

Panel on Environmental Affairs

Subcommittee on Improving Air Quality

**List of follow-up actions arising from the discussion
at the meeting on 16 April 2012**

- (1) To advise the feasibility of updating the Air Pollution Index (API) based on the proposed Air Quality Objectives (AQOs) before formal promulgation of the latter in 2014. To consider increasing the number of air quality monitoring stations from 11 to 18 using the 18 Districts as the basis. Instead of a regular review in every five years, consideration should be given to reviewing AQOs more often (say every two years) or conducting a mid-term review during the interim to take account of the changes in Hong Kong and the River Delta Region (PRD). To also advise the manner in which the review will be conducted.
- (2) To elaborate the proposed AQO for fine suspended particulates (PM_{2.5}) and its effects, particularly on the transport trades, if this is included in API. To also advise the existing monitoring results on PM_{2.5}.
- (3) To set out in tabular form the average service life and estimated average age, sale prices, as well as licence fee of the pre-Euro, Euro I and Euro II diesel commercial vehicles still running on the road. To also advise the amount of remaining subsidy from the two incentive schemes to encourage early replacement of pre-Euro, Euro I and Euro II commercial diesel vehicles.
- (4) To provide a paper setting out the measures being contemplated by the Administration to substantially reduce the number of pre-Euro, Euro I and Euro II commercial diesel vehicles in Hong Kong. If increase in licence fee is one of the possible options, please advise the anticipated levels of licence fee which can achieve a deterrent effect. To also include in the paper the feasibility of buying out these polluting vehicles.
- (5) To advise the progress of the setting up of low emission zones (LEZ), including the number of low-emission buses deployed to routes serving the pilot LEZ and the capability of franchised bus companies to meet the demand.

- (6) To advise if assistance would be provided to enable the continuation of the Fair Winds Charter which is expected to end on 31 December 2012. To also advise the progress of controlling emissions of ocean-going vessels at berth within PRD, particularly the discussion between Hong Kong and the relevant authorities in the Mainland.
- (7) To provide a report on the discussion between the Administration and the Guangdong Provincial Government on the post-2010 arrangements for emission reduction in the PRD Region, including the names of the representatives from Hong Kong, the number of meetings held and the initial ideas on the post-2010 emission reduction targets.

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