

Panel on Environmental Affairs

List of outstanding items for discussion (position as at 20 February 2014)

Proposed timing for discussion

1. Incident of leachate from the North East New Territories Landfill

Pursuant to the discussion on the subject at the Panel meeting on 17 September 2013, the Administration will report to the Panel on the leachate leakage incident at the North East New Territories Landfill and the complementary measures taken.

The Administration's information paper was circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(1)797/13-14(01) on 24 January 2014 and would be discussed at the meeting on 24 February 2014.

2. Matters on Hong Kong's municipal solid waste recovery rate and handling of imported waste

Pursuant to the discussion on the subject at the Panel's special meeting on 26 July 2013, the Administration will provide updated information on the relevant issues, including the latest situation about import and export of recyclables in Hong Kong and the result of the study on the estimation of municipal solid waste recovery rate.

March 2014

3. Pilot Green Transport Fund

The Administration will brief the Panel on the Pilot Green Transport Fund set up in March 2011 to support the testing of green and innovative technologies applicable to the public transport sector and goods vehicles.

March 2014

4. Green transport infrastructure

Raised by Mr CHAN Hak-kan at the meeting on 27 May 2013. As requested by members, the Administration will brief the Panel on the planning and provision of green transport infrastructure, such as charging facilities for electric vehicles and facilities for producing motor vehicle biodiesel.

[The Administration proposes to delete this item as the Environment Bureau/Environmental Protection Department have an agreement with Mr CHAN Hak-kan that it will be more appropriate to pursue the issues/concerns at the Panel on Transport.]

Proposed timing for discussion

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

April 2014
(tentative)

The Administration will seek the Panel's support for the proposal to upgrade the noise barrier retrofitting project to Category A.

6. Development of Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Treatment Facility

April 2014
(tentative)

The Administration will seek the Panel's support of securing funding approval of the Finance Committee for the project.

7. Provision of sewerage in Tuen Mun and North District

April 2014
(tentative)

The Administration will seek the Panel's support of upgrading the following sewerage items to Category A –

- (a) 160DS (part): Tuen Mun sewerage, stage 1;
- (b) 346DS (part): upgrading of Tuen Mun sewerage, Phase 1; and
- (c) 388DS (part): Shek Wu Hui sewage treatment works – further expansion phase 1A.

8. Banning of commercial fishing in marine parks

Q2/2014
(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). Submission from the Friends of Hoi Ha on the subject (LC Paper No. CB(1)799/12-13(01) issued on 3 April 2013).

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

9. Retrofitting of noise barriers on Tuen Mun Road – Fu Tei Section

Q2/2014
(tentative)

The Administration will seek the Panel's support for the proposal to upgrade the noise barrier retrofitting project to Category A.

Proposed timing for discussion

10. Comprehensively improving the water quality of the Victoria Harbour

Q2/2014
(tentative)

Members wish 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.

Raised by Dr Helena WONG at the meeting on 10 October 2013. Members are concerned about the odour and poor quality of the water at the sewage outlets along the waterfront and wish to be briefed on Hong Kong's sewage management and maintenance of drainage (including illegal drainage connections).

11. Review of the "Third Technical Memorandum for Allocation of Emission Allowances in respect of Specified Licences"

Q2/Q3 of 2014
(tentative)

The Administration proposes to brief the Panel on the review of the Third Memorandum following the review on future fuel mix for power generation and submission from the power companies on their plans for new generation units, and to provide a progress update on the implementation and effectiveness of different air quality improvement measures as set out in the "Clean Air Plan for Hong Kong".

12. Monitoring the use of the Environment and Conservation Fund

Q2/Q3 of 2014

Letter dated 22 November 2013 from Ms Claudia MO requesting discussion on the subject (LC Paper No. CB(1)407/13-14(01) issued on 26 November 2013).

13. Nature conservation policy

To be confirmed

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.

The Administration proposes to brief the Panel on the public consultation/engagement on the Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan.

Proposed timing for discussion

14. Impact of construction works on endangered species and marine ecology

To be confirmed

The subject was raised by Mr Christopher CHUNG, Mr CHAN Hak-kan, Mr Steven HO and Dr Kenneth CHAN at the Panel meetings on 16 October and 18 December 2012, 24 June and 10 October 2013 respectively. Members are concerned about the environmental impact of the following construction works and would like to be briefed on the corresponding measures taken by the Administration –

- (a) the impact of construction works on endangered species, including the impact of the construction of the third runway on Chinese white dolphins;
- (b) the impact of village construction works on butterflies in Fung Yuen;
- (c) the impact of submarine engineering works, including the laying of submarine cables, on marine ecology and the livelihood of fishermen; and
- (d) the impact of the large-scale reclamation in the waters of Lantau Island and Lung Kwu Tan on the living environment of Chinese white dolphins (Dr Kenneth CHAN's letter dated 20 June 2013 in LC Paper No. CB(1)1358/12-13(01)).

The Administration proposes to brief the Panel on the concerns about the impact of construction works on endangered species, including the impact of construction of the third runway and reclamation in the waters of Lantau Island and Lung Kwu Tan on Chinese white dolphins. Members of the Panel on Economic Development are to be invited to attend the discussion on this item as the construction of the third runway would affect the Chinese white dolphins.

15. Legislative control on marine pollution

To be confirmed

Pursuant to the discussion on "Controlling the impact of dumping and dredging activities on the marine environment" at the Panel meeting on 14 June 2013, the Administration proposes to brief the Panel on the legislative control on marine pollution arising from oil spillage, marine littering and floating refuse.

Proposed timing for discussion

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| 16. PWP Item No. 5173DR – Development of Organic Waste Treatment Facilities Phase 2 | To be confirmed |
| 17. Report on public engagement of the Task Force on External Lighting | To be confirmed |

The Administration will brief the Panel on the Task Force's views on dealing with issues arising from external lighting and propose the way forward.

Members would also like to be briefed on the way forward in tackling energy wastage and light nuisance (including the nuisance caused by reflected glare from glass curtain walls of buildings).

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| 18. Result of consultation on Hong Kong's Climate Change Strategy and Action Agenda | To be confirmed |
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The Administration will brief the Panel on the outcome of the consultation on Hong Kong's Climate Change Strategy and Action Agenda. To tie in the discussion of the Panel on Economic Development on "Public Consultation on Future Fuel Mix for Power Generation", the Administration proposes that members of the Economic Development Panel be invited to attend the discussion on this item.