

Panel on Environmental Affairs

**List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 24 November 2017)**

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for discussion**

1. Improving the water quality in Hong Kong

18 December 2017

Raised by Mr Steven HO, Dr Priscilla LEUNG and Dr Elizabeth QUAT vide their respective letters to the Panel Chairman dated 30 March 2016, 19 and 20 October 2016 (LC Paper Nos. CB(1)735/15-16(02), LC Paper No. CB(1)24/16-17(01) and LC Paper No. CB(1)30/16-17(01)).

The Administration will brief the Panel on the latest water quality improvement in the territory, including that of Victoria Harbour, Shing Mun River and Tolo Harbour, etc., progress of the Harbour Area Treatment Scheme ("HATS") Stage 2A, the preliminary findings of the consultancy study to further enhance the coastal water quality of Victoria Harbour, and the arrangements for HATS Stage 1 maintenance.

2. Setting up the Countryside Conservation Office

18 December 2017

As announced in the Chief Executive's 2017 Policy Address, the Government will establish a Countryside Conservation Office to co-ordinate conservation projects in remote countryside area, and has earmarked \$1 billion for the associated conservation efforts and revitalization works. The Administration will brief the Panel on the duties and scope of work of the new office, and seek the Panel's support for the creation of a permanent Assistant Director of Environmental Protection post to head the new office.

The Administration intends to submit the proposal to the Establishment Subcommittee and the Finance Committee in January and February 2018 respectively.

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3. Retrofitting of noise barriers on Tai Po Road (Sha Tin Section)

22 January 2018

The Administration will seek the Panel's support for the proposal to upgrade the "PWP Item No. 6804TH - Retrofitting of Noise Barriers on Tai Po Road (Sha Tin Section)" to Category A.

4. Rehabilitation of trunk sewers in Tuen Mun and upgrading of sewage pumping stations and sewerage along Ting Kok Road

26 February 2018

The Administration will seek the Panel's support for the proposal to upgrade the following sewerage items to Category A –

(a) 4390DS – Rehabilitation of trunk sewers in Tuen Mun;

(b) 4403DS – Upgrading of sewage pumping stations and sewerage along Ting Kok Road.

5. Update on the progress of preparation for implementing Producer Responsibility Scheme on glass beverage containers

1st quarter of 2018

The Administration will brief the Panel on the legislative proposal in the first quarter of 2018.

6. Promoting the use of electric vehicles

1st quarter of 2018

The Administration will brief the Panel on the measures to promote the use of electric vehicles.

As suggested by members at the meeting on 12 October 2017, members would like to be briefed on policies and measures including the provision of battery charging facilities for electric vehicles and the Administration's plan to phase out conventional vehicles in the long run (also raised in Mr HUI Chi-fung's letter dated 12 October 2017 (LC Paper No. CB(1)86/17-18(01)). Mr Frankie YICK requested the Administration to consider measures for handling waste car

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batteries and waste tyres, and explore whether a recycling levy should be imposed for such disposal.

7. Shek Wu Hui Effluent Polishing Plant

23 April 2018

The Administration will seek the Panel's support for the proposal to upgrade part of sewerage item 4388DS – Shek Wu Hui Effluent Polishing Plant – Main Works Stage 1 to Category A.

8. Rehabilitation of underground sewers and upgrading of Central & East Kowloon sewerage

23 April 2018

The Administration will seek the Panel's support for the proposal to upgrade the following sewerage items to Category A –

- (a) part of 4414DS – Rehabilitation of underground sewers – Stage 1; and
- (b) 4344DS – Upgrading of Central & East Kowloon sewerage – Phase 3

9. Implementation details of the Feed-in Tariff and Renewable Energy Certificates Schemes as well as new energy saving-related initiatives under the post-2018 Scheme of Control Agreements

1st or 2nd quarter of 2018

As suggested by members at the meeting on 12 October 2017, members would like to be briefed on: (a) details of the implementation of the Feed-in Tariff ("FiT") scheme to be introduced in the next regulatory period of the Scheme of Control Agreements (including the setting of FiT rate(s); (b) measures to encourage the private sector and the community to consider investing in distributed renewable energy); and (c) way forward of implementing floating photovoltaic systems on a larger scale at impounding reservoirs.

Members of the Panel on Economic Development to be invited to join the discussion on this item.

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10. Implementation of Organic Resources Recovery Centre Phase 2 1st or 2nd quarter of 2018

The Administration will seek the Panel's support on the funding application for submission to the Public Works Subcommittee/Finance Committee for the implementation of Organic Resources Recovery Centre Phase 2. The Administration will also brief the Panel on the progress of its overall food waste management plan.

