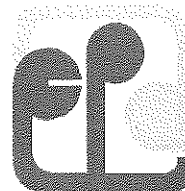


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Dear Ms. Hon,

**Panel on Environmental Affairs:
Updated List of Follow-up Actions (as at 13 March 2014)**

Thank you for your updated list of follow-up actions (Ref: CB(1)1104/13-14(01)) issued to us via email on 13 March 2014. We are pleased to provide below our responses regarding Item 1.

***Item 1 (Integrated Waste Management Facilities (IWMF) Phase 1):** At the Panel meeting on 24 February 2014, the Panel requested the Administration to provide information on the respective number of fishermen and inshore fishing vessels that would possibly be affected by the reclamation works in connection with the IWMF Phase 1.*

A detailed Environmental Impact Assessment Studies (EIA Studies) has been conducted for the IWMF Phase 1 Project in accordance with the Environmental Impact Assessment Ordinance to ascertain their environmental impacts arising from the Project. The report concluded that with the recommended mitigation measures applied, the Project would not cause any significant impact to fisheries.

In accordance with the existing policy, the Government will set up an Interdepartmental Working Group (IWG) to handle the matters relating to the Ex-gratia allowances (EGA) for fishermen affected by the marine works projects in Hong Kong waters. Subject to certain eligibility criteria, fishermen affected by marine works resulting in a permanent or temporary loss of fishing ground will be eligible for EGA.

It is estimated that there are about 300-400 fishermen's vessels of smaller capacity currently being berthed at the homeports in the vicinity of the IWMP project site, e.g. Cheung Chau. However, this figure is not related to the actual number of eligible fishermen and the amount of EGA payable which is to be determined by the IWG in accordance with the established mechanism.

Should you have any enquiries, please feel free to contact the undersigned at 3509 8617.

Yours sincerely,

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