

Panel on Environmental Affairs

**List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 24 January 2013)**

**Proposed timing for
discussion**

1. Review of the Air Pollution Index Reporting System

25 February 2013

The Administration proposes to replace the current Air Pollution Index ("API") reporting system with the new Air Quality Health Index reporting system to address the limitations of the existing API system and give more timely and relevant air quality information to the public for preventing the possible adverse health effects arising from exposure to air pollution.

2. Producer Responsibility Scheme for glass beverage bottles

25 February 2013

The Administration plans to launch the public consultation on a third mandatory Producer Responsibility Scheme on glass beverage bottles in February 2013.

3. Provision of sewerage in Tolo Harbour, North District and Peng Chau

March 2013
(tentative)

To upgrade the following sewerage items to Category A –

- (a) **125DS** (part) – Tolo Harbour sewerage of unsewered areas, stage 2
- (b) **339DS** (part) – North District sewerage, stage 1 phase 2C and stage 2 phase 1
- (c) **343DS** – Outlying Islands sewerage stage 2 – Peng Chau village sewerage phase 2

4. PWP Item No. 6810TH – Retrofitting of noise barriers on Tuen Mun Road (Town Centre Section)

April 2013
(tentative)

To upgrade the noise barrier retrofitting project to Category A.

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5. Measures to address noise impact on existing roads

April 2013
(tentative)

Raised by Mr CHAN Han-pan, Mr Albert CHAN and Mr Christopher CHUNG at the meeting on 16 October 2012. Members are concerned about the noise impact on existing roads, particularly at Texaco Road, and the noise problem caused by railways. Members would like to be briefed on the progress of the noise mitigation measures taken to address the traffic noise problem, including the retrofitting of noise barriers.

Referral arising from the meeting between Legislative Council Members and the Eastern District Council on 9 December 2010 during which the delay in retrofitting of noise barriers at the section of Chai Wan Road near Neptune Terrace was discussed (LC Paper No. CB(1)2176/10-11).

6. Banning of commercial fishing in marine parks

April 2013
(tentative)

Referral on banning of fishing in Geopark arising from the meeting between Legislative Council Members and Tai Po District Council members on 3 June 2010 (LC Paper No. CB(1)2817/09-10).

To brief members on the progress of policy initiatives to ban commercial fishing in marine parks.

7. Outlying Islands sewerage, stage 2 – Lamma village sewerage phase 2

April 2013
(tentative)

To part-upgrade **355DS** - Lamma village sewerage phase 2 to Category A.

8. External lighting in Hong Kong

May 2013
(tentative)

Members would like to be briefed on the operation of the Guidelines on Industry Best Practices for External Lighting Installations, as well as the latest progress of the way forward, including legislative proposals, in tackling nuisance caused by external lighting.

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9. Impact of dumping and dredging on the marine environment

May/June 2013
(tentative)

Raised by Mr Christopher CHUNG, Mr Albert CHAN and Mr Steven HO at the meeting on 16 October 2012. Members are concerned about the impact of dumping of mud and waste (e.g. used syringes thrown out from vessels) as well as dredging works (particularly those in relation to cross-boundary construction projects) on the marine environment, and request the Administration to explore ways to address the problem.

10. Impact of submarine engineering works on marine ecology

May/June 2013
(tentative)

Raised by Mr Christopher CHUNG at the meeting on 16 October 2012. Members are concerned about the impact of submarine engineering works, including the laying of submarine cables, on marine ecology and would like to be briefed on the corresponding measures taken by the Administration.

11. Upgrading the diesel standard for local vessels

June 2013
(tentative)

To brief the Panel on the upgrading of the diesel standard for local vessels.

12. Review of the environmental impact assessment mechanism and Air Quality Objectives

June 2013
(tentative)

Members wish to be briefed on the Administration's latest position on the review of the environmental impact assessment mechanism following the judgment of Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge judicial review handed down by the Court of Appeal.

As suggested by Mr CHAN Hak-kan at the meeting on 16 October 2012, members would like to be briefed on the review of Air Quality Objectives.

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13. Nature conservation policy

June 2013
(tentative)

Raised by Dr Kenneth CHAN at the meeting on 16 October 2012. Members would like to be briefed on the latest development on the nature conservation policy.

14. PWP Item No. 5045CG – District Cooling System at the Kai Tak Development

~~To be confirmed~~

To seek funding for the implementation of the Phase III (Package A) of the District Cooling System at the Kai Tak Development. The Administration proposes to submit this infrastructural project with other relevant public works projects at Kai Tak Development for discussion at the Development Panel, and Environmental Affairs Panel members will be invited to attend the discussion.

(The Administration has proposed to delete this item as it was discussed by the Panel on Development at its meeting on 22 January 2013 and members of the Panel on Environmental Affairs had been invited to attend.)

15. Comprehensively improving the water quality of the Victoria Harbour

To be confirmed

To follow up the motion on "Comprehensively improving the water quality of the Victoria Harbour", which was passed at the LegCo meeting on 16 November 2011.

16. Building Energy Efficiency Funding Schemes

To be confirmed

To inform the Panel of the outcome of the schemes and way forward to promote energy efficiency in buildings.

17. Consultation report on Hong Kong's Climate Change Strategy and Action Agenda

To be confirmed

Members wish to be briefed on the outcome of consultation on Hong Kong's Climate Change Strategy and Action Agenda.

18. Protection of endangered species from the impact of construction works

To be confirmed

Raised by Mr CHAN Hak-kan at the meeting on 18 December 2012. Members are concerned about the

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impact of construction works on endangered species, including the impact of the construction of the third runway on Chinese white dolphins and the impact of village construction works on butterflies in Fung Yuen.

19. Retrofitting franchised buses with selective catalytic reduction devices

~~January 2013~~
To be confirmed

To report the findings of the trial and seek members' support for the funding proposal for large-scale retrofitting Euro II and III franchised buses with selective catalytic reduction devices.

(The Administration has proposed to defer the discussion of this item to a later date.)