

Panel on Environmental Affairs

**List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 22 April 2014)**

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| <p>1. Collaboration with Guangdong in improving air quality in the Pearl River Delta region</p> <p>The Administration will brief the Panel on the joint efforts with Guangdong in tackling air quality issues in the Pearl River Delta region, including the latest collaboration initiatives of the two places in response to the State Council's 10 measures in combating Mainland's air pollution.</p> | May 2014 |
| <p>2. PWP Item No. 6810TH – Retrofitting of noise barriers on Tuen Mun Road (Town Centre Section)</p> <p>The Administration will seek the Panel's support for the proposal to upgrade the noise barrier retrofitting project to Category A.</p> | May 2014 |
| <p>3. Monitoring the use of the Environment and Conservation Fund</p> <p>In her letter dated 22 November 2013, Ms Claudia MO requested discussion on the subject (LC Paper No. CB(1)407/13-14(01) issued on 26 November 2013).</p> <p>The Administration proposes to brief the Panel on the operations of the Environment and Conservation Fund and the monitoring arrangements.</p> | May 2014 |
| <p>4. Banning of commercial fishing in marine parks</p> <p>Referral on banning of fishing in Geopark arising from the meeting between Legislative Council Members and Tai Po District Council members on 3 June 2010 (LC Paper No. CB(1)2817/09-10). Submission from the Friends of Hoi Ha on the subject (LC Paper No. CB(1)799/12-13(01) issued on 3 April 2013).</p> | Q2/2014
(tentative) |

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The Administration will brief members on the progress of policy initiatives to ban commercial fishing in marine parks.

5. Review of the "Third Technical Memorandum for Allocation of Emission Allowances in respect of Specified Licences"

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(tentative)

The Administration proposes to brief the Panel on the review of the Third Memorandum following the review on future fuel mix for power generation and submission from the power companies on their plans for new generation units, and to provide a progress update on the implementation and effectiveness of different air quality improvement measures as set out in the "Clean Air Plan for Hong Kong".

6. Nature conservation policy

To be confirmed

Raised by Dr Kenneth CHAN at the meeting on 16 October 2012. Members would like to be briefed on the latest development on the nature conservation policy.

The Administration proposes to brief the Panel on the public consultation/engagement on the Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan.

7. Impact of construction works on endangered species and marine ecology

To be confirmed

The subject was raised by Mr Christopher CHUNG, Mr CHAN Hak-kan, Mr Steven HO and Dr Kenneth CHAN at the Panel meetings on 16 October and 18 December 2012, 24 June and 10 October 2013 respectively. Members are concerned about the environmental impact of the following construction works and would like to be briefed on the corresponding measures taken by the Administration –

- (a) the impact of construction works on endangered species, including the impact of the construction of the third runway on Chinese white dolphins;

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- (b) the impact of village construction works on butterflies in Fung Yuen;
- (c) the impact of submarine engineering works, including the laying of submarine cables, on marine ecology and the livelihood of fishermen; and
- (d) the impact of the large-scale reclamation in the waters of Lantau Island and Lung Kwu Tan on the living environment of Chinese white dolphins (Dr Kenneth CHAN's letter dated 20 June 2013 in LC Paper No. CB(1)1358/12-13(01)).

The Administration proposes to brief the Panel on the concerns about the impact of construction works on endangered species, including the impact of construction of the third runway and reclamation in the waters of Lantau Island and Lung Kwu Tan on Chinese white dolphins. Members of the Panel on Economic Development are to be invited to attend the discussion on this item as the construction of the third runway would affect the Chinese white dolphins.

8. Legislative control on marine pollution

To be confirmed

Pursuant to the discussion on "Controlling the impact of dumping and dredging activities on the marine environment" at the Panel meeting on 14 June 2013, the Administration proposes to brief the Panel on the legislative control on marine pollution arising from oil spillage, marine littering and floating refuse.

9. PWP Item No. 5173DR – Development of Organic Waste Treatment Facilities Phase 2

To be confirmed

10. Report on public engagement of the Task Force on External Lighting

To be confirmed

The Administration will brief the Panel on the Task Force's views on dealing with issues arising from external lighting and propose the way forward.

Members would also like to be briefed on the way forward in tackling energy wastage and light nuisance (including the

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nuisance caused by reflected glare from glass curtain walls of buildings).

- 11. Retrofitting of noise barriers on Tuen Mun Road – Fu Tei Section** To be confirmed

The Administration will seek the Panel's support for the proposal to upgrade the noise barrier retrofitting project to Category A.

[As advised by the Administration, the submission has to be postponed to the next legislative session in view of objections received during gazettal.]

- 12. Reduction of construction waste** To be confirmed

The subject was raised by Hon Cyd HO, Chairman of the Panel. Members wish to be briefed on the measures taken by the Administration to reduce construction waste.

- 13. Comprehensively improving the water quality of the Victoria Harbour** To be confirmed

Members wish to follow up the motion on "Comprehensively improving the water quality of the Victoria Harbour", which was passed at the LegCo meeting on 16 November 2011.

Raised by Dr Helena WONG at the meeting on 10 October 2013. Members are concerned about the odour and poor quality of the water at the sewage outlets along the waterfront and wish to be briefed on Hong Kong's sewage management and maintenance of drainage (including illegal drainage connections).

[The Administration expects to submit the proposed consultancy study on coastal water quality of Victoria Harbour in the next legislative session and to seek funding approval.]