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Protection of outdoor workers on days with poor air quality

At its special meeting held on 17 July 2014, the Panel on Environmental Affairs ("EA Panel") discussed the collaboration with Guangdong in improving air quality in the Pearl River Delta region. In the course of discussion, members noted that while the Air Quality Health Index ("AQHI") launched by the Hong Kong Government on 30 December 2013 provided more timely and useful air pollution information to the public, the Administration had not issued any guidelines for outdoor workers working on days with poor air quality. Members considered that the Labour Department should draw up guidelines on the protection of outdoor workers during days of poor AQHI for employers to follow.

2. As the subject of protection of the occupational health of outdoor workers is under the purview of the Panel on Manpower, the Chairman of the EA Panel has directed that the issue be referred to the Panel on Manpower for consideration.

3. I should be grateful if you would bring the matter to the attention of the Chairman of the Panel on Manpower.



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