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Clerk to Panel on Environmental Affair
3rd Floor, Citibank Tower
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(Attn: Miss Becky YU)

Dear Miss Yu,

**Panel on Environmental Affairs
Follow-up to Meeting on 25 October 2010**

**Policy initiatives of the Environment Bureau
in the Chief Executive's 2010-2011 Policy Address**

At the meeting of the Panel on Environmental Affair (EA Panel) on 25 October 2010 to discuss the Policy initiatives of the Environment Bureau in the Chief Executive's 2010-2011 Policy Address, the EA Panel requested the Administration to provide information on the replacement programme for refuse collection vehicles (RCVs). We would like to provide the Administration's response as follows.

According to the information provided by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) and the Transport Department, there are 154 government private refuse collection vehicles (RCVs) and about 300 RCVs operating in Hong Kong.

Government RCVs

Since 2002, all newly purchased government RCVs are equipped with rear metal covers and waste water tank(s) to reduce the nuisance (e.g. dripping leachate, spattering of waste and odour) caused by RCVs. Among the 154 government RCVs, 119 are equipped with rear metal covers and waste water tank(s). For the remaining 35 government RCVs of older models, 10 will be disposed of shortly while 25 will be replaced in phases by new ones equipped with rear metal covers and waste water tank(s) by mid-2013.

Private RCVs

Only a few RCVs in the private sector are equipped with the above environmental nuisance abatement devices. In new waste collection contracts, FEHD will require their outsourced waste collection contractors to equip their RCVs with the above environmental nuisance abatement device that are of the same standards as new government RCVs. It is estimated that with the commencement of new waste collection contracts from 2011 to 2015, about 130 private RCVs serving FEHD's outsourced waste collection contracts will have to be equipped with the devices. For the remaining RCVs in the private sector, we will encourage private waste collectors to consider retrofitting the devices in their existing RCVs and include those devices on their newly purchased RCVs. We will liaise with the relevant trades and their associations to encourage them to implement the above recommendations and a technical briefing on the matter is being arranged.

We should be grateful if you would distribute this letter to EA panel Members.

Yours sincerely,



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for Director of Environmental Protection

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