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**Panel on Development**

**Meeting on 30 October 2012**

**Updated background brief on tree management**

**Purpose**

This paper provides background information on tree management in Hong Kong and summarizes the views and concerns expressed by Members on the subject at the meetings of the Legislative Council and other committees since the 2008-2009 session.

**Background**

Greening policy and approaches

2. The Administration's general policy on greening over the years is to actively promote greening to improve the city's living environment. To coordinate the Administration's work on greening, a high-level Steering Committee on Greening<sup>1</sup>, chaired by the Permanent Secretary for Development (Works), was established in December 2002 to set the strategic direction and oversee the implementation of major greening programmes.

3. Over the years, the Administration has adopted an "integrated approach" in assigning responsibilities for preserving and maintaining all vegetation on Government land among relevant departments. Under this approach, the demarcation of maintenance responsibilities is based on where trees are located and which departments are responsible for

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<sup>1</sup> It was renamed as the Steering Committee on Greening, Landscape and Tree Management in 2010.

maintaining the facilities thereon. Tree maintenance is then part and parcel of the daily management duty of the facilities.

4. With regard to trees on private land, since the 1970's and mid 1980's respectively, the Administration has included "tree preservation clauses" and "landscape clauses" in land leases. In the case of redevelopment of land, the Administration may impose new requirements in regard to tree preservation via the planning regime or through lease modification.

#### Task Force on Tree Management

5. On 31 March 2009, the Administration announced that the Chief Secretary for Administration would lead a Task Force comprising relevant bureaux and departments to examine a range of issues regarding tree management in Hong Kong, addressing in particular concerns about the public safety aspects of tree management expressed by the Coroner's Court relating to a fatal tree collapse case in Stanley and the Jury's specific recommendations. The Task Force published its report on 29 June 2009. A summary of the recommendations of the Task Force is given in **Appendix I**.

6. As recommended in the Report of the Task Force on Tree Management, the Development Bureau ("DEVB") has taken up the overall policy responsibility for greening, landscape and tree management. The Greening, Landscape and Tree Management Section was established under the Works Branch of DEVB in March 2010. The Section is underpinned by the Tree Management Office ("TMO") and the Greening and Landscape Office ("GLO"). TMO serves as the central authority and focal point for coordination to ensure more effective implementation of the "integrated approach" and deals with complex cases which cannot be adequately handled by individual departments. GLO is responsible for central coordination of greening and landscaping efforts.

#### Old and Valuable Trees

7. To strengthen the protection of trees with special value on unleased Government land within built-up areas or tourist attraction spots in village areas, the Administration established a Register of Old and Valuable Trees ("OVTs") in 2004, which has been uploaded onto the website of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department for public access. Currently, there are over 500 OVTs on the Register. A set of guidelines has been issued to provide a comprehensive scheme to conserve the trees on the Register.

## Tree register

8. To further protect public safety and to facilitate community-wide surveillance, the Administration has advised that it has uploaded a tree register to its dedicated tree website ([www.trees.gov.hk](http://www.trees.gov.hk)) giving information on trees (including conditions and mitigation measures, if applicable) which have undergone detailed inspection by tree management departments in recent months but the improvement measures for which have not yet been completed, as well as trees requiring special attention (e.g. Old and Valuable Trees and stonewall trees).

## **Views and concerns expressed by Members**

9. Following a fatal incident caused by the collapse of an old tree in Stanley in August 2008 and several tree incidents in subsequent years, the subject of tree management has been discussed at various forums including meetings of the Council, the House Committee, the Panel on Home Affairs and the Panel on Development ("DEV Panel").

## Council questions and motion debates

10. Members raised a number of questions on tree management at the Council meetings during the three sessions starting from 2008-2009. Hyperlinks to these questions and the Administration's replies are provided in **Appendix V**.

11. An adjournment debate on the review of the tree management policy and the Report of the Task Force on Tree Management was held at the Council meeting of 9 July 2009. A summary of the concerns expressed by Members is given in **Appendix II**.

12. At the Council meeting of 15 June 2011, a debate was held on a motion on perfecting tree management system. The motion as amended by Hon CHAN Hak-kan, Hon IP Wai-ming, Hon KAM Nai-wai and Prof Hon Patrick LAU was passed. The wording of the motion passed is in **Appendix III**.

