Panel on Environmental Affairs

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

Proposed timing for discussion

1. Mandating the use of ultra low sulphur diesel in industrial and commercial processes

December 2007

(Suggest inviting the Commerce and Industry Panel members to join the Panel meeting since the proposal would affect the industrial and commercial sectors.)

2. Promotion of Cleaner Production in the Pearl River Delta Region

December 2007

(Suggest inviting the Commerce and Industry Panel members to join the Panel meeting since the proposal would affect the industrial and commercial sectors.)

3. Amendments to the Air Pollution Control Ordinance to stipulate the emission caps for power companies

December 2007 (New item proposed by the Administration)

4. Building energy efficiency

January 2008 (The item was originally scheduled for discussion in December 2007)

Referred by the Bills Committee on Energy Efficiency (Labelling) Bill. The Administration was requested to consult the stakeholders on the feasibility of turning the voluntary Hong Kong Energy Efficiency Registration Scheme for Buildings into a mandatory one, and to report the outcome to the Panel in due course.

5. 4237DS – Tai Po Tai Wo Road Sewage Pumping Station and Rising Mains

January 2008

Full upgrade of the sewerage item to Category A.

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

January 2008

Full upgrade of the sewerage item to Category A.

7. Progress of measures to improve air quality

January 2008

8. Greenhouse gas emissions and their effects on global warming

January 2008

Proposed timing for discussion

9. Proposed mandatory provision of refuse storage and material recovery room on each floor of new residential buildings

February 2008

10. Review of Trade Effluent Surcharge rates

February 2008 (Following the completion of effluent surveys of all Trade Effluent Surcharge trades)

11. Cleaner Motor Vehicle Fuel

March 2008

(Suggest inviting the Transport Panel members to join the meeting since the proposal would affect the transport sector.)

12. Update on the progress of the key initiatives in the "Policy Framework for the Management of Municipal Solid Waste (2005-2014)"

March 2008

13. Proposed additional "Designated Areas" under the Noise Control Ordinance (Cap. 400)

April 2008

14. Progress of measures to mitigate road traffic noise

April 2008

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 (DC) on the traffic noise problem at Fairview Garden (LC Paper No. CB(1) 1173/06-07(01)); the Kowloon City DC on the retrofitting of noise barriers along the Kowloon Corridor (LC Paper CB(1) 1173/06-07(03)); the Wong Tai Sin DC on the traffic noise at New Clearwater Bay Road near Choi Wan Estate (LC Paper No. CB(1) 1624/06-07(01)); the Kwun Tong DC on the problem of railway noise at MTR stations as well as traffic noise along Lei Yue Mun Road (LC Paper No. CB(1) 1624/06-07(02)) and the Sham Shui Po DC on the need to mitigate the impacts of traffic noise on residents, particularly along Lung Cheung Road and Ching Cheung Road (LC Paper No. CB(1) 2427/06-07(01).

Proposed timing for discussion

15. 4125DS – Tolo Harbour sewerage of unsewered areas

May 2008

Part upgrade of the sewerage item to Category A.

16. 4329DS – Upgrading of the Pillar Point Sewage Treatment Works

May/June 2008

Full upgrade of the sewerage item to Category A.

17. Policies on sustainable urban development and green buildings

May/June 2008

To follow up the motion on "Policies on sustainable urban development and green buildings" moved by Prof Hon Patrick LAU at the Council meeting on 23 May 2007.

18. 4332DS – Lam Tsuen Valley Sewerage

June 2008

Part upgrade of the sewerage item to Category A.

19. 4348DS – North District and Tolo Harbour sewerage, sewage treatment and disposal – regional sewerage works, part 1 – sewerage upgrade

June 2008

Part upgrade of the sewerage item to Category A.

20. 4339DS – North District sewerage, stage 1 phase 2C and stage 2 phase 1

June 2008

Part upgrade of the sewerage item to Category A.

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

June 2008

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

22. Impact of the new nature conservation policy

Q2 2008

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 DC 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.

23. Land contamination policy

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

24. Developing environmental industries to create job opportunities

To be confirmed

To follow up the motion on "Developing environmental industries to create job opportunities" moved by Hon KWONG Chi-kin at the Council meeting on 4 July 2007.

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