Bills Committee on Product Eco-responsibility (Amendment) Bill 2013

List of follow-up actions arising from the meeting on 8 January 2014

The Administration is requested –

- (a) to provide information on the classification of plastic bags in landfill surveys and the survey findings in recent years;
- (b) regarding the English text of the proposed section 1(4) of Schedule 5, to clarify whether the word "this" or "that" should be used before the word "Ordinance";
- (c) in the light of the proposed repeal of section 13(2)(a) and (b) of the Product Eco-responsibility Ordinance (Cap. 603) ("the PERO") which provides for appeals against rejections of applications on matters specified in sections 19 and 23 of the PERO respectively and the proposed repeal of Parts 2 and 3 of the Product Eco-responsibility (Plastic Shopping Bags) Regulation (Cap. 603A), to advise whether and how an application made under section 13(1) against a decision of any such rejection which is made on or after 1 April 2015 will be dealt with;
- (d) in the light of the proposed repeal of section 20 of the PERO which provides that the Director of Environmental Protection must maintain a register containing the information which is specified in section 20(1) of the PERO, to advise how the Administration would keep the records of the information so specified during the period which Schedule 5 is applicable;
- (e) to advise the results of the Administration's discussion with the Hong Kong Retail Management Association on the feasibility of the retail trade to publish the distribution figures of plastic shopping bags on an annual basis after the implementation of the proposed extension of the Environmental Levy Scheme on Plastic Shopping Bags (paragraph 6 of LC Paper No. CB(1)671/13-14(02) refers); and
- (f) to provide a written response to the draft Committee Stage amendments proposed by Hon WU Chi-wai.

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