Panel on Environmental Affairs

List of outstanding items for discussion (position as at 17 January 2006)

Proposed timing for discussion

1. Draft Hong Kong implementation plan under the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants To be confirmed

2. Renewable energy

To be confirmed

(Will be jointly discussed with the Panel on Economic Services after the release of the second consultation on electricity market in December 2005.)

3. Proposed Mandatory Energy Efficiency Labelling Scheme

February 2006

(The Administration will report the outcome of the three-month public consultation exercise embarked in late July 2005. Information paper on the proposed Scheme has been issued to Members under LC Paper No. CB(1) 1869/04-05(01) on 22 June 2005.)

4. Progress of implementation of the "polluter-pays principle" and "product responsibility"

February 2006

(The Administration is requested to report to the Panel the progress of application of the "polluter-pays principle" and "product responsibility" in the mitigation and avoidance of environmental pollution.)

5. Energy saving

February 2006

Proposed timing for discussion

6. Feasibility study on the extensions of West New Territories landfill

March 2006 (Depending on the progress of further consultation with the Tuen Mun District Council)

7. Land contamination policy

March 2006

(pending the outcome of the legal pursuits arising from the decommissioning of the Cheoy Lee Shipyard)

8. Sham Tseng and Ting Kau Sewerage

April 2006

9. Reviewing the basis for charging the trade effluent surcharge and its appeal mechanism

April/May 2006

(To follow up on the motion on the subject which was raised by Hon Tommy CHEUNG and carried at the LegCo meeting on 8 December 2004.)

10. Impact of the new nature conservation policy

June 2006

(The concern about the impact of the new nature conservation policy on landowners was raised at the meetings between LegCo Members and members of Heung Yee Kuk and Yuen Long District Council on 25 January and 5 May 2005 (LC Paper Nos. CB(1)2327/04-05(01) and (02)) respectively.)

11. Hazardous Chemicals Control Bill

2nd quarter 2006

12. Modification and refurbishment works for Island East transfer station

2nd quarter 2006

Proposed timing for discussion

13. Modification of Chemical Waste Treatment Centre to receive clinical waste

To be confirmed

(Depending on the progress of the Bills Committee on Clinical Waste Control Scheme.)

14. Progress of measures to address noise impact of existing roads

To be confirmed

(The need for measures to address traffic noise has been repeatedly raised at the meetings of LegCo Members and the Kwai Tsing District Council, Shatin District Council, Sham Shui Po District Council and Tsuen Wan District Council. The subject will be jointly followed up by the Panel on Environmental Affairs and the Panel on Transport upon completion of the research paper on overseas experience in addressing traffic noise by the LegCo Research and Library Services Division.)

15. Protection of marine environment

To be confirmed upon receipt of information paper provided by the Administration

16. Conservation of natural rivers in Hong Kong

To be confirmed upon receipt of information paper provided by the Administration

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