As suggested by Mr CHAN Hak-kan at the meeting on 12 October 2017, the Administration was requested to explore other feasible measures to reduce food waste in order to alleviate the pressure on landfills.

11. Tightening the emission standards of non-road vehicles under the Air Pollution Control (Non-road Mobile Machinery) (Emission) Regulation 1st or 2nd quarter of 2018
(tentative)

The Administration will brief the Panel on the proposed implementation timetable of the Euro VI emission standards for non-road vehicles (except light bus) newly supplied to Hong Kong.

12. Management of indoor air quality 1st or 2nd quarter of 2018

The item was proposed by Dr Helena WONG at the meeting of 18 October 2016. Members would like to discuss issues relating to the management of indoor air quality, including setting indoor air quality objectives, and establishing standards for hazardous emissions from household furniture.

13. Protection of endangered species of animals and plants and the review of relevant provisions under Cap. 586 2nd quarter of 2018

Raised by Mr HUI Chi-fung, Dr Elizabeth QUAT and Mr CHAN Hak-kan at the meeting on 12 October 2017. Members would like to discuss the review of relevant provisions under Cap. 586. Members also agreed to discuss issues relating to conservation of green turtle and possible expansion of Sham Wan Restricted Area (raised by Mr HUI in

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his letter dated 12 October 2017 (LC Paper No. CB(1)86/17-18(01)), conservation of endangered shark species and control of shark fins trading, and conservation of incense tree through legislative control.

14. Management of marine fill and marine disposal of dredged/excavated sediment

2nd quarter of 2018
(tentative)

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.

At the meeting on 28 November 2016, Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung suggested the Panel to discuss the environmental issues relating to illegal disposal of construction and demolition materials into the sea/river. The Administration advised that these issues could be discussed under this item.

15. Review of Air Quality Objectives ("AQOs")

2nd or 3rd quarter of 2018
(tentative)

The Administration will brief the Panel on the findings of the AQOs review.

16. Combating Climate Change

4th quarter of 2018

The Administration will report the progress of its work on combating climate change.

As suggested by Mr CHU Hoi-dick at the meeting on 12 October 2017, members agreed that the item should be brought up for discussion by the Panel every year.

17. 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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18. Implementation of the Integrated Waste Management Facilities ("IWMF")

To be confirmed

The Administration obtained funding approval for IWMF (waste-to-energy facilities) from the Finance Committee in January 2015 and completed the prequalification exercise in the same year. The tender invitation for the Design-Build-Operate contract from the pre-qualified tenderers was issued in November 2016. The Public Accounts Committee ("PAC") has considered Report No. 65 of the Director of Audit, a chapter of which is on the Government's efforts in managing municipal solid waste.

PAC issued a referral memorandum dated 16 February 2017 (LC Paper No. CB(1)586/16-17(01)) recommending the Panel to follow up on issues relating to the captioned subject.

19. Existing policies on bicycles and promoting bicycles as a mode of transport as an initiative to improve roadside air quality

To be confirmed

Mr HUI Chi-fung wrote to the Panel Chairman on 23 May 2017 (LC Paper No. CB(1)1009/16-17 issued on 24 May 2017) proposing to hold a joint meeting with the Panel on Transport to discuss issues relating to the existing policies on bicycles and promoting bicycles as a mode of transport. Mr HUI further wrote to the Panel Chairman on 12 October 2017 proposing to discuss bicycle-friendly policies (LC Paper No. CB(1)86/17-18(01)).

Separately, an item on "Cycling safety and consultancy study on cycling networks and parking facilities in existing new towns" is currently on the list of outstanding items for discussion of the Panel on Transport.

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20. Development of an artificial bathing beach at Lung Mei in Tai Po

Letter from Save Lung Mei Alliance on 25 October 2016 requesting the Panel on Environmental Affairs and the Panel on Development to discuss and monitor the captioned issue (LC Paper No. CB(1)42/16-17(01) issued on 4 November 2016).

As agreed at the work plan meeting on 7 November 2016, the Environment Bureau/Environmental Protection Department will liaise with the relevant bureau or department to provide an information paper on the latest development of the matter.

21. Free distribution of tissue papers for wiping hands in public toilets

As suggested by Mr Kenneth LEUNG at the meeting on 12 October 2017, members requested the Administration to step up efforts to reduce people's use of tissue paper for wiping hands.

To be confirmed