Panel on Environmental Affairs

List of outstanding items for discussion (position as at 20 April 2007)

Proposed timing for discussion

1. 4351DS – Harbour Area Treatment Scheme Stage 2A – Planning and design of the upgrading works of Stonecutters Island Sewage Treatment Works and the preliminary treatment works

May 2007 (Subject to the passage of the proposed Sewage Charge regulations)

Full upgrade of the sewerage item to Category A.

2 PWP Item No. 800TH - Retrofitting of noise barriers at Kwun Tong Bypass

May 2007 (New item proposed by the Administration)

3. Proposal of banning idling vehicles from running their engines

June 2007 (The item was originally scheduled for discussion in May 2007)

4. 4230DS – Outlying Islands Sewerage, stage 1 phase 1 part 2 – Yung Shue Wan Sewerage, Sewage Treatment Works and Outfall

June 2007

Full upgrade of the sewerage item to Category A.

5. 4234DS – Outlying Islands Sewerage, stage 1 phase 2 – Sok Kwu Wan sewage collection, treatment and disposal facilities

June 2007

Full upgrade of the sewerage item to Category A.

6. 4340DS – Port Shelter Sewerage Stage 3 – Mang Kung Uk Sewerage

Full upgrade of the sewerage item to Category A.

To be confirmed (The item was originally scheduled for discussion in June 2007)

Proposed timing for discussion

7. 4352DS – Harbour Area Treatment Scheme Stage 2A – Construction of advance disinfection facilities at Stonecutters Island Sewage Treatment Works

To be confirmed

Full upgrade of the sewerage item to Category A.

8. Impact of the new nature conservation policy

To be confirmed

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, 5 May 2005 and 31 October 2006 (LC Paper Nos. CB(1) 2327/04-05 and CB(1) 577/06-07) respectively. Hon LEE Wing-tat has also raised concern about the conservation of wetland along the West Rail (LC Paper No. CB(1) 844/06-07). A joint meeting with the Panel on Planning, Lands and Works may be required to discuss the subject.

9. Land contamination policy

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

10. 4329DS – Upgrading of the Pillar Point Sewage Treatment Works

To be confirmed

Full upgrade of the sewerage item to Category A.

11. Proposed legislation on Producer Responsibility Schemes

To be confirmed

To follow up on the views and suggestions expressed by members at the Panel meeting on 24 April 2006.

Proposed timing for discussion

12. Protection of marine environment

To be confirmed (Information paper provided by the Administration was circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(1) 2039/05-06(01) on 20 July 2006)

13. Conservation of natural rivers in Hong Kong

To be confirmed (Information paper provided by the Administration was circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(1) 2039/05-06(02) on 20 July 2006)

14. Review of Trade Effluent Surcharge rates

To be confirmed (Following the completion of effluent surveys of all Trade Effluent Surcharge trades)

15. Greenhouse gas emission and its effect on global warming

To be confirmed

At the Panel meeting on 23 October 2006, the Chairman requested that the subject should be discussed by the Panel and that experts in the field should be invited to give their views on how the problem could be resolved.

16. Reusing surplus public fill in reclamation projects in the Mainland

To be confirmed

Following the signing of the cooperation agreement between the Administration and the State Oceanic Administration in March 2004 which has provided a foundation for the accommodation of public fill in Mainland waters, members would like to follow up on the progress of the scheme, particularly the cost incurred from the delivery of the surplus public fill to the Mainland.

Proposed timing for discussion

17. Progress of measures to mitigate road traffic noise

To be confirmed

Members would like to be briefed on the progress of the "Draft Comprehensive Plan to Tackle Road Traffic Noise in Hong Kong" which was last discussed by the Panel at its meeting on 3 July 2006. Referrals have been received from the Tsuen Wan District Council on the traffic noise problem at Fairview Garden and the Kowloon City District Council on the retrofitting of noise barriers along the East Kowloon Corridor (LC Paper Nos. CB(1) 1173/06-07(01) and (03) circulated on 20 March 2007).

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