

Bills Committee on Pesticides (Amendment) Bill 2013

Follow-up to the meeting on 26 February 2013

Members requested the Administration to provide the following information in writing –

- (a) a list of the pesticides that are sold, supplied or used in Hong Kong and relevant data on their usage such as number of permits and licences granted and trade volume; whether or not these pesticides are covered by the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants and the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade ("the two Conventions"); and for those pesticides (such as Paraquat and Gramoxone) which are not covered by the two Conventions, how they are regulated under the existing laws and whether the Administration has any plan to step up their regulation;
- (b) how the proposed amendments in the Bill will bring about improvements in the regulation of pesticides in Hong Kong; and measures to be taken by the Administration to tackle the problems on the regulation of pesticides which are not addressed by the Bill; and
- (c) how the system of regulation of pesticides in Hong Kong compared with that in Vancouver, Canada, and whether consideration would be given to the suggestion of adopting a more stringent approach in regulating the use of pesticides in residential areas.