

Panel on Environmental Affairs

**List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 20 October 2016)**

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| <p>1. Review of the Fifth Technical Memorandum ("TM") for Allocation of Emission Allowances for Power Plants</p> <p>The Administration will seek members' views on the proposal to further tighten emission allowances for power plants starting from 1 January 2021 by way of issuing a new TM (i.e. the Sixth TM) under section 26G of the Air Pollution Control Ordinance (Cap. 311).</p> <p>The Administration intends to publish the Sixth TM in the Gazette and table it before the Legislative Council for negative vetting in October 2016.</p> | October 2016 |
| <p>2. Implementation of measures to reduce and recycle food waste – progress and manpower arrangements</p> <p>The Administration will seek members' support for the creation of a supernumerary Principal Environmental Protection Officer (Directorate Grade 1) post for three years to strengthen the manpower support for implementing the Food Waste Plan.</p> <p>The Administration intends to submit the staffing proposal to the Establishment Subcommittee and the Finance Committee in November and December 2016 respectively.</p> <p>At the meeting of 18 October 2016, Mr CHAN Hak-kan expressed concern over the problem of food waste in Hong Kong, and proposed discussion on measures for dealing with the problem and reducing food waste disposed of at landfills.</p> | October 2016 |
| <p>3. Proposal to Control Volatile Organic Compounds ("VOC") in Fountain Solutions and Printing Machine Cleansing Agents</p> <p>The Administration will seek members' views on the proposal to reduce VOC emissions from fountain solutions and printing machine cleansing agents by amending the Air Pollution Control (VOC) Regulation (Cap. 311W).</p> | November 2016 |

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4. Implementation of the Recycling Fund

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The Administration will brief members on the progress on operation of the Recycling Fund ("the Fund") including the number and details of the projects approved, as well as the areas of operation on which improvement measures are being considered to enhance the effectiveness of the Fund in supporting the recycling industry and community recycling network.

5. Marine conservation

To be confirmed

The Administration will report on the latest efforts on marine conservation, progress on fishing ban in marine parks, and update of various marine works projects in Hong Kong's western waters and the impact on marine ecology since the last report to the Panel in June 2014.

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).

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 cumulative 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.

Dr Kenneth CHAN wrote to the Panel Chairman on 10 February 2015 (LC Paper No. CB(1)540/14-15(01)) proposing discussion on the impacts of large-scale infrastructure projects and sea transport on marine ecology.

As it was reported by the media that a contractor of the construction works of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge ("HKZMB") project had illegally discharged polluting effluent directly into the sea, causing adverse impacts on the habitat of Chinese white dolphins, at the meeting of 15 October 2015,

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Mr Albert CHAN requested the Administration to give a full account of the incident and update Panel members on the impacts of the marine works projects, including the HKZMB project and the Three-Runway System project at the Hong Kong International Airport, on marine ecology.

- 6. Management of marine fill and marine disposal of dredged/excavated sediment** To be confirmed

The Administration will brief the Panel on the management of marine fill and disposal of dredged/excavated sediments by the project owners.

The subject was raised by Mr Steven HO at the meeting on 15 December 2014.

- 7. Review of the Environmental Impact Assessment Ordinance (Cap. 499)** To be confirmed

Mr Kenneth LEUNG wrote to the Panel Chairman on 24 November 2015 (LC Paper No. CB(1)202/15-16(01) issued on 26 November 2015) proposing discussion on the captioned subject. The Administration's written response was circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(1)537/15-16(01) issued on 3 February 2016.

- 8. Environmental impacts on Hong Kong arising from disposal of chemicals into Dasha River** To be confirmed

Mr Steven HO wrote to the Panel Chairman on 5 February 2016 (LC Paper No. CB(1)551/15-16(01) issued on 5 February 2016) proposing discussion on the captioned subject. The Administration's written response (LC Paper No. CB(1)589/15-16(01)) was tabled at the meeting on 22 February 2016 and issued to members on 23 February 2016. At the said meeting, the Panel agreed to request the Administration to provide, when appropriate, a further written response on the progress of relevant follow-up measures arising from the incident, while including the item on the list of outstanding items for discussion. The Administration's further written response was circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(1)805/15-16(01) on 18 April 2016.

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- 9. Deteriorating water quality of the Shing Mun River and Tolo Harbour** To be confirmed

Mr Steven HO wrote to the Panel Chairman on 30 March 2016 (LC Paper No. CB(1)735/15-16(02) issued on 31 March 2016) proposing discussion on the captioned subject.

- 10. Issues relating to fly-tipping of construction waste and illegal land filling in Hong Kong** To be confirmed

Arising from the soil fill incident near Kingswood Villas in Tin Shui Wai, and raised by members at the meeting on 25 April 2016, members would like to receive public views on the captioned subject.

Dr Kenneth CHAN wrote to the Panel Chairman on 22 April 2016 (LC Paper No. CB(1)839/15-16(01) issued on 22 April 2016) expressing concerns about illegal soil dumping at the Deep Bay Wetland. The Administration's written response was circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(1)948/15-16(01) on 23 May 2016.

Referral from the Subcommittee on Waste Disposal (Charges for Disposal of Construction Waste) Regulation (Amendment of Schedules) Notice 2016 (LC Paper No. CB(1)1083/15-16(01) issued on 29 June 2016).

- 11. Control of indoor air quality** To be confirmed

Item proposed by Dr Helena WONG at the meeting of 18 October 2016. Members would like to discuss issues relating to the control of indoor air quality, including the setting of indoor air quality objectives, and establishing standards for hazardous emissions from household furniture.

- 12. Management of waste electrical and electronic equipment and enforcement against illegal import of hazardous electronic waste** To be confirmed

Item proposed by Ir Dr LO Wai-kwok at the meeting of 18 October 2016. Members would like to be briefed on the updated progress on the management of waste electrical and electronic equipment, following the enactment of the Promotion of Recycling and Proper Disposal (Electrical Equipment and

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Electronic Equipment) (Amendment) Ordinance 2016 in March 2016, as well as enforcement against illegal import of hazardous electronic waste.

13. Monitoring the water quality of Victoria Harbour and promoting a water-friendly culture

To be confirmed

Dr Priscilla LEUNG wrote to the Panel Chairman on 19 October 2016 (LC Paper No. CB(1)24/16-17(01) issued on 20 October 2016) proposing discussion on the captioned subject.

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