

Panel on Environmental Affairs

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

**Proposed timing for
discussion**

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| 1. | PWP Item No. 5054DP – Further enhancing the quality of coastal waters of Victoria Harbour | November 2014 |
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As announced in the 2014 Policy Address, the Environmental Protection Department will commission a consultancy study with the long-term objective of enhancing the leisure and amenity value of the coastal areas of Victoria Harbour. An engagement exercise involving academics, green groups, professional bodies, nine District Councils, Advisory Council on the Environment and Harbourfront Commission was carried out between March and August 2014. The Administration will brief the Panel on the progress.

Members have indicated their wish to follow up the motion on "Comprehensively improving the water quality of the Victoria Harbour", which was passed at the Legislative Council meeting on 16 November 2011.

The subject was 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).

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| 2. | Emergency sewage discharge incident at Pillar Point Sewage Treatment Works, Tuen Mun on 25 and 26 August 2014 | November 2014 |
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The Administration will brief members on the investigation of the incident conducted by the Drainage Services Department's Task Force and the improvement measures on the communication and coordination among the concerned government departments and the publicity arrangements in handling similar emergency incidents.

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3. Banning of commercial fishing in marine parks

To be confirmed

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.

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. PWP Item No. 5173DR – Development of Organic Waste Treatment Facilities Phase 2

To be confirmed

7. 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.

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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).

- 8. Retrofitting of noise barriers on Tuen Mun Road – Fu Tei Section** To be confirmed

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

[As advised by the Administration, the submission has to be postponed to the next legislative session in view of objections received during gazettal.]

- 9. Reduction of construction waste** To be confirmed

The subject was raised by Ms Cyd HO. Members wish to be briefed on the measures taken by the Administration to reduce construction waste.

- 10. New "Pollutants in the Atmosphere and their Transport over Hong Kong" ("PATH") model** To be confirmed

At the Panel meeting on 17 July 2014, members requested to be briefed on the application of the new PATH model for air quality assessment in Hong Kong.