

**Panel on Environmental Affairs**

**List of outstanding items for discussion  
(position as at 13 December 2016)**

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| <b>1. Briefing by the Secretary for the Environment on the Chief Executive's 2017 Policy Address</b>   | 23 January 2017                                |
| <b>2. Update on the progress of preparation for implementing Producer Responsibility Scheme on Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment</b>   | 23 January 2017                                |
| <p>The Administration will update members on the progress of various preparatory works for the implementation of the producer responsibility scheme on Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment.</p> <p>The item was 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 Electronic Equipment) (Amendment) Ordinance 2016 in March 2016, as well as enforcement against illegal import of hazardous electronic waste.</p> <p>Dr Elizabeth QUAT and Mr Kenneth LEUNG respectively wrote to the Panel Chairman on 20 October 2016 (LC Paper No. CB(1)30/16-17(01) issued on 20 October 2016 and LC Paper No. CB(1)54/16-17(02) issued on 1 November 2016) proposing discussion on related issues.</p> |  |
| <b>3. Upgrading of Kwun Tong Preliminary Treatment Works and Sewage Pumping Station</b>  | 27 February 2017                               |
| <p>The Administration plans to consult the Panel on the financial proposal in January 2017.</p>  |  |
| <b>4. Progress of Government's efforts on nature conservation and phasing out the local trade in ivory</b>   | 1 <sup>st</sup> quarter of 2017<br>(tentative) |

The Administration plans to brief members on the detailed plan to phase out the local trade in ivory and

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consult the Panel on the relevant legislative proposal; and update members on the latest territorial and marine conservation efforts of the Government to preserve biodiversity.

Dr Elizabeth QUAT wrote to the Panel Chairman on 20 October 2016 (LC Paper No. CB(1)30/16-17(01) issued on 20 October 2016) proposing discussion on issues relating to the enactment of legislation for an ivory trade ban, establishment of a nature conservation trust, and penalties for illegal trading of wildlife.

**5. Marine conservation**

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.

1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2017  
(tentative)  
(as part of Item 4 above)

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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, 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. Improvement of roadside air quality**

1<sup>st</sup> quarter or  
2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2017

Mr Charles Peter MOK wrote to the Panel Chairman on 28 October 2016 (LC Paper No. CB(1)54/16-17(01) issued on 1 November 2016) proposing discussion on the policy and ancillary facilities in support of the use of electric vehicles, and designation of pedestrian zone in Central.

**7. Enhanced work plan on combating climate change**

1<sup>st</sup> quarter or  
2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2017

Dr Elizabeth QUAT wrote to the Panel Chairman on 20 October 2016 (LC Paper No. CB(1)30/16-17(01) issued on 20 October 2016) proposing discussion on combating climate change, and promoting energy saving and reducing emissions.

Dr Elizabeth QUAT also proposed discussion on issues relating to the adoption of a sponge city design, and development of urban forest. As advised by the Administration, these issues should be under the purview of the Development Bureau. Members may exchange views with the Administration on these issues under "Enhanced work plan on combating climate change".

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**8. Implementation arrangements for municipal solid waste charging**

1<sup>st</sup> quarter or  
2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2017

The Administration plans to consult the Panel on the legislative proposal in the first quarter or second quarter of 2017.

**9. Promotion of energy conservation and renewable energy**

2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2017

Mr Kenneth LEUNG wrote to the Panel Chairman on 28 October 2016 (LC Paper No. CB(1)54/16-17(02) issued on 1 November 2016) proposing discussion on issues relating to enhancing Hong Kong's energy self-sufficiency, energy conservation, energy efficiency and development of renewable energy produced locally.

**10. Update on the progress of preparation for implementing Producer Responsibility Scheme on Glass Beverage Containers**

2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2017  
(tentative)

The Administration plans to consult the Panel on the legislative proposal in the second quarter of 2017.

**11. Tackling marine refuse problem**

2<sup>nd</sup> quarter or  
3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2017

Dr Elizabeth QUAT wrote to the Panel Chairman on 20 October 2016 (LC Paper No. CB(1)30/16-17(01) issued on 20 October 2016) proposing discussion on issues relating to marine littering, and the problem of dumping of plastic waste in particular.

**12. Deteriorating water quality of the Shing Mun River and Tolo Harbour**

2<sup>nd</sup> quarter or  
3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2017  
(tentative)

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.

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Dr Elizabeth QUAT wrote to the Panel Chairman on 20 October 2016 (LC Paper No. CB(1)30/16-17(01) issued on 20 October 2016) proposing discussion on the water quality of Shing Mun River.

**13. Management of marine fill and marine disposal of dredged/excavated sediment**

4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2017  
(tentative)

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.

At the meeting on 28 November 2016, Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung suggested the Panel to discuss the environmental issues relating to illegal disposal of construction and demolition materials into the sea/river. The Administration advised that these issues could be discussed under this item.

**14. Control of indoor air quality**

4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2017  
(tentative)

The item was 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 setting indoor air quality objectives, and establishing standards for hazardous emissions from household furniture.

**15. Improving the water quality of Victoria Harbour**

4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2017  
(tentative)

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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**16. Development of an artificial bathing beach at Lung Mei in Tai Po**

Letter from Save Lung Mei Alliance on 25 October 2016 requesting the Panel on Environmental Affairs and the Panel on Development to discuss and monitor the captioned issue (LC Paper No. CB(1)42/16-17(01) issued on 4 November 2016).

As agreed at the work plan meeting on 7 November 2016, the Environment Bureau/Environmental Protection Department will liaise with the relevant bureau or department to provide an information paper on the latest development of the matter.

**17. Review of the Environmental Impact Assessment Ordinance (Cap. 499)**

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' response was circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(1)537/15-16(01) issued on 3 February 2016.

To be confirmed

**18. Environmental impacts on Hong Kong arising from disposal of chemicals into Dasha River**

Mr Steven HO Chun-yin 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 responses were issued vide LC Paper Nos. CB(1)589/15-16(01) and CB(1)805/15-16(01) on 23 February 2016 and 18 April 2016 respectively.

As agreed at the meeting on 28 November 2016, the Administration was requested to provide a further written response, if appropriate, on this item.