## Panel on Development

13. The Administration discussed tree management with DEV Panel on 28 July 2009, 27 July 2010 and 16 July 2011. The concerns and views

expressed by DEV Panel members during the meetings are summarized in the ensuing paragraphs.

### *Legislation on tree management*

14. Some members considered that the Administration should introduce a piece of legislation on tree management for effective regulation of felling of trees, preservation of valuable trees and proper management and maintenance of trees. The Administration agreed that the present framework on tree management which involved a number of ordinances<sup>2</sup> implemented by different departments or agencies did not contribute to effective regulation and management of trees on private land, and advised that it was seriously considering embarking on a study on the issue of enacting tree legislation.

### *Tree risk management*

15. Some members were concerned about the efficacy of tree risk management, including the inspection work schedule of frontline staff and the effectiveness of visual inspections. The Administration advised that under a new tree risk assessment arrangement promulgated in 2010, tree risk assessment was conducted in two stages in accordance with a systematic methodology: (i) tree group inspection focusing on areas with high pedestrian or vehicular flow to identify trees which might pose hazards to the public, and (ii) detailed inspection conducted for trees individually to assess their health and structural conditions. Detailed guidelines and prescribed procedures had been provided for frontline staff to follow in carrying out risk assessment. Departments were requested to strengthen the supervision of frontline staff and step up internal audit on tree risk assessment. TMO also carried out desk-top checking of the tree inspection records and random inspection on-site of the condition of trees on Government land.

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<sup>2</sup> According to the Administration, the following eight ordinances are most relevant and frequently used by the relevant law enforcement departments in relating to management of trees:

- (a) Forests and Countryside Ordinance (Cap. 96);
- (b) Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Cap. 132);
- (c) Country Parks Ordinance (Cap. 208);
- (d) Antiquities and Monuments Ordinance (Cap. 53);
- (e) Crimes Ordinance (Cap. 200);
- (f) Theft Ordinance (Cap. 210);
- (g) Summary Offences Ordinance (Cap. 228); and
- (h) Environmental Impact Assessment Ordinance (Cap. 499).

### *Arboricultural training*

16. On members' concerns about the lack of arboricultural training in Hong Kong's tertiary institutions and the shortage of trained professionals in Government departments, the Administration advised that it attached great importance to the professional standing of TMO and would continue to raise the professional standard of front-line staff of TMO. TMO was in the progress of formulating a training and manpower development plan to ensure adequate supply of staff at different levels to discharge tree management responsibilities. The Administration also liaised with tertiary institutions and training providers in the provision of training courses and programmes on tree management. In order to provide advice on both policy and operational aspects, an Expert Panel on Tree Management comprising local and non-local expert was established in March 2011.

### *Manpower support*

17. Some members expressed concerns about understaffing in TMO and other tree management departments. The Administration advised that considerable resources had been set aside to implement a series of measures to enhance tree management. For 2010-2011, \$24 million had been earmarked for relevant departments for improving manpower support and training, as well as acquisition of equipment in tree management. Apart from full-time staff, relevant departments would deploy staff for tree management work on a part-time basis and some departments would also engage contractors to assist in their work.

### *Public education and community involvement*

18. On involving the public to assist in tree management, some members considered that the Administration should strengthen its efforts in this area. The Administration advised that TMO would educate the public on tree management through a variety of community involvement and public education activities, such as launching the District Tree Care Volunteers Scheme and an on-line "Tree Care Report" standard form for the public to report suspected problematic trees.

### Panel on Home Affairs and House Committee

19. The subject of tree management was also discussed at the meetings of the Panel on Home Affairs on 17 April 2009 and the House Committee on 22 May 2009 respectively. A summary of the views expressed is given in **Appendix IV**.

### **Latest development**

20. In 2012, two tree falling incidents involving casualties have occurred, including the collapse of a banyan tree on Nathan Road in Tsim Sha Tsui, injuring five people on 19 July 2012, and a fatal branch falling incident at Lam Tsuen San Tsuen in Tai Po on 11 October 2012.

