Panel on Environmental Affairs

List of outstanding items for discussion (position as at 23 January 2015)

		Proposed timing for discussion
1.	Extension of the Cleaner Production Partnership Programme	February 2015
	The Administration will report to the Panel the latest progress and environmental benefits of the Cleaner Production Partnership Programme, and seek the Panel's support to extend the programme for five years.	
2.	PWP Item No. 5183DR – Refurbishment and upgrading of Sha Tin transfer station	February 2015
	The Administration will brief the Panel on the proposed refurbishment and upgrading works for the Sha Tin transfer station for sustaining its continuous operation and seek its support.	
3.	Municipal solid waste charging	February 2015
	The Administration will brief members on the framework proposal of how to implement municipal solid waste charging and consult members on the staffing proposal.	
4.	Policy briefing on environmental initiatives in connection with the Budget Speech 2015	March 2015 (tentative)
5.	Progress of air quality improvement measures	March 2015 (tentative)
	The Administration will report to the Panel on the progress of the implementation of air quality improvement measures.	(tentative)
	Members would also like to be briefed on the application of the new "Pollutants in the Atmosphere and their Transport over Hong Kong" ("PATH") model for air quality assessment in Hong Kong, and the progress of designation of low emission zones at busy corridors.	

Dr Kenneth CHAN and Mr Dennis KWOK wrote to the Panel Chairman on 12 November 2014 and 20 January 2015 respectively (LC Paper Nos. CB(1)225/14-15(01) and CB(1)474/14-15(01) proposing discussion on designation of low emission zones at busy corridors.

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6.	Upgrading of San Wai sewage treatment works	March 2015 (tentative)
	To upgrade the following sewerage items to Category A –	
	 (a) 223DS (part) — Yuen Long and Kam Tin sewerage treatment upgrade - upgrade of San Wai sewage treatment works 	
	(b) 235DS (part) — Yuen Long and Kam Tin sewerage and sewage disposal	
7.	Progress of phasing out pre-Euro IV diesel commercial vehicles	April 2015 (tentative)
	The Administration will make the first annual report to the Panel on the progress of the phasing-out scheme.	
8.	Retrofitting of noise barriers on Tuen Mun Road – Fu Tei Section	May 2015 (tentative)
	The Administration will seek the Panel's support for the proposal to upgrade the noise barrier retrofitting project to Category A.	
9.	Legislative control on marine pollution	May / June 2015 (tentative)
	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. Members would also like to be briefed	

on the management of seabed waste.

10. Nature conservation policy

The subject was 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, including the protection of incense trees, the prohibition of illegal ivory trade and the establishment of marine parks.

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

Referral arising from the meeting between Duty Roster Members and "大澳環境及發展關注協會、'救救土沉香, 瀕危滅絕中'網上群組、活力南丫島、環保及生態保育協 會、一群新界區關注土沉香的居民、一群大嶼山關注土 沉香的居民及一群南丫島關注土沉香的居民" on 19 May 2014 regarding the protection of Incense Trees in Hong Kong (LC Paper No. CB(1)176/14-15(01) issued on 6 November 2014).

Letter dated 3 November 2014 from Dr Elizabeth QUAT requesting the Panel to discuss issues related to the illegal ivory trade in Hong Kong (LC Paper No. CB(1)190/14-15(01) issued on 6 November 2014).

11. Review of the Fourth Technical Memorandum on emission caps for power plants

To seek Members' views on the proposal to further tighten the emission caps for power plants starting from 1 January 2020 by way of issuing a new Technical Memorandum (TM) under section 26G of the Air Pollution Control Ordinance (Cap. 311). June 2015 (tentative)

July 2015

(tentative)

		Proposed timing for discussion
12.	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.	
13.	PWP Item No. 5173DR – Development of Organic Waste Treatment Facilities Phase 2	To be confirmed
	The Administration will brief the Panel on the progress of the project.	
14.	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.	
	The Administration will brief members on the outcome of the review of the Construction Waste Disposal Charging Scheme as a measure to reduce construction waste.	
15.	Impacts of various marine works projects in the western waters of Hong Kong on marine ecology	To be confirmed
	Pursuant to the discussion at the Panel meeting on 25 June 2014 on the subject of "Impact of construction works on important species, marine ecology and the fisheries industry", members wish to follow up the accumulated impacts of the planned marine works projects in the western waters of Hong Kong (as mentioned in LC Paper No. CB(1)2004/13-14(01)) on marine ecology as well as the progress of respective mitigation measures and restoration works.	

		Proposed timing for discussion
16.	Promotion of renewable energy in Hong Kong	To be confirmed
	Members would like to be briefed on the Administration's strategies and the latest development on the promotion of renewable energy in Hong Kong.	
17.	Promotion of green buildings and building energy efficiency in Hong Kong	To be confirmed
	Members would like to be briefed on the Administration's plan to promote green buildings and enhance building energy efficiency in Hong Kong.	
18.	Promotion of green transport	To be confirmed
	Members would like to be briefed on the latest development on the promotion of green transport in Hong Kong.	
19.	Green procurement	To be confirmed
	Members would like to be briefed on the Administration's policy and practices on green procurement.	
20.	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).	
21.	Management of marine fill and marine disposal of dredged/excavated sediment	To be confirmed
	The subject was raised by Mr Steven HO at the meeting on 15 December 2014. Members would like to be briefed on the management of marine fill and marine disposal of dredged/excavated sediment.	

To be confirmed

22. Handling of imported waste

Dr Elizabeth QUAT wrote to the Panel Chairman on 5 January 2015 (LC Paper No. CB(1)473/14-15(01) proposing discussion on the captioned subject.

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