

**Subcommittee on
Sewage Services (Sewage Charge) (Amendment) Regulation 2007,
Sewage Services (Trade Effluent Surcharge) (Amendment) Regulation 2007 and
Technical Memorandum on Procedures and Methods for Sampling and Analysis
of Trade Effluents**

Second meeting on 24 April 2007

List of follow-up actions to be taken by the Administration

1. To address members' concern about recycling of treated sludge and effluent (say, for use in flushing or brick-making), the Administration undertakes to provide information on various initiatives undertaken under the Government's policy on total water management.
2. To address members' concern about the pollutant removal efficiency and the resultant water quality improvements of the various stages of the Harbour Area Treatment Scheme (HATS), the Administration is requested to provide further information on the following:
 - (a) The absolute figures on the level of different pollutants/parameters in sewage discharged under Stage 1, Stage 2A and Stage 2B (with reference to the pollutants/parameters set out in Annex D to its response issued through LC Paper No. CB(1)1435/06-07(02)); and
 - (b) The unit treatment cost per tonne of sewage with a breakdown by costs for staff and energy etc.
3. To address members' concern that specifying the Sewage Charge fee levels for the coming 10 years in a single item of legislation without an interim review would fail to take into account changes in future circumstances (such as unexpected economic fluctuations and the affordability of the community), the Administration is requested to confirm in writing the mechanism to be put in place for undertaking regular reviews of the fee levels during the 10-year period.
4. To address members' concern about the Administration's commitment to implementing HATS Stage 2B, the Administration is requested to provide information on the following:
 - (a) The exact timing for implementation of HATS Stage 2B;
 - (b) The process of the site search in respect of the land earmarked for construction of the biological treatment plant under HATS Stage 2B, including consideration of alternative sites, if any, which could provide land for the sole construction of the biological treatment plant above ground, instead of co-using the site;

- (c) Progress of work in addressing the planning, interface and development issues involving the use of the site at Stonecutters Island earmarked for the biological treatment plant, including the comments of the relevant policy bureau i.e. the Economic Development and Labour Bureau for co-use of the site with "container related" operations; and
- (d) Where possible, to provide a comparison of operating costs for the biological treatment plant under Stage 2B if it is constructed underground or above ground.

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