

Panel on Environmental Affairs**List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 21 March 2016)****Proposed timing for
discussion****1. Enhancing management of roadside cargo compartments
(commonly known as "skips")**

April 2016

The Joint Working Group, set up by the Government to follow up on the recommendations of Director of Audit's Report No. 61, will report the progress in implementing measures on enhancing management of roadside skips.

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.

At the meeting on 22 February 2016, Mr CHAN Han-pan raised concerns again on related issues. The Administration was requested to arrange for early discussion of the matter and in the meantime, provide the following information for members' reference –

- (a) progress report on the work of the aforesaid Joint Working Group; and
- (b) Administration's recent written response(s) to the Public Accounts Committee of the Legislative Council on related matters.

2. Latest development on the work on combating climate change

April 2016

The Administration will brief Panel members on the latest development on the work on combating climate change.

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

(The Administration proposed that the matter be reported through an information paper)

The Administration will brief the Panel on the progress of launching the new PATH modelling system for air quality assessment.

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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.

Mr 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.

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

May/June 2016
(tentative)

The Administration will seek the Panel's support for the proposal to upgrade the development project to Category B+ before commencement of tendering.

5. Handling of imported recyclables

June 2016
(tentative)

Members will be briefed on measures/initiatives on import/export controls on recyclables since the last report to the Panel in July 2013 and March 2014.

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.

6. Marine conservation

To be confirmed

The Administration will report on the latest efforts on marine conservation, progress on fishing ban in marine parks, and update of various marine works projects in Hong Kong's western waters and the impact on marine ecology since the last report to the Panel in June 2014.

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).

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

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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.

- 7. Management of marine fill and marine disposal of dredged/excavated sediment** To be confirmed

The Administration will brief the Panel on the management of marine fill and disposal of dredged/excavated sediments by the project owners.

The subject was raised by Mr Steven HO at the meeting on 15 December 2014.

- 8. Review of the Environmental Impact Assessment Ordinance (Cap. 499)** To be confirmed

Mr Kenneth LEUNG wrote to the Panel Chairman on 24 November 2015 (LC Paper No. CB(1)202/15-16(01) issued on 26 November 2015) proposing discussion on the captioned subject. The Administration's response was circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(1)537/15-16(01) issued on 3 February 2016.

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**9. Environmental impacts on Hong Kong arising from disposal
of chemicals into Dasha River**

To be confirmed

Mr Steven HO Chun-yin wrote to the Panel Chairman on 5 February 2016 (LC Paper No. CB(1)551/15-16(01) issued on 5 February 2016) proposing discussion on the captioned subject. The Administration's written response (LC Paper No. CB(1)589/15-16(01)) was tabled at the meeting on 22 February 2016 and issued to members on 23 February 2016. At the said meeting, the Panel agreed to request the Administration to provide, when appropriate, a further written response on the progress of relevant follow-up measures arising from the incident, while including the item on the list of outstanding items for discussion.