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Clerk to the EA Panel  
Panel on Environmental Affairs  
Legislative Council Complex,  
1 Legislative Council Road,  
Central, Hong Kong  
(Attn: Ms Miranda LF HON)

Dear Ms HON,

**Panel on Environmental Affairs Meeting  
Follow-up actions from the meeting on 25 February 2013**

The Panel on Environmental Affairs discussed government's "Measures to tackle fly-tipping of construction and demolition materials and illegal land filling activities" (Discussion Paper CB(1)569/12-13(06)) at the captioned meeting, and requested the Administration to provide the number of joint site inspections conducted by the relevant government departments against fly-tipping and unauthorized land filling activities and the results of the inspections after the meeting.

The number of site inspections conducted jointly by various government departments in the past three years is tabulated as follows:-

Nature of complaints	Number of joint inspections		
	2010	2011	2012
Fly-tipping of construction and demolition materials	14	21	30
Unauthorized land filling activities	4	6	9

Note: Fly-tipping refers to illegal depositing of construction and demolition materials, which is often associated with haphazard and casual dumping from vehicles. Unauthorized land filling refers to depositing or placement of construction and demolition materials as fill material on land, without permission of the land owner(s), which results in an elevation of ground level.

Joint site inspections were mainly conducted by relevant government departments on a case-by-case basis. Participating departments included Buildings Department, Drainage Services Department, Environmental Protection Department, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, Highways Department, Lands Department and Planning Department, etc. Other departments were also involved on an as-needed basis. Furthermore, each government department would also conduct its own inspections under its purview and made referrals to the other department(s) for parallel action and/or follow up investigation as and when necessary. From the years 2010 to 2012, the concerted efforts by government departments in tackling illegal activities had brought about improvements to the situation on fly-tipping and land filling activities at some sites, leading to the deletion of these sites from the lists of fly-tipping black spots and land filling sites. Details have been presented in the above -mentioned discussion paper.

The figures on public complaints received and enforcement actions taken by government departments in 2012, as presented in the above-mentioned discussion paper, indicated that illegal fly-tipping and land filling activities were still common especially in those less accessible urban areas as well as rural areas. In this connection, government departments will continue to liaise closely to monitor the situation in each district, and to jointly work on appropriate measures to tackle fly-tipping of construction and demolition materials and illegal land filling activities.

Yours faithfully,



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for Director of Environmental Protection