21. The Administration will update the DEV Panel on its work on tree management at the meeting on 30 October 2012.

### **Relevant papers**

22. A list of relevant papers with their hyperlinks is in **Appendix V**.

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Legislative Council Secretariat  
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**Summary of the recommendations of  
the Task Force on Tree Management**

- (a) The Development Bureau should take up the overall policy responsibility for greening, landscape and tree management. A new post of Principal Assistant Secretary (Greening, Landscape and Tree Management) (at Directorate Pay Scale Point 2) should be created to ensure better integration of greening and tree management and the adoption of a holistic approach;
- (b) a new Tree Management Office should be set up as the central authority and focal point for coordination to ensure more effective implementation of the "integrated approach" in tree management. A new post of Chief Assistant Secretary (at Directorate Pay Scale Point 1) should be created. An expert panel should be set up comprising experts from both locally and outside Hong Kong to provide the needed expertise in both policy and operational aspects of tree management;
- (c) a new Greening and Landscape Office should be set up to be responsible for central coordination of greening and landscaping efforts. It will be established mainly by redeploying the existing staff in Works Branch as well as the Architectural Services Department including the existing post of Chief Landscape Architect (at Directorate Pay Scale Point 1). In order to tap outside expertise, consideration will be given to setting up a Design Panel to help scrutinize the landscape and greening proposals;
- (d) new tree risk assessment arrangements based on a dual approach<sup>3</sup> should be adopted;
- (e) a Training Committee should be set up under the new Tree Management Office to plan staff training in a comprehensive, strategic and continuing manner;
- (f) the new Tree Management Office should liaise with local tertiary education institutions, Vocational Training Council, Construction Industry Council Training Academy and other training providers on

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<sup>3</sup> The dual approach refers to i) "Area Basis" assessment under which departments concerned will first identify those areas where members of the public will be subject to significant risks if a tree falls; and ii) "Tree Basis" assessment under which once an area is identified, staff in the concerned department will in the course of their duty identify those trees which may be problematic/important, and assess their conditions in accordance with a newly devised form with particular emphasis on the risk angle.

the possibility of strengthening the provision of related education and training courses;

- (g) the eligibility criteria of contractors to be recognized as landscape contractors should be reviewed and enhanced;
- (h) there is no need to introduce any legislative change at this stage. However, Government will keep the matter under review having regard to the operational experience of the new improvement measures as set out in this Report;
- (i) community involvement should be strengthened by expanding the existing Green Volunteer Scheme by recruiting more District Tree Care Volunteers and inviting prominent figures in the community to act as Green Ambassadors;
- (j) public education should be strengthened to foster an attitude of care for trees across the territory by the community at large (especially trees located in public facilities such as parks, country parks, housing estates, etc.);
- (k) public education should be strengthened to appeal to private owners to take proper care of trees within their private lots for the benefit and safety of residents and visitors;
- (l) cultivation of proper values and attitude towards protecting the environment (including protection of trees as part of the natural environment) among students should be strengthened via the school curriculum;
- (m) the "1823" hotline should function as the central point to receive public complaints on tree management in general;
- (n) a new tree unit should be set up in the Lands Department to enable it to discharge its duties without having to seek expert advice from other departments;
- (o) the resource requirements of other departments will be assessed to enable them to implement the recommendations as appropriate; and
- (p) more advanced equipment should be procured as necessary.

*(Source: Extracts from the Executive Summary of the Report of the Task Force on Tree Management*  
[http://www.devb.gov.hk/en/home/report\\_of\\_the\\_task\\_force\\_on\\_tree\\_management.pdf](http://www.devb.gov.hk/en/home/report_of_the_task_force_on_tree_management.pdf))



**Summary of the concerns expressed by Members  
at the adjournment debate  
on the review of the tree management policy  
and the Report of the Task Force on Tree Management  
at the Council meeting of 9 July 2009**

A number of Members criticized that the report by the Tree Management Task Force had failed to address the crucial problems that had been enumerated by various sectors of the community, including --

- (a) the lack of a dedicated piece of legislation on tree protection and management;
- (b) the fragmentation of responsibilities on tree management among a number of government departments;
- (c) the lack of a qualification framework and accreditation system for tree management personnel;
- (d) the lack of a regulatory/licensing system for private enterprises undertaking tree management tasks; and
- (e) mismatch in manpower deployment within government departments for tree management work and inadequate training and guidance for management, supervisory and frontline staff.

