

Submission from Hong Kong Adventist Hospital

Bills committee on Waste Disposal (Amendment) Bill 2005

Views

- The non-profitable clinical waste producers should be exempted to pay for the waste disposal licence.
- The non-profitable clinical waste producers should be exempted to pay for operation cost of treating clinical waste at the CWTC;
- Under the Yellow alert of SARS and Avian Flu Contingency Plan, all Health Care Workers and visitors have to wear surgical masks, should these used masks be considered clinical waste? Need to give a clear guideline to all H.K. hospitals as we do dispose them as clinical waste at present.
- The charges of clinical waste will be added to the expenses of the clinical producers.
- The Bill should have control of clinical waste over the collection, transportation and disposal of clinical waste.
- The developed countries should take care of their own hazardous and non-hazardous waste instead of shipment to some undeveloped countries.
- Clinical waste production might be lowered once the Bill is in effect as clinical waste providers will be more careful to identify the real clinical waste.