LegCo Panel on Environmental Affairs

List of questions raised by members which require follow-up actions by the Administration

(1) To provide the names and locations of all overseas thermal desorption plants.

(2) To lower the risk of contamination, consideration should be given to locating the thermal desorption plant and the incinerator together on the site of Cheoy Lee Shipyard (CLS) for the treatment of dioxin-contaminated soil.

(3) To provide the best and worst scenarios in respect of risk, cost and time for the in-situ and the off-site treatment options and the respective contingency plans.

(4) To justify the capability of the Chemical Waste Treatment Centre in handling dioxin-contaminated soil with proven test results.

(5) To advise the party(ies) who will be held liable for the delay in the opening of the International Theme Park (ITP) as a result of the decontamination work.

(6) To advise how the Administration can recover the additional cost incurred from treating the dioxin-contaminated soil.

(7) To seek legal advice on

   - the legitimacy for the Civil Engineering Department to exclude the decommissioning of CLS from the original environmental impact assessment for ITP;

   - the liability of CLS;

   - the need for a legislation on land contamination to fill the legislative vacuum left by the existing legal framework on the prevention of pollution; and

   - the availability of an escape clause in the existing contract for site handover of ITP should there be any unforeseen environmental risk.

(8) To advise whether the Antiquities Advisory Board considers the funding allocation of $6.5 million for rescue works of artifacts at CLS sufficient.

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