

NOTE FOR PUBLIC WORKS SUBCOMMITTEE OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Supplementary information on 6NB – Replacement of cremators at the Kwai Chung Crematorium

INTRODUCTION

At the Public Works Subcommittee (PSWC) meeting held on 24 May 2000, the Administration undertook to provide further information on -

- (a) whether fuel of lower sulphur content could be used for the new cremators; and
- (b) whether the design of the new cremators has to be changed to allow for the use of further lower sulphur fuel in future and if so, the additional cost required for the alteration.

THE ADMINISTRATION'S RESPONSE

2. Cremators managed by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) are industrial plants and are subject to the Air Pollution Control (Fuel Restriction) Regulations (the Regulations). Under the Regulations, liquid fuel used in any industrial plant in Hong Kong should have a sulphur content of not more than 0.5% by weight. The new cremators at the Kwai Chung Crematorium would use liquid fuel with sulphur content below 0.3% by weight, which is more stringent than the legal requirement. It should also be noted that 0.3% is only the maximum limit and would not in any way preclude us from using fuel of even lower sulphur content in future. Furthermore, the Task Force to Improve Air Quality under the Environment and Food Bureau is considering the wider use of fuel of lower sulphur content by industrial operations, including cremators, in future.

3. The use of lower sulphur content liquid fuel will not require any change to the project design or incur any additional capital cost.

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