2. On the Task Force's proposal to set up two new offices in DEVB to undertake greening and tree management respectively, some Members expressed reservations and considered that this arrangement would only add to the already "fatty" organizational structure for this area of work. Some other Members who were supportive of this proposal in principle cast doubt on whether the two new offices could effectively coordinate the work of the various departments involved.

3. Some Members called on the Administration to formulate a comprehensive landscaping policy, make use of vacant government sites for growing saplings for tree replenishment, procure advanced equipment for tree inspection, establish an effective notification and response mechanism to deal with sick/dangerous trees, establish a comprehensive

database on trees, relocate underground utilities to provide underground space for tree planting, and refrain from contracting out tree management tasks.

(Translation)

**Motion on "Perfecting tree management system"  
moved by Hon Tanya CHAN  
at the Legislative Council meeting of Wednesday, 15 June 2011**

**Motion as amended by Hon CHAN Hak-kan, Hon IP Wai-ming,  
Hon KAM Nai-wai and Prof Hon Patrick LAU Sau-shing**

That with the presence of high-rise buildings everywhere, air pollution and the heat island effect are very serious in Hong Kong, and planting trees may achieve the effects of improving air quality, alleviating the greenhouse effect and lowering the temperature in urban areas, and improve the urban environment; greening may also improve community landscape as well as people's living environment, thereby upgrading quality of life; a comprehensive system of tree preservation and management is an indispensable segment of the greening process; while proper tree management may strike a balance between conserving trees and protecting people's lives and properties, it can also reduce the chances of the Administration having to handle tree risk management and hazardous trees in the future and reduce expenditures; in this connection, in order to further perfect Hong Kong's tree preservation and management system, this Council urges the Government to:

Establishment of a framework and perfecting resource allocation --

- (a) set up an independent and dedicated department to co-ordinate the work of green planning, tree preservation and tree risk management, which is at present scattered among various government departments;
- (b) set up an advisory framework comprising tree and greening experts as well as community members for advising the relevant policy bureaux and government departments on policies and specific measures relating to green planning as well as tree preservation and management;
- (c) increase resources for green planning, tree preservation and tree risk management;

- (d) study enacting specific legislation on tree management, establish a comprehensive legal framework, and formulate various policies and measures on tree preservation and management, so as to ensure that trees can receive comprehensive and appropriate protection;

Perfection of green planning --

- (e) add green elements to various large-scale public and private works projects as well as new development areas, and formulate a tree preservation and management mechanism;
- (f) formulate a comprehensive green planning system, and comprehensively examine the greening arrangements in Hong Kong;

Perfection of the training and regulation of talents --

- (g) formulate a licensing and regulatory system for tree management personnel and tree management contractors, and establish a demerit point system and a penalty mechanism for the Government's outsourcing contractors for tree management work, so as to strengthen the monitoring of outsourcing contractors' quality;
- (h) strengthen the training of tree preservation and management personnel, and encourage various organizations to offer courses on tree preservation and management as well as green planning;

Strengthening of community work --

- (i) establish a comprehensive database of trees in the communities for recording the basic information of trees, their health conditions and locations, etc., to facilitate the Government to carry out tree management and the public to access the relevant information, and conduct tree surveys in the various communities, so as to identify trees of conservation value, and include such trees in a specific register, and conserve them through specific legislation on tree management;
- (j) strengthen public education on tree preservation and management, set up a complaints hotline operated by a dedicated department, make use of various channels such as smart phone or the Internet, etc., to facilitate the reporting of problematic trees by the public, and organize the participation of interested people and groups in tree preservation and management work in the districts; and

- (k) allocate funds for encouraging the community to organize research projects and activities in relation to greening management and tree preservation, so as to enhance public awareness towards tree conservation;

