

Panel on Environmental Affairs

**List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 20 May 2004)**

**Proposed timing for
discussion**

1. Modification of Chemical Waste Treatment Centre (CWTC) to receive clinical waste

The Bill on Clinical Waste Control Scheme has been introduced into LegCo in June 2003. The Administration proposes to brief the Panel on the modification of CWTC so that the facility can receive clinical waste to tie in with the implementation of the Control Scheme.

First quarter 2004

2. Trials and Studies for the Harbour Area Treatment Scheme (HATS)

The Administration to report to the Panel the findings of the HATS-related trials and studies.

First quarter 2004

3. Large-scale waste management facilities

The Administration proposes to report to the Panel the technologies/facilities to handle municipal solid waste recommended by the Advisory Group, which mainly comprises non-officials, to examine the proposals from the technological, economics, environmental, social and consumer perspectives.

Second quarter 2004

4. Public consultation on review of nature conservation policy

The Administration to consult the Panel on the new nature conservation policy and measures after taking account of the views collated in the public consultation exercise. Consideration may be given to holding a joint meeting with the Panel on Planning, Lands and Works when the subject is ready for discussion.

Second quarter 2004

Proposed timing for discussion

5. Disposal of polystyrene (plastic foam)

Referred by Members after the meeting with Sha Tin District Council (STDC) on 13 June 2002 (LC Paper No. CB(1) 90/02-03). STDC members were concerned about the large volume of undegradable plastic foam being disposed of at landfills. They supported that measures should be introduced to discourage the use of plastic foam, and that more studies should be performed on the feasibility of using alternative materials for packaging and lunch boxes. Members requested that the issue be followed by the Panels on Environmental Affairs and Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene.

2003/2004

6. Decommissioning of Cheoy Lee Shipyard and land contamination policy

The Administration to report to the Panel the outcome of the legal pursuits arising from the decommissioning of the Cheoy Lee Shipyard as well as the progress in the formulation of a policy on land contamination.

To be confirmed pending development over legal pursuits.

7. Emissions trading

Raised by the Chairman to follow up her motion on the subject which was carried at the Legislative Council meeting on 6 November 2002.

To be confirmed.

8. Restoration of the damaged section of Tung Chung Stream

Further to the discussion on the impact of construction works on rivers in Hong Kong at the joint meeting with the Panel on Planning, Lands and Works on 23 February 2004, the Chairman requested the Administration to report on the progress of restoration of the damaged section of Tung Chung Stream in the first quarter of 2005.

To be confirmed.