

Panel on Environmental Affairs

List of outstanding items for discussion (position as at 6 October 2003)

Proposed timing for discussion

1. Decommissioning of Cheoy Lee Shipyard and land contamination policy

To be confirmed

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.

2. Indoor air quality

Administration to provide an updated progress report

The Chairman would like to invite the Administration to report on the latest development on indoor air quality control.

3. Noise Control (Amendment) Bill 2001

To be confirmed

The Bills Committee on Noise Control (Amendment) Bill 2001 has requested the Panel to follow up on the Code of Practice to be issued by the Noise Control Authority and to examine the deterrence and effectiveness of existing environmental legislation. It has also requested the Panel to consider the propriety of exempting public officers from personal criminal liability for contravention of the Noise Control Ordinance.

4. Disposal of polystyrene (plastic foam)

2003/2004

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

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Hygiene.

5. Setting up of free collection points for oil refuse from vessels

Referred by Members after the meeting with Southern District Council (SDC) on 2 May 2002 (LC Paper No. CB(1) 2544/01-02). SDC members were concerned about the environmental pollution caused by illegal dumping of oil refuse by vessels and had urged the Administration to provide collection points for marine waste oil in the Southern District. As illegal dumping of oil refuse by vessels was not effectively controlled under existing legislation, they considered it necessary to step up publicity and introduce legislative requirements for vessels to be equipped with waste oil disposal. However, this requirement should not be applied to existing vessels to avoid unnecessary disruption to the industry. Members requested that the issue be followed up by the Panel on Environmental Affairs, and that members of the Panel on Economic Services should be invited to attend the meeting when the subject was discussed.

Administration's response circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(1) 1795/02-03 on 28 May 2003

6. Air quality in Hong Kong

Further to the discussion on the findings of the Study on Pearl River Delta Regional Air Quality at the Panel meeting on 22 July 2002, members have requested the Administration to brief the Panel on the latest development of the regional air quality management plan.

To be confirmed

7. Large-scale waste management facilities

The subject is proposed by the Administration.

To be confirmed

8. 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

**Proposed timing
for discussion**

9. Management of marine parks

October or
November 2003

Arising from the Panel meeting on 22 July 2003, members wish to be briefed on the actions which the Administration will take to step up protection of marine parks as a result of an increase in eco-tourism.

At the meeting between LegCo Members and the Islands District Council (IsDC) members on 22 May 2003, concern has been raised on the current restrictions on usage of land in the vast areas of marine reserves on Lantau Island, which in IsDC members' view, has inhibited the utilization of land resources. They consider that the delineation of marine reserves on Lantau Island be reviewed to enable more areas to be opened up for development (LC Paper No. CB(1) 2348/02-03).

10. Public consultation on review of nature conservation policy

November or
December 2003

The Administration to report to the Panel the outcome of the public consultation exercise which will expire on 18 October 2003. Consideration may be given to holding a joint meeting with the Panel on Planning, Lands and Works when the subject is ready for discussion.