Legislative Council Finance Committee

Follow-up Action Arising from the Meeting on 31 October 2014 – Response from the Administration

The Administration to provide information on — detailed breakdown of the \$1.5 billion annual recurrent expenditure on matters related to waste reduction, recovery and recycling.

Breakdown of the estimated 2014-15 expenditure and funding support on matters related to waste reduction, recovery and recycling $^{(Note\;1)}$

		Annual Expenditure (in \$Million)
1.	Operation & Management of Key Facilities on Waste Recovery & Recycling Operation and management of the key facilities on waste separation, and recycling including public fill banks, construction waste sorting facilities, management of waste separation bins, and the Ecopark.	\$995.5M
2.	Green Procurement Expenditure on procurement for items with recycled contents in the past few years and apportioned as appropriate to reflect estimated expenditure in 2014-15 including the purchase of biodiesel in a number of departments, and items in works projects such as ecopavers, and bituminous materials with reclaimed asphalt pavement.	\$401.4M (Note 2)
3.	Funding Support on Waste Reduction, Recovery & Recycling Initiatives Funding support earmarked in 2014-15 from the Environment and Conservation Fund for applications on waste reduction projects such as recycling centres, food donation projects, and educational projects.	\$139.5M (Note 3)

	Annual Expenditure (in \$Million)
 4. Community & Education Initiatives on Waste Reduction, Recovery & Recycling Education campaigns and community partnership programmes related to waste separation and recycling organised or funded by ENB/EPD including source separation of waste, Food Wise Campaign, and partnership with District Councils on waste reduction. 	\$34.4M
Grand Total in 2014-15	\$1,570.8M

Note:

- (1) These estimates on expenditures are based on current information and do not include expenditures of committed projects which have yet to commence for example the Recycling Fund, Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Treatment and Recycling Facility, Organic Waste Treatment Facility, etc.
- (2) We estimate the 2014-15 expenditure on procurement of an individual product with recycled contents by dividing the latest contract amount of that particular product by the corresponding length of contract (2-3 years).
- (3) The Environment and Conservation Fund was injected with \$5,000 million as seed money for generating investment return, which is estimated to be around \$200 million per year. Annually the ECF earmarks a certain sum for projects on different themes.