Panel on Environmental Affairs

List of outstanding items for discussion (position as at 21 February 2006)

Proposed timing for discussion

1. Renewable energy

March 2006

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

2. Energy saving

March 2006

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

April 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.

4. Progress report on the management of construction and demolition materials

April 2006

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

April 2006 (Depending on the progress of the Bills Committee on Clinical Waste Control Scheme.)

Proposed timing for discussion

6. 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.

7. Sham Tseng and Ting Kau Sewerage

May 2006

8. 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.

9. Modification and refurbishment works for Island East transfer station

2nd quarter 2006

10. Land contamination policy

To be confirmed (Pending the outcome of the legal pursuits arising from the decommissioning of the Cheoy Lee Shipyard)

11. Proposed Mandatory Energy Efficiency Labelling Scheme

To be confirmed

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.

Proposed timing for discussion

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

To be confirmed (Depending on the progress of further consultation with the Tuen Mun District Council)

13. 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.

14. Protection of marine environment

To be confirmed (Upon receipt of information paper provided by the Administration)

15. Conservation of natural rivers in Hong Kong

To be confirmed (Upon receipt of information paper provided by the Administration)

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