

Panel on Environmental Affairs

**List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 20 June 2017)**

**Proposed timing
for discussion**

1. Legislative proposal to mandate marine vessels to use compliant fuel within Hong Kong waters

17 July 2017

The Administration will seek the Panel's views on the proposal to enact a new legislation under section 43(1)(p) of the Air Pollution Control Ordinance (Cap. 311) to require all vessels within Hong Kong waters to use compliant fuel, i.e. low sulphur fuel with sulfur content not exceeding 0.5%, starting from 1 January 2019.

The Administration plans to introduce the relevant legislative proposal into the Legislative Council in the second quarter of 2018.

2. Review of the Sixth Technical Memorandum ("TM") for Allocation of Emission allowances for Power Plants

17 July 2017

The Administration will seek the Panel's views on the proposal to further tighten emission allowances for power plants starting from 1 January 2022 by way of issuing a new TM (i.e. the Seventh TM) under section 26G of the Air Pollution Control Ordinance (Cap. 311) within 2017.

The Administration plans to introduce the relevant legislative proposal into the Legislative Council in October 2017.

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

4th 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.

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.

**Proposed timing
for discussion**

4. Management of marine fill and marine disposal of dredged/excavated sediment

4th 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.

5. Control of indoor air quality

4th 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.

6. Improving the water quality of Victoria Harbour

4th 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.

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

4th quarter of 2017/
1st quarter of 2018
(tentative)

The Administration plans to consult the Panel on the legislative proposal in the fourth quarter of 2017 or first quarter of 2018.

**Proposed timing
for discussion**

- 8. Implementation of Organic Resource Recovery Centre Phase 2** 1st or 2nd quarter of 2018
(tentative)

The Administration plans to seek the Panel's support for funding approval from the Public Works Subcommittee/Finance Committee for the implementation of Organic Resource Recovery Centre Phase 2. The Administration will also brief the Panel on the progress of the overall food waste management plan.

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

- 10. Implementation of the Integrated Waste Management Facility** To be confirmed

The Public Accounts Committee issued a referral memorandum dated 16 February 2017 recommending the Panel to follow up on issues relating to the captioned subject.

- 11. Existing policies on bicycles and promoting bicycles as a mode of transport** To be confirmed

Mr HUI Chi-fung wrote to the Panel Chairman on 23 May 2017 (LC Paper No. CB(1)1009/16-17 issued on 24 May 2017) proposing to hold a joint meeting with the Panel on Transport to discuss issues relating to the existing policies on bicycles and promoting bicycles as a mode of transport.

Separately, an item on "Cycling safety and consultancy study on cycling networks and parking facilities in existing new towns" is currently on the list of outstanding items for discussion of the Panel on Transport. The Administration will provide an information paper on the issue to the Panel on Transport in due course.

**Proposed timing
for discussion**

12. 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.

13. 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.