Establishment of a framework and perfecting resource allocation --

- (l) as the urban Greening Master Plans have been in implementation for quite some time, consolidate the relevant experience in a timely manner, take on board the community opinions, and promote public engagement, so as to further develop and upgrade the effectiveness of the urban Greening Master Plans on the basis of collective wisdom and concerted efforts, thus enabling more effective tree management;
- (m) drawing on the experience of implementing the urban Greening Master Plans, incorporate the features and characteristics of New Territories districts and seriously heed and take on board the views of District Councils and the community, so as to formulate a clear timetable on drawing up the Greening Master Plans for the New Territories and an implementation schedule as part of perfecting tree management; and

Strengthening of community work --

- (n) adopt proactive and effective measures for strengthening the conservation of local plants of economic value, such as Buddhist pines and incense trees, etc., so as to eradicate these plants from being stolen and felled by people, and educate the public about caring of trees with local characteristics as well as relevant conservation knowledge, so as to protect Hong Kong's green environment;

Establishment of a framework and perfecting resource allocation --

- (o) study establishing a trees and greening conservation fund to offer funding on a 'dedicated-funds-for-dedicated-uses' basis for application by various types of organizations or institutions, including civil society institutions, so as to conserve trees and valuable trees which are beneficial to the community and which are grown on non-government land (for example, the land under the Hong Kong Housing Authority, the Hong Kong Housing Society and public organizations, as well as private land of public welfare purposes) and not managed by the Government; this fund may also be used to increase resources for

green planning, tree preservation, tree risk management, public education and the promotion of green tourism;

- (p) set penalties for prohibiting any persons from felling, transplanting, trimming or damaging trees without authorization, so as to ensure that trees can receive comprehensive and appropriate protection;

Perfection of green planning --

- (q) review and increase the green belts as provided in the statutory town plans of Hong Kong (especially the urban areas);

Strengthening of community work --

- (r) study establishing a tree protection and observation team in various districts; and
- (s) implement a tree adoption scheme to put community-wide tree observation into action; at the same time, invite relevant professionals to provide the public with tree protection knowledge and training;

Perfection of green planning --

- (t) undertake extensive greening in the vicinity of residential areas and on urban structures, including wall faces, slopes, pavements and rooftops, etc.;
- (u) formulate strategic green planning with special landscape design features for various districts and the planting of theme trees in selected streets and places for showing various shades of colours in different seasons, so as to create beautified streets and scenic spots to attract tourists and stop any haphazard planting from ruining the beauty of trees; and

Strengthening of studies on sustainable development --

- (v) through conducting studies on planting bamboo groves or other plants, develop a green economy to dovetail with sustainable urban development; in particular, as bamboo grows quickly and its photosynthetic rate is three times that of other plants, it can convert more carbon dioxide into oxygen, thereby helping to alleviate greenhouse effect; at the same time, bamboo has the property of tightly gripping the surface of the soil and is safer than other trees;

bamboo can also provide substantial natural construction materials and can be used for manufacturing bamboo products; planting bamboo can even increase employment opportunities in the fields of research, planting, landscaping, manufacturing, design and certification, etc.; with the economic benefits of sustainable development, put in more resources to perfect tree preservation and management work.

**Discussion on tree management at the meetings of  
the Panel on Home Affairs and the House Committee**

Major concerns and views expressed by members during the discussions of the Panel on Home Affairs on 17 April 2009 and the House Committee on 22 May 2009 are summed up as follows --

- (a) the Administration should enhance the professionalism of the tree maintenance teams, ensure proper record-keeping in tree inspection, and accord priority inspection and preservation to trees located at busy spots to ensure public safety;
- (b) guidelines formulated by the tree maintenance departments should be subject to the scrutiny of experts in the field to ensure their consistency and compliance with professional standard;
- (c) a dedicated authority should be set up to coordinate all tree-related issues and a dedicated piece of legislation should be enacted for tree protection;
- (d) the Administration should provide a one-stop hotline service in the handling of tree-related complaints, and solicit the support of District Council members in referring tree maintenance cases reported by the local community;
- (e) tree planting and management required specialized knowledge and experience; it was imperative to nurture/train a pool of local qualified personnel for greening and tree management;
- (f) the Administration should tap local expertise such as the academics in the relevant fields, instead of engaging overseas experts;
- (g) more resources and training should be provided for frontline staff in risk assessment of trees;
- (h) the Administration should collaborate with green groups to enhance public education and community participation in greening; and
- (i) the cost-effectiveness of the transplanting option should be duly considered in the preservation of a tree.



