

**Public Accounts Committee
Chapter 2 of the Director of Audit's report No. 61
Management of Roadside Skips**

Opening Remarks by the Secretary for Environment

Dear Chairman and Members

The Environmental Bureau and the Environmental Protection Department agreed with the recommendations in the Director of Audit's report. We will work with the Development Bureau, Transport and Housing Bureau and relevant policy bureaux and departments to jointly examine the problems caused by roadside skips, including blockage of pedestrian paths and road traffic, increased safety risk to road users, damage of road surfaces and associated environmental nuisances, and the need for enhanced control measures.

Before the results of the joint study become available, the Environmental Protection Department will collaborate with concerned government departments to step up publicity for the construction industry and associated transport trades and to jointly promote the adoption of the good work practices featured in the existing guidance on roadside skips.

The site inspections by the Environmental Protection Department indicate that the operation of roadside skips generally do not cause significant environmental nuisance. Where there are situations which indicate violation of the environmental protection legislation, enforcement action will be taken by the Environmental Protection Department.

Thank you, Chairman.