Bills Committee on Waste Disposal (Charging for Municipal Solid Waste) (Amendment) Bill 2018

List of follow-up actions arising from the discussion at the meeting on 7 January 2019

The Administration is requested to provide a written response to:

- (a) the views and concerns expressed by deputations and individuals at the meeting and/or in the relevant written submissions, and in particular the following questions:
 - given that recyclables collected by some waste collection (i) contractors of the Government are temporarily stored at refuse collection points ("RCPs") pending further transportation under the existing practice, whether the Administration would consider amending the proposed section 20M of the Waste Disposal Ordinance (Cap. 354) with reference to the proposed section 20P to the effect that a person who delivers to an RCP recyclables (including food waste) not wrapped in a designated bag ("DB") or attached with a designated label ("DL") would not commit an offence, and the said existing practice can then be maintained after the proposed charging scheme for the disposal of municipal solid waste ("MSW") comes into effect if the Waste Disposal (Charging for Municipal Solid Waste) (Amendment) Bill 2018 ("the Bill") is passed; and
 - (ii) the policy intention in relation to the proposed section 20N of Cap. 354, which seeks to prohibit the depositing of MSW that has a DL attached to it but that is not wrapped in a DB onto a "private waste vehicle" (as defined under the Bill); and
- (b) whether a person would commit any offence if he/she removes the packaging materials of a product purchased from a retailer and disposes of or leaves the materials inside the retailer's premises without wrapping them in a DB.

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