## Tree management

### List of relevant papers

Date of meeting	Committee	Papers/Minutes of meeting
22 October 2008	Council meeting	A written question on caring of trees was raised by Hon LEE Wing-tat. [Hansard, pages 191 to 194] <a href="http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr08-09/english/counmtg/hansard/cm1022-translate-e.pdf">http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr08-09/english/counmtg/hansard/cm1022-translate-e.pdf</a>
22 October 2008	Council meeting	A written question on inspection and caring of trees was raised by Hon James TO. [Hansard, pages 194 to 201] <a href="http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr08-09/english/counmtg/hansard/cm1022-translate-e.pdf">http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr08-09/english/counmtg/hansard/cm1022-translate-e.pdf</a>
3 December 2008	Council meeting	A written question on caring of trees was raised by Hon Vincent FANG. [Hansard, pages 2511 to 2514] <a href="http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr08-09/english/counmtg/hansard/cm1203-translate-e.pdf">http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr08-09/english/counmtg/hansard/cm1203-translate-e.pdf</a>
7 January 2009	Council meeting	An oral question on caring of trees was raised by Hon Tanya CHAN. [Hansard, pages 30 to 37] <a href="http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr08-09/chinese/counmtg/floor/cm0107-confirm-ec.pdf">http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr08-09/chinese/counmtg/floor/cm0107-confirm-ec.pdf</a>
17 April 2009	Panel on Home Affairs	Administration's paper on greening and tree preservation [LC Paper No. CB(2)1301/08-09(05)] <a href="http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr08-09/english/panels/ha/papers/ha0417cb2-1301-5-e.pdf">http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr08-09/english/panels/ha/papers/ha0417cb2-1301-5-e.pdf</a>

Date of meeting	Committee	Papers/Minutes of meeting
		<p>Paper on greening and tree preservation prepared by the Legislative Council Secretariat (Background brief) [LC Paper No. CB(2)1301/08-09(06)]  <a href="http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr08-09/english/panels/ha/papers/ha0417cb2-1301-6-e.pdf">http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr08-09/english/panels/ha/papers/ha0417cb2-1301-6-e.pdf</a></p> <p>Minutes of meeting [LC Paper No. CB(2)1789/08-09]  <a href="http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr08-09/english/panels/ha/minutes/ha20090417.pdf">http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr08-09/english/panels/ha/minutes/ha20090417.pdf</a></p>
20 May 2009	Council meeting	<p>A written question on tree conservation work of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department was raised by Hon Tanya CHAN. [Hansard, pages 63 to 65]  <a href="http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr08-09/chinese/counmtg/floor/cm0520-confirm-ec.pdf">http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr08-09/chinese/counmtg/floor/cm0520-confirm-ec.pdf</a></p>
22 May 2009	House Committee	<p>Administration's paper on review of tree management [LC Paper No. CB(2)1598/08-09(01)]  <a href="http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr08-09/english/hc/papers/hc0522cb2-1598-1-e.pdf">http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr08-09/english/hc/papers/hc0522cb2-1598-1-e.pdf</a></p> <p>Verbatim record of the proceedings [LC Paper No. CB(2)1803/08-09]  <a href="http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr08-09/chinese/hc/minutes/hc20090522a.pdf">http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr08-09/chinese/hc/minutes/hc20090522a.pdf</a></p>
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10 June 2009	Council meeting	<p>An oral question on caring of trees was raised by Hon Tanya CHAN. [Hansard, pages 39 to 45]  <a href="http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr08-09/chinese/counmtg/floor/cm0610-confirm-ec.pdf">http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr08-09/chinese/counmtg/floor/cm0610-confirm-ec.pdf</a></p>

