

Panel on Environmental Affairs

**List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 27 June 2012)**

	Proposed timing for discussion
1. Progress of measures for food waste reduction and treatment	To be confirmed
To report on the progress of the measures to reduce and treat food waste in Hong Kong	
2. Consultation report on Hong Kong's Climate Change Strategy and Action Agenda	To be confirmed
3. Banning of commercial fishing in marine parks	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).	
To brief members on the progress of policy initiative to ban commercial fishing in marine parks.	
4. 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.	

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for discussion**

5. 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 for the Administration to conduct a study to ascertain the situation.

6. Public Consultation on the Restriction of Sale of Energy-inefficient Incandescent Light Bulbs To be confirmed

To inform the Panel of the outcome of a three-month public consultation on restriction of sale of energy-inefficient incandescent light bulbs.

7. 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.

8. 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).

9. Alleged breakdown of taxis/minibus after filling up with Liquefied Petroleum Gas To be confirmed

Raised by Hon IP Wai-ming. The Administration is requested to brief the Panel on the follow-up actions taken or being taken to tackle the problem.

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for discussion**

10. Review of environmental impact assessment mechanism

To be confirmed

Raised by Hon Audrey EU. Members wish to be briefed on the Administration's latest position on the review of environmental impact assessment mechanism following the judgment of Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge judicial review handed down by the Court of Appeal.

11. Comprehensively improving the water quality of the Victoria Harbour

To be confirmed

To follow up the motion on "Comprehensively improving the water quality of the Victoria Harbour", which was carried at the Council meeting on 16 November 2011.

12. PWP Item 6810TH – Retrofitting of noise barriers on Tuen Mun Road (Town Centre Section)

To be confirmed

To upgrade the noise barrier retrofitting project at the Town Centre Section of Tuen Mun Road to Category A.

13. External lighting in Hong Kong

To be confirmed

Raised by Hon Tanya CHAN. Members would like to be briefed on the outcome of consultation on the draft guidelines on Industry Best Practices for External Lighting Installations, as well as the latest progress of the way forward in tackling nuisance caused by external lighting.

14. Reduce, reuse and recycle municipal solid waste

To be confirmed

Raised at the meeting on 23 April 2012. The Administration is requested to work out a holistic package of measures to substantially reduce, reuse and recycle municipal solid waste before the development of the Integrated Waste Management Facilities and extension of existing landfills. Deputations from the recycling industries and tenants of the EcoPark will be invited to express their views on the subject.

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15. Buildings Energy Efficiency Funding Schemes

To be confirmed

To inform Members of the outcome of the schemes and way forward to promote energy efficiency in buildings

16. Government-led promotion of a territory-wide energy conservation campaign

To be confirmed

To follow up the motion on "Government-led promotion of a territory-wide energy conservation campaign", which was carried at the Council meeting on 15 February 2012.

17. Review of exemption of genetically modified papaya from the application of sections 5 and 7 of the Genetically Modified Organism (Control of Release) Ordinance (Cap. 607)

To be confirmed

Referred by the Subcommittee on the Genetically Modified Organisms (Control of Release) (Exemption) Notice. Members wish to be briefed on outcome of the review of the exemption of genetically modified papaya to be carried out by the Administration in three year's time upon the commencement of the Genetically Modified Organisms (Control of Release) (Exemption) Notice.