for the underspending?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Mo-po, Paul

Reply :

The revised estimate in 2010-11 is 13.8% lower than the original estimate mainly due to the following reasons:

- (a) the Council of Sustainable Development has decided to formally launch the new engagement process on climate change-related issues in mid-2011. Most of the expenditure will be incurred in 2011-12; and
- (b) payment of grants under Sustainable Development Fund (Fund) is made on a reimbursement basis subject to submission of expenditure claims by Fund recipients. In 2010-11, the expenditure claims submitted by Fund recipients were less than the projected cash flow.

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Reply Serial No.

S-ENB14

Question Serial No.

S007

Head : 137 Government Secretariat:
Environment Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for the Environment

Director of Bureau : Secretary for the Environment

Question : Please provide the respective amounts of resources actually used in 2009-10 and 2010-11 and to be reserved for 2011-12 by the Environment Bureau and the departments under its purview for the following items, as well as the contents and policy objectives of the activities of the Bureau and its departments:

- (a) Expenditure on Mainland duty visits, exchanges and meetings by local officials, as well as the ranks and number of local officials involved (Please list by administrative regions at the provincial level and by cities for Guangdong Province)
- (b) Expenditure on exchanges, entertainment and meetings in Hong Kong with Mainland officials and departments, as well as the ranks and number of local and Mainland officials involved (Please list by administrative regions at the provincial level and by cities for Guangdong Province)
- (c) Expenditure on overseas duty visits, exchange and meetings (including those in Taiwan and Macao) attended by local officials, as well as the ranks and number of local officials involved (Please list by continents and countries/regions)
- (d) Expenditure on exchanges, entertainment and meetings in Hong Kong with overseas officials and departments (including those of Taiwan and Macao), as well as the ranks and number of local and overseas officials involved (Please list by continents and countries/regions)

Asked by : Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply :

Experience sharing and liaison with officials of the Mainland and other countries on environmental protection, energy and related policies are an integral part of the responsibilities of Environment Bureau (ENB) and Environmental Protection Department (EPD).

Information related to the officials involved and the expenditure incurred in 2009-10 and 2010-11 on duty visits, exchanges, entertainment and meetings with Mainland and overseas officials are provided at the **Annex**.

In 2011-12, ENB and EPD have earmarked a provision of about \$2.2 million for duty visits, exchanges, and meetings in the Mainland and overseas countries. For the exchanges, entertainment and meetings with the Mainland and overseas officials and departments in Hong Kong, the provision is about \$0.3 million.

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(a) Duty visits, exchanges and meetings by Hong Kong officials in the Mainland (including Macao and Taiwan)

| Bureau/ Department | 2009-10 | | 2010-11 | | Total no. and rank of Hong Kong officials involved each year |
|-----------------------|--|----------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|---|
| | Destination | Total expenditure (\$'000) | Destination | Estimated expenditure (\$'000) | |
| ENB / EPD | Mainland <i>[Beijing, Shanghai, Shaanxi, Hubei, Guangxi, Fujian, Guangdong (Shenzhen, Guangzhou, Zhongshan, Dongguan, Huizhou, Foshan, Jiangmen, Zhuhai, Zhaoqing)]</i> Macao | 514 | Mainland <i>[Beijing, Shanghai, Chongqing, Yunnan, Jiangsu, Fujian, Guangdong (Shenzhen, Guangzhou, Zhongshan, Dongguan, Huizhou, Jiangmen, Zhuhai, Foshan, Zhaoqing, Qingyuan)]</i> Macao | 698 | Around 290 (led by senior officer or director officer) |

(b) Exchanges, entertainment and meetings with Mainland (including Macao and Taiwan) officials and departments in Hong Kong

| Bureau/ Department | 2009-10 | | 2010-11 | | Total no. and rank of Hong Kong and Mainland/Macao/ Taiwan officials involved each year |
|-----------------------|---|----------------------------|---|--------------------------------|--|
| | Province/ city of the visitors | Total expenditure (\$'000) | Province/ city of the visitors | Estimated expenditure (\$'000) | |
| ENB / EPD | <p>Mainland</p> <p><i>[Beijing, Jiangsu, Zhejiang, Heilongjiang, Shandong, Fujian, Sichuan, Hainan, Guizhou, Guangxi, Guangdong (Guangzhou, Shenzhen, Foshan, Zhongshan, Huizhou, Shantou, Heyuan, Meizhou, Maoming, Zhaoqing, Qingyuan, Yunfu, Jiangmen, Zhuhai, Dongguan)]</i></p> <p>Macao</p> | 186 | <p>Mainland</p> <p><i>[Beijing, Shanghai, Jiangsu, Fujian, Hunan, Sichuan, Yunnan, Hainan, Sichuan, Guangxi, Guangdong (Guangzhou, Shenzhen, Dongguan, Qingyuan, Meizhou, Maoming, Zhaoqing, Huizhou, Yunfu, Zhongshan, Jiangmen, Shantou, Zhuhai, Zhanjiang, Heyuan)]</i></p> <p>Macao</p> | 213 | <p>Around 140 Hong Kong officials of different ranks</p> <p>Around 360 Mainland/Macao officials of different ranks</p> <p>(led by senior officer or directorate officer)</p> |

(c) Duty visits, exchanges and meetings by Hong Kong officials in overseas countries

| Bureau/ Department | 2009-10 | | 2010-11 | | Total no. and rank of Hong Kong officials involved each year |
|-----------------------|---|----------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|---|
| | Destination | Total expenditure (\$'000) | Destination | Estimated expenditure (\$'000) | |
| ENB / EPD | Asia / Japan, South Korea, Malaysia, Vietnam, Israel; Europe / Switzerland, Austria, Poland, France, Denmark, Sweden, United Kingdom, Belgium; North America / United States, Canada. | 2,065 | Asia / Japan, Malaysia, Singapore; Europe / France, Switzerland, Italy, Germany; North America / United States; South America / Mexico; Australia. | 1,503 | Around 40 (led by senior officer or directorate officer) |

(d) Exchanges, entertainment and meetings with overseas officials and departments in Hong Kong

| Bureau/ Department | 2009-10 | | 2010-11 | | Total no. and rank of Hong Kong and overseas officials involved each year |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|---|
| | Continent/ country of the visitors | Total expenditure (\$'000) | Continent/ country of the visitors | Estimated expenditure (\$'000) | |
| ENB / EPD | - | - | Asia / Thailand, South Korea, Japan, Israel; Europe / Poland, Switzerland, United Kingdom, Sweden, Spain, Netherlands, Germany; Africa / South Africa; Australia; North America / United States, Canada; South America / Brazil. | 57 | Around 40 Hong Kong officials of different ranks Around 90 overseas officials of different ranks (led by senior officer or directorate officer) |

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Reply Serial No.

S-ENB15

Question Serial No.

SV001

Head : 137 Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):
Environment Bureau

Programme : (3) Sustainable Development

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for the Environment

Director of Bureau : Secretary for the Environment

Question : In response to Mr. KAM Nai-wai, the Administration undertook to advise the resources earmarked for the Council for Sustainable Development in conducting public consultation on energy efficiency and conservation.

Asked by : Hon. KAM Nai-wai

Reply :

Provision of about \$4 million is earmarked in 2011-12 for the Council for Sustainable Development in conducting the next public engagement process on climate change-related issues.

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