

Panel on Environmental Affairs

List of follow-up actions
(position as at 17 May 2016)

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up action required	Administration's response
1. Review of the Construction Waste Disposal Charging Scheme	21.12.2015	<p>The Administration to provide, upon submission of the relevant legislative proposal:</p> <p>(a) supplementary information, apart from those given in paragraphs 11 and 12 of the Administration's paper (LC Paper No. CB(1)299/15-16(04)), on the specific measures for promoting the reduction, reuse and recycling of construction and demolition materials, including encouraging the use of more reusable materials, such as non-timber formwork, etc. in public works and by the construction industry;</p> <p>(b) the costs of the treatment of construction waste each year (in terms of cost per tonne of construction waste), including land/capital costs involved in the provision of landfill space, etc., and savings each year from using construction waste as a substitute for river sand for filling materials for reclamation/earthworks; and</p>	<p>The Administration's response was circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(1)829/15-16(02) on 20 April 2016.</p>

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		(c) information on cases of illegal land filling/fly-tipping of construction waste, including near Pui O beach on Lantau Island, and on rear lane and rooftops of buildings, etc. in urban areas, with details on the number of complaints received, enforcement actions taken and successful prosecutions made, if any, in each of the past two years.	
2. Briefing on the Chief Executive's 2016 Policy Address	25.1.2016	The Administration to provide relevant statistics, including the actual/projected (a) increase in output value, and (b) employment opportunities created, to illustrate how the development of the local recovery and recycling industries has been/will be fostered along with the implementation of the various waste management initiatives under the Hong Kong Blueprint for Sustainable Use of Resources 2013-2022.	Administration's response awaited.
3. Update on the protection of endangered species and biodiversity in Hong Kong	22.2.2016	The Administration to, within two months after the Panel meeting, provide a written response on its considerations of any further measures other than those set out in the Administration's paper (LC Paper No. CB(1)557/15-16(04)) to enhance protection of incense trees in Hong Kong, including those proposed by members at the meeting as set out below:	Administration's response awaited.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) setting up a database or publishing an official reference regarding the population, distribution and habitats of incense trees in Hong Kong;(b) enacting dedicated legislation to provide for the regulation against illegal felling of incense trees and the penalties for contravention;(c) installation of infrared cameras or other electronic monitoring systems in areas planted with incense trees;(d) setting up a special duty squad with self-defence training and gear to step up patrolling and enforcement efforts;(e) leveraging public participation in the protection of incense trees (e.g. mobilizing the public and green groups to assist in treating the wounds of affected trees with anti-fungal paint); and(f) stepping up liaison and joint enforcement efforts with mainland authorities with a view to tackling the problem of illegal felling and smuggling of incense trees at source.	

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4. Work plan of the review of Air Quality Objectives ("AQOs")	30.3.2016	<p>(a) The Administration to provide information on the membership of Working Group once finalized.</p> <p>(b) Regarding a member's concern about the air pollution problem in Tung Chung, especially during summer time, the Administration to provide information on:</p> <p>(i) analysis of the hourly/annual average concentrations of air pollutants in Tung Chung as recorded by the Tung Chung Air Quality Monitoring Station, including the major sources of the pollutants, the average and maximum exceedance of each type of pollutants based on the prevailing Air Quality Health Index and/or AQOs; and</p> <p>(ii) in the light of the analysis in (i) above, an assessment of whether and how the existing measures to reduce air pollution in Tung Chung are appropriate.</p>	Administration's response awaited.
5.1 Enhancing management of roadside cargo compartments	25.4.2016	The Administration to, by the end of the current term of the Legislative Council, provide a brief written report to the Panel and the Public Accounts Committee on any updated work progress of the Joint Working Group on Management of Roadside Skips on measures for enhancing the management of roadside skips.	Administration's response awaited.

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5.2 Issues relating to the soil fill near Kingswood Villas in Tin Shui Wai	25.4.2016	(a) The Administration to provide information on the number of cases of unauthorized development involving illegal land filling, storage of sand or dumping of construction waste in the New Territories dealt with by the Planning Department in the past 10 years, and the follow-up actions it had taken to deal with such cases. (b) The Administration to provide a written response on whether the Lands Department will compile a database on the locations, lot boundaries and land titles of all land lots in the New Territories for public access.	Administration's response awaited.