

Panel on Environmental Affairs

**List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 23 October 2015)**

**Proposed timing
for discussion**

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| 1. | Proposals to tighten emission standards of newly registered motor vehicles to Euro VI level and motor cycles and tricycles to Euro IV level | November 2015 |
| | <p>Panel's support will be sought in tightening the statutory emission standards for newly registered vehicles to Euro VI level and motor cycles and motor tricycles to Euro IV level in phases starting from September 2016 and January 2017 respectively.</p> | |
| 2. | Revision of Fees, Noise Control Ordinance (Cap. 400) | November 2015 |
| | <p>The Administration will invite members to advise and support the proposed revision a number of environment-related fees and charges under the Noise Control Ordinance.</p> | |
| 3. | Review on the Air Quality Objectives ("AQOs") | End 2015 |
| | <p>The Administration will brief the Panel on the progress of formulating the approach and methodology for conducting the review on AQOs.</p> <p>At the meeting on 2 June 2015, Ms Cyd HO requested the Administration to provide information on the effectiveness of different air quality improvement measures in attaining the prevailing AQOs by 2020 in its discussion paper.</p> <p>At the meeting on 15 October 2015, Ms Cyd HO requested the Administration to provide details on the schedule, preparation work, approach and methodology for the next review on AQOs.</p> | |
| 4. | Nature conservation policy | To be confirmed |
| | <p>The subject was raised by Dr Kenneth CHAN at the meetings on 16 October 2012, 21 July 2015 and 15 October 2015. Members would like to be briefed on the latest development on the nature conservation policy, including the protection of incense trees, the establishment of marine parks and the smuggling of totoaba fish bladders (commonly known as "fish maws").</p> | |

Referral arising from the meeting between Duty Roster Members and "大澳環境及發展關注協會、'救救土沉香，瀕危滅絕中'網上群組、活力南丫島、環保及生態保育協會、一群新界區關注土沉香的居民、一群大嶼山關注土沉香的居民及一群南丫島關注土沉香的居民" on 19 May 2014 regarding the protection of Incense Trees in Hong Kong (LC Paper No. CB(1)176/14-15(01) issued on 6 November 2014).

Letter dated 4 March 2015 from Ms Claudia MO requesting the Panel to discuss issues related to the illegal trading of endangered species in Hong Kong (LC Paper No. CB(1)616/14-15(01) issued on 6 March 2015).

At the meeting on 2 June 2015, Ms Cyd HO requested the Panel to discuss issues related to the smuggling of totoaba fish bladders (Submission from Greenpeace East Asia on the subject was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(1)965/14-15(01) on 8 June 2015).

At the meeting on 15 October 2015, Mr Steven HO requested to be briefed on how the authorities would combat the problem of illegal felling of incense trees.

Referral arising from the meeting between Duty Roster Members and "土沉香生態及文化保育協會、大澳環境及發展關注協會、'救救土沉香，瀕危滅絕中'網上群組及民間各界關注聯盟" on 14 July 2015 regarding legislating against the sale of and strengthening protection of wild incense trees (LC Paper No. CB(1)39/15-16(01) issued on 23 October 2015).

5. Prohibition of illegal ivory trade

To be confirmed

Letter dated 3 November 2014 from Dr Elizabeth QUAT requesting the Panel to discuss issues related to illegal ivory trade in Hong Kong (LC Paper No. CB(1)190/14-15(01) issued on 6 November 2014).

At the meeting on 23 March 2015, Mr Albert CHAN requested the Administration to provide information on the sale of ivory by licensed hawkers in its discussion paper.

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- 6. 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.

- 7. Banning of commercial fishing in marine parks** To be confirmed

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).

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

- 8. PWP Item No. 5173DR – Development of Organic Waste Treatment Facilities Phase 2** To be confirmed

The Administration will brief the Panel on the progress of the project.

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

The subject was raised by Ms Cyd HO. Members wish to be briefed on the measures taken by the Administration to reduce construction waste.

The Administration will brief members on the outcome of the review of the Construction Waste Disposal Charging Scheme as a measure to reduce construction waste.

At the meeting on 15 October 2015, Mr CHAN Han-pan requested the Administration to brief members on the measures to combat fly-tipping of construction waste.

- 10. Impacts of various marine works projects in the western waters of Hong Kong on marine ecology** To be confirmed

Pursuant to the discussion at the Panel meeting on 25 June 2014 on the subject of "Impact of construction works on important species, marine ecology and the fisheries industry", members wish to follow up the cumulative impacts of the planned marine

works projects in the western waters of Hong Kong (as mentioned in LC Paper No. CB(1)2004/13-14(01)) on marine ecology as well as the progress of respective mitigation measures and restoration works.

Dr Kenneth CHAN wrote to the Panel Chairman on 10 February 2015 (LC Paper No. CB(1)540/14-15(01)) proposing discussion on the impacts of large-scale infrastructure projects and sea transport on marine ecology.

As it was reported by the media that a contractor of the construction works of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge ("HKZMB") project had illegally discharged polluting effluent directly into the sea, causing adverse impacts on the habitat of Chinese white dolphins, at the meeting of 15 October 2015, Mr Albert CHAN requested the Administration to give a full account of the incident and update Panel members on the impacts of the marine works projects, including the HKZMB project and the Three-Runway System project at the Hong Kong International Airport, on marine ecology.

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| 11. Promotion of renewable energy in Hong Kong | To be confirmed |
| Members would like to be briefed on the Administration's strategies and the latest development on the promotion of renewable energy in Hong Kong. | |
| 12. Promotion of green buildings and building energy efficiency in Hong Kong | To be confirmed |
| Members would like to be briefed on the Administration's plan to promote green buildings and enhance building energy efficiency in Hong Kong. | |
| 13. Promotion of green transport | To be confirmed |
| Members would like to be briefed on the latest development on the promotion of green transport in Hong Kong. | |
| 14. Management of marine fill and marine disposal of dredged/excavated sediment | To be confirmed |
| The subject was raised by Mr Steven HO at the meeting on 15 December 2014. Members would like to be briefed on the management of marine fill and marine disposal of dredged/excavated sediment. | |

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15. Handling of imported waste

To be confirmed

Dr Elizabeth QUAT wrote to the Panel Chairman on 5 January 2015 (LC Paper No. CB(1)473/14-15(01) issued on 23 January 2015) proposing discussion on the captioned subject.

16. Application of the "Pollutants in the Atmosphere and their Transport over Hong Kong" ("PATH") modelling system

To be confirmed

At the meeting on 15 October 2015, Dr Kenneth CHAN requested the Administration to brief Panel members on the progress of launching the new PATH modelling system for air quality assessments under the environmental impact assessment mechanism.

Hon Dennis KWOK wrote to the Chairman on 20 October 2015 (LC Paper No. CB(1)43/15-16(01) issued on 23 October 2015) requesting the Panel to discuss the subject.

17. Regulation of roadside cargo compartments (commonly known as "skips")

To be confirmed

At the meeting on 15 October 2015, Dr Elizabeth QUAT and Mr CHAN Han-pan expressed concerns about indiscriminate placement of skips on roadsides that had caused obstruction to traffic and posed hazards to road safety. The Chairman suggested discussing with the Administration regarding whether a joint meeting of relevant Panels should be arranged to follow up on the issues.