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 18 February 2019

The Administration is requested to provide the following information:

- (a) the steps that the property management company of a building and the cleaning staff it employs would generally be expected to take when handling non-compliant waste deposited in the building by a waste producer, in order to avoid the commission of an offence under the proposed section 20M(1) of the Waste Disposal Ordinance (Cap. 354) or to establish a defence under the proposed section 20Q of Cap. 354 (if the Bill is passed);
- (b) whether the recyclables collected locally by recyclers and subsequently disposed of at landfills would be subject to the proposed municipal solid waste charging scheme (if the Bill is passed);
- (c) measures to prevent and detect counterfeiting of designated bags ("DBs") and designated labels ("DLs"); and penalties (if any) for the manufacturing, distribution, sale and use of counterfeit DBs/DLs;
- (d) the respective numbers of people currently employed by the following parties for the collection of recyclables: (i) the Environmental Protection Department ("EPD"); (ii) Community Green Stations; (iii) operators of collection outlets in the Community Recycling Network, including Community Recycling Centres, collection points run by non-governmental organizations, and Community Recycling Vehicles; and (iv) the Government's contractors for recyclables collection services;
- (e) whether the Environment Bureau/EPD has set up a dedicated team for carrying out duties relating to the operation and management of the recycling chain of each type of major recyclables (such as paper, plastics and metals); and if yes, the respective numbers of staff in such dedicated team; and
- (f) the estimated amount of domestic food waste to be treated by Organic Resources Recovery Centre Phases 2 and 3 after the facilities have become fully operational, and the proportion of such domestic food waste to all domestic food waste generated in Hong Kong.