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28 July 2009	Panel on Development	<p>Administration's paper on the Report of the Task Force on Tree Management -- People, Trees, Harmony [LC Paper No. CB(1)2342/08-09(06)]  <a href="http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr08-09/english/panels/dev/papers/dev0728cb1-2342-6-e.pdf">http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr08-09/english/panels/dev/papers/dev0728cb1-2342-6-e.pdf</a></p> <p>Paper on tree management prepared by the Legislative Council Secretariat (Background brief) [LC Paper No. CB(1)2342/08-09(07)]  <a href="http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr08-09/english/panels/dev/papers/dev0728cb1-2342-7-e.pdf">http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr08-09/english/panels/dev/papers/dev0728cb1-2342-7-e.pdf</a></p> <p>Minutes of meeting [LC Paper No. CB(1)479/09-10]  <a href="http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr08-09/english/panels/dev/minutes/dev20090728.pdf">http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr08-09/english/panels/dev/minutes/dev20090728.pdf</a></p>
26 May 2010	Council meeting	<p>An oral question on tree felling and planting was raised by Prof Hon Patrick LAU.  <a href="http://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201005/26/P201005260192.htm">http://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201005/26/P201005260192.htm</a></p>
30 June 2010	Council meeting	<p>An oral question on tree felling incidents was raised by Hon Mrs Regina IP.  <a href="http://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201006/30/P201006300234.htm">http://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201006/30/P201006300234.htm</a></p> <p>A written question on felling of trees within the campus of Maryknoll Convent School was raised by Hon Tanya CHAN.  <a href="http://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201006/30/P201006300253.htm">http://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201006/30/P201006300253.htm</a></p>
7 July 2010	Council meeting	<p>An oral question on tree management work was raised by Hon Tanya CHAN.  <a href="http://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201007/07/P201007070160.htm">http://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201007/07/P201007070160.htm</a></p>

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		<p>A written question on inspection and caring of trees was raised by Hon CHAN Hak-kan.  <a href="http://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201007/07/P201007070198.htm">http://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201007/07/P201007070198.htm</a></p>
27 July 2010	Panel on Development	<p>Administration's paper on tree management [LC Paper No. CB(1)2601/09-10(03)]  <a href="http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr09-10/english/panels/dev/papers/dev0727cb1-2601-3-e.pdf">http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr09-10/english/panels/dev/papers/dev0727cb1-2601-3-e.pdf</a></p> <p>Paper on tree management prepared by the Legislative Council Secretariat (Background brief) [LC Paper No. CB(1)2601/09-10(04)]  <a href="http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr09-10/english/panels/dev/papers/dev0727cb1-2601-4-e.pdf">http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr09-10/english/panels/dev/papers/dev0727cb1-2601-4-e.pdf</a></p> <p>Minutes of meeting [LC Paper No. CB(1)3022/09-10]  <a href="http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr09-10/english/panels/dev/minutes/dev20100727.pdf">http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr09-10/english/panels/dev/minutes/dev20100727.pdf</a></p>
20 October 2010	Council meeting	<p>A written question on selection of trees species to be planted was raised by Hon CHAN Hak-kan.  <a href="http://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201010/20/P201010200145.htm">http://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201010/20/P201010200145.htm</a></p>
15 June 2011	Council meeting	<p>A motion on "Perfecting tree management system" moved by Hon Tanya CHAN as amended by Hon CHAN Hak-kan, Hon IP Wai-ming, Hon KAM Nai-wai and Prof Hon Patrick LAU was passed.  <a href="http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr10-11/english/counmtg/hansard/cm0616-translate-e.pdf">http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr10-11/english/counmtg/hansard/cm0616-translate-e.pdf</a></p>

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16 July 2011	Panel on Development	<p>Administration's paper on progress report on the work of the Tree Management Office [LC Paper No. CB(1)2225/10-11(02)] <a href="http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr10-11/english/panels/dev/papers/devcb1-2225-2-e.pdf">http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr10-11/english/panels/dev/papers/devcb1-2225-2-e.pdf</a></p> <p>Paper on tree management prepared by the Legislative Council Secretariat (Updated background brief) [LC Paper No. CB(1)2690/10-11(06)] <a href="http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr10-11/english/panels/dev/papers/dev0716cb1-2690-6-e.pdf">http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr10-11/english/panels/dev/papers/dev0716cb1-2690-6-e.pdf</a></p> <p>Minutes of meeting [LC Paper No. CB(1)694/11-12] <a href="http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr10-11/english/panels/dev/minutes/dev20110716.pdf">http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr10-11/english/panels/dev/minutes/dev20110716.pdf</a></p>
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