Bills Committee on Product Eco-responsibility Bill

List of follow-up actions arising from the discussion at the meeting on 13 March 2008

- (1) To consider using part of the levy collected to provide financial incentives for both prescribed retailers and consumers to facilitate the recycling of used plastic shopping bags. These may be in the forms of refund for consumers for every specified clean used plastic shopping bag returned, and subsidy for administrative cost incurred by prescribed retailers to earmark certain areas within their outlets for the collection of clean used plastic shopping bags returned by consumers.
- (2) To advise the impact of the anticipated removal of certain public cargo working areas on local recyclers, and the measures which will be taken to address the problem and to facilitate the development of recycling industry in Hong Kong.
- (3) To advise the cost and locations of the some 28,000 three-coloured recycling bins, the management cost for collection of recyclables from these bins as well as the revenue from the sales of these recyclables.
- (4) To advise the measures, in addition to the proposed levy on plastic shopping bag and the three-coloured recycling bin, which can/will be taken to substantially increase the amount of used plastic bags for recycling.
- (5) To review the Bill, including clauses 18(4) and 19(2), such that future amendments to subsidiary legislation and Schedules 1, 2, 3 and 4 to the Bill will be subject to the positive vetting procedure.

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