

For information
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**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
PANEL ON ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS**

**External Lighting of
The ONE and Hopewell Centre**

At Members' request, we provide below latest progress of the complaint cases against excessive glare from the signboard and display lighting at the external wall of The ONE and Hopewell Centre respectively, and whether the signboard and display lighting concerned have obtained the necessary approval from the relevant authorities.

The ONE

2. For the case of The ONE, the Environment Bureau and Environmental Protection Department (EPD) had received 12 complaints by end February this year. Among them, two were related to the lightings on the external walls of the building. The complainants advised that they are residing in Tsim Sha Tsui. Through liaison and mediation by EPD, the property management concerned had reduced the light intensity and stopped the flashing effect. Since then, we had not received any further complaints against this light source. The remaining ten complaints were against the signboard on the roof. The complainants are mainly residents in Tsim Sha Tsui and Wan Chai. For this rooftop signboard, the structural frame was approved by the Building Authority primarily from the building and structural safety point of view. Upon our liaison, the property management concerned had reduced the light intensity of the signboard. Currently, the signboard is operated from 9am to midnight. It displays advertisements between 9am and 9pm, and the logo of the building after 9pm. One complainant has been asking for further improvement and the property management advised us recently that they would look into the design of the visual display to see if the background colour could be further adjusted.

Hopewell Centre

3. As regards Hopewell Centre, there are strips of LED lighting surrounding the upper part of the building with rotating patterns. We

understand that in response to concerns expressed by Members of the Wan Chai District Council, the management of Hopewell Centre has adjusted the lighting hours since December 2008 by turning off the said LED lighting facing the Peak at the end of the daily “A Symphony of Lights” show, and the lighting facing the harbour at 11 pm. ENB and EPD have not received any complaints against nuisance caused by external lighting from the Hopewell Centre in the past three years (from December 2008 up to end-February 2011). As the installation of the concerned external light does not involve any structural alteration or addition work, approval by the Building Authority was not required.

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