

Legislative Council Panel on Environmental Affairs**Supplementary Information on Environmental Infrastructure Projects –****(a) 5163DR : Northeast New Territories Landfill Extension****(b) 5164DR : Southeast New Territories Landfill Extension****(c) 5165DR : West New Territories Landfill Extension****(d) 5177DR : Integrated Waste Management Facilities Phase 1**

At the meeting of Legislative Council (LegCo) Panel of Environmental Affairs held on 28 March 2014, the following was requested :

The Administration to provide a written response to the views and concerns expressed by the deputations/individuals at the special meetings of the Panel held on 22 and 28 March 2014.

2. The views and concerns expressed by the deputations/individuals at the special meetings of the Panel on Environmental Affairs on 22 March 2014 and 28 March 2014 are noted.

3. Diverse views were expressed on various waste management initiatives as well as on the overall waste management strategy. The Secretary for the Environment had given overall response to the views expressed by deputations/individuals at the end of each of the public sessions of the special meetings on 22 and 28 March. In addition, the Environment Bureau/Environmental Protection Department have previously responded to these views and concerns in detail on many occasions through various channels such as presentations to District Councils (DCs) and their relevant subcommittees and rural committees, written responses and papers to DC and LegCo members as well as media replies etc. In particular, a detailed report on the mitigation measures carried out in Tseung Kwan O was presented to the Local Environmental Facilities Monitoring Task Force under the Sai Kung DC in January and February 2014. In December 2013, the Secretary for the Environment also gave presentations at a public forum at Cheung Chau and at the Islands DC meeting on the “Hong Kong Blueprint for Sustainable Use of Resources 2013-2022” and various aspects of the IWMF Phase 1 project, such as site selection considerations, incineration technology and concerns of local communities, in particular air emission standards for the protection of public health.

4. As regards the overall waste management strategy, the Environment Bureau has promulgated a comprehensive waste management strategy with action plans and timetable through the issue of the "Hong Kong Blueprint for Sustainable Use of Resources 2013-2022" in May 2013 and "A Food Waste & Yard Waste Plan for Hong Kong 2014-2022" in February 2014. In addition, the Panel on Environmental Affairs was briefed on individual aspects of our waste management work from 2012 to 2014 including municipal solid waste (MSW) charging (LC Paper No CB(1)276/12-13(01) and CB(1)314/13-14(03)), producer responsibility scheme on glass beverage bottles (LC Paper No CB(1)314/13-14(05), CB(1)591/13-14(01) and CB(1)569/12-13(04)), matters relating to recycling industry (LC Paper No CB(1)500/13-14(03), CB(1)787/13-14(03), CB(1)1332/12-13(05), CB(1)195/13-14(01) and CB(1)218/13-14(01)), MSW recycling and recovery rate (LC Paper No CB(1)1104/13-14(03) and CB(1)1620/12-13(01)), Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Treatment and Recycling Facility (LC Paper No CB(1)1292/13-14(03) and CB(1)1499/13-14(01)) and Organic Waste Treatment Facilities Phase 1 (LC Paper No CB(1)1074/13-14(01) and CB(1)1140/13-14(01)).

5. To further enhance liaison at the district and community level as stated in the Policy Address 2014, District Liaison Groups (DLGs) have been set up in Tuen Mun/Yuen Long, Sai Kung and the North District. The DLGs will enhance communication with the local community regarding the management and operation including environmental monitoring of the waste facilities within the districts concerned. Upon obtaining funding approval for the IWMP Phase 1, a DLG will also be set up in the Islands District to enhance communication with the local community and monitor the implementation of the project. Views on the management and operation of waste facilities of the district concerned will be followed up by the relevant DLG.

**Environment Bureau/Environmental Protection Department
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