Panel on Environmental Affairs

List of outstanding items for discussion (position as at 20 May 2011)

Proposed timing for discussion

1. Promoting green economy

To follow up the motions on "Developing environmental industries to create job opportunities", "Proactively promoting waste recovery and recycling", "Promoting green economy" and "Promoting the waste recycling industries", which were carried at the Council meetings on 4 July 2007, 2 July 2008, 6 May 2009 and 24 November 2010. As agreed at the Panel meeting on 20 April 2011, the Administration was requested to provide an information paper setting out its vision and mission in promoting green economy.

June 2011
(Without a fixed timing for discussion before)

A special joint meeting with the Panel on Economic Development will be held to discuss the subject.

2. Progress of measures for food waste reduction and treatment

June 2011 (New item proposed by the Administration)

3. Planning for new initiatives under the environment portfolio in the 2012-2013 Budget

July 2011

Raised by Hon Cyd HO. The Administration is requested to brief the Panel on the planning of financial provisions for new environmental initiatives so that members can give views in advance on the estimated expenditure to be incurred from the environment portfolio in the 2012-2013 Budget.

4. Findings of public consultation – Producer Responsibility Scheme for Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment

Mid-2011
(The item was originally scheduled for discussion in the second quarter, 2011)

Proposed timing for discussion

5. Control on the emissions of non-road mobile sources

To report on the outcome of the trade consultation and explain the way forward.

Q3/Q4 2011
(tentative)
(The item was
originally scheduled
for discussion in the
second quarter, 2011)

6. Retrofitting of separate air-conditioning system for vehicles while engines are switched off

Referred to the Panel by the Bills Committee on Motor Vehicle Idling (Fixed Penalty) Bill. Members wish to be briefed on the Administration's efforts to encourage retrofitting of the air-conditioning system before the Bill comes into operation (LC Paper No. CB(1) 1542/10-11).

Q4/2011
(tentative)
(Without a fixed timing for discussion before)

7. Trial on retrofitting of selective catalytic reduction device for franchised bus fleet

To report on the progress of the trial.

Q1 2012 (tentative) (The item was originally scheduled for discussion in July 2011)

8. Consultation report on Hong Kong's Climate Change Strategy and Action Agenda To be confirmed

9. Trial of local ferries using ultra low sulphur diesel

To be confirmed

To report on the findings of the trial.

10. 353DS - Outlying Islands sewerage, stage 2 - upgrading of Mui Wo Village sewerage phase 2 and Mui Wo sewage treatment works

To be confirmed

Proposed timing for discussion

11. Measures to strengthen the control of emissions from petrol and Liquefied Petroleum Gas vehicles

To be confirmed

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

12. Banning of fishing in Geopark

To be confirmed

Referral on banning of fishing in Geopark arising from the meeting between Legislative Council Members and Tai Po District Council members on 3 June 2010 (LC Paper No. CB(1) 2817/09-10).

13. Progressively restricting the sale of incandescent light bulbs

To be confirmed

To brief the Panel of the proposal in taking forward the plan to progressively restrict the sale of incandescent light bulbs.

14. Balance between development and nature conservation

To be confirmed

Members wish to be briefed on how to strike a balance between development and nature conservation to prevent destruction of sites of high conservation value as in the case of Sai Wan and Nam San Wai.

A joint meeting with the Panel on Development to be held to discuss the item.

Proposed timing for discussion

15. Protection of marine ecology

To be confirmed

Members wish to be briefed on the measures taken to protect the marine environment of seabed which has been affected by pollution as a result of illegal dumping, trawling etc. Consideration should be given to conducting a study to ascertain the situation.

16. Site selection for the development of the Integrated Waste Treatment Facilities

To be confirmed

Members wish to be briefed on the latest progress in the development of the Integrated Waste Treatment Facilities.

17. Promoting the use of biodiesel

To be confirmed

Referred by the Subcommittee on Improving Air Quality. Members wish to be briefed on the means to promote the use of biodiesel.

18. Retrofitting of noise barriers

To be confirmed

Referral arising from the meeting between Legislative Council Members and the Eastern District Council on 9 December 2010 during which the delay in retrofitting of noise barriers at the section of Chai Wan Road near Neptune Terrace was discussed (LC Paper No. CB(1) 2176/10-11).

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