Panel on Environmental Affairs

List of outstanding items for discussion (position as at 10 October 2011)

Proposed timing for
discussion

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

Q4 2011 (tentative)

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

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

Q4 2011 (tentative)

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

Q4/2011 (tentative)

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).

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

Q1/2012 (tentative)

To report on the progress of the trial.

5. Promoting green economy

To be confirmed

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.

Information papers on "Promoting green economy" provided by the Administration have been circulated vide LC Paper Nos. CB(1) 2264/10-11(01) and 2860/10-11(02)).

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

6. Progress of measures for food waste reduction and treatment

To be confirmed

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

To be confirmed

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.

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

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

To be confirmed

(Suggest inviting members of the Panel on Transport to join the discussion 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 on 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.

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 for the Administration to conduct 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 of the development of the Integrated Waste Treatment Facilities.

Referrals arising from the meeting between Duty Roster Members and "群峰教育中心環境關注組", and the meeting between Legislative Council Members and Islands District Council members on 20 June and 12 May 2011 respectively regarding development of the Integrated Waste Treatment Facilities have been circulated vide LC Paper Nos. CB(1) 2694 and 3090/10-11(01).

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).

19. 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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