

Bills Committee on Air Pollution Control (Amendment) Bill 2013

Follow-up actions required of the Administration

(as at 20 May 2013)

The Administration was requested to provide the following information by members at the meeting on 16 April 2013 –

1. (a) The applications and impact of the new Air Quality Objectives ("AQOs") to the public and on different sectors including the licensing requirements of various industries, in particular the energy and the transport sectors.

(b) The number and ages of pre-Euro, Euro I and Euro II diesel commercial vehicles which were "single-vehicles" (i.e. the owners of which were also the drivers).

2. In response to members' concern that there may be cases where an applicant for the Environmental Impact Assessment ("EIA") would rush and file their assessment report to avoid the relevant projects to be subjected to the new AQOs, to provide information on –
 - (a) An illustration on the sequence of stages of EIA under the EIA Ordinance (Cap. 499) and an explanation of the transitional arrangement for ongoing infrastructure projects with reference to those stages.
 - (b) The number and a list of designated projects of those stages before the new AQOs come into operation.

3. (a) The sources of emission of the seven pollutants specified in the Air Pollution Control Ordinance (Cap. 311), in particular, information regarding the emission of any of them by vehicles.

(b) Information on the actual number of exceedances in respect of the seven air pollutants in Hong Kong in the past few years.

(c) How the proposed number of exceedances of the seven pollutants compared to the international standard.

- (d) Justifications for setting the number of exceedances allowed in the new AQOs and whether they would be tightened in future review.

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