

Legislative Council Panel on Environmental Affairs

**Supplementary Information on Administrative and
Legislative Measures Relating to the “Waste Diversion Plan”
for the Southeast New Territories Landfill**

At the Environmental Affairs Panel meeting held on 28 October 2013, a Member requested the Administration to provide supplementary information on the following issue:

The Administration’s assessment of how far the environmental nuisances, in particular the odour concern, caused by the operation of the three strategic landfills could be alleviated after implementing the proposed improvement measures to the existing waste collection system.

2. According to the Waste Diversion Plan, the Southeast New Territories (SENT) Landfill will be designated to accept the disposal of construction waste only. After the proposal is implemented, the quantity of waste disposed of and the number of vehicle trips to the SENT Landfill are expected to be reduced by about 50% and 500 respectively on a daily basis. It is anticipated that the environmental and traffic impacts caused by the SENT Landfill to the neighbouring community will be significantly reduced. This revised scheme of the SENT Landfill extension was presented to the Sai Kung District Council (SKDC) on 3 May 2011.

3. The waste diverted away from the SENT Landfill will be absorbed within the existing network of designated waste disposal facilities, primarily through the refuse transfer stations (RTSs) for eventual disposal at the Northeast New Territories (NENT) Landfill and West New Territories (WENT) Landfill. All these facilities are operated in strict accordance with environmental legislations and standards and design throughput. With the implementation of other complementary measures, including promoting the use of marine waste transfer, re-routing of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department’s collection fleet to those relatively low utilized RTSs and introducing equipment standards for refuse collection vehicles, the waste diversion proposal would not cause unacceptable environmental and traffic problems to other districts. Nevertheless the operation of these facilities will be closely monitored to ensure full environmental compliance.

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