

Panel on Environmental Affairs

**List of issues suggested to be considered
(position as at 12 October 2004)**

**Proposed timing for
discussion**

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

The Administration will introduce the Bill on Clinical Waste Control Scheme into LegCo in the fourth quarter of 2004. 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 2005

2. 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.

Fourth quarter 2004

3. Public consultation on review of nature conservation policy

The Administration to report to 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.

Fourth quarter 2004

4. Disposal of polystyrene (plastic foam)

Arising from 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. The issue should be followed up by the Panels on Environmental Affairs and Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene.

2004

Proposed timing for discussion

5. 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.

Administration's paper circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(1) 1910/03-04(01) on 21 May 2004.

6. Emissions trading

To follow up on the motion on emission trading which was carried at the Legislative Council meeting on 6 November 2002.

To be confirmed.

7. 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 Administration has been requested to report on the progress of restoration of the damaged section of Tung Chung Stream in the first quarter of 2005.

To be confirmed.

8. Indoor air quality

To follow up on the motion on indoor air quality which was carried at the Legislative Council meeting on 22 October 2003.

To be confirmed.

9. Corporate social and environmental responsibility

To follow up on the motion on corporate social and environmental responsibility which was carried at the Legislative Council meeting on 17 March 2004.

To be confirmed.

10. Harbour Area Treatment Scheme

To follow up the progress on the Consultation Document for the Harbour Area Treatment Scheme Stage 2.

To be confirmed.