

**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 26 March 2019**

The Administration is requested to provide the following information:

- (a) regarding some members' concern that no charge is prescribed in existing legislation or under the Waste Disposal (Charging for Municipal Solid Waste) (Amendment) Bill 2018 ("the Bill") that would be payable by the Government for disposal of waste including municipal solid waste ("MSW") and members of the public may make use of this "loophole" to dispose of household waste at litter containers in government premises with a view to evading the proposed MSW charge (if the Bill is passed), whether there is any offence provision(s) in existing legislation that may be applicable in relation to the disposal of household waste at a litter container in, say, a public pleasure ground (e.g. a park managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department);
- (b) where a cleaning worker employed by the property management company of a building equipped with a refuse chute deposits non-compliant waste into the refuse chute, whether the proposed section 20P(1) and (2) of the Waste Disposal Ordinance (Cap. 354) would apply, or the proposed section 20P(3)(c) of Cap. 354 would apply (so that the proposed section 20P(1) and (2) would not apply) (if the Bill is passed), including clarifying whether the act in question would be regarded as "connected with the removal of [MSW] from the premises" for the purpose of the proposed section 20P(3)(c);
- (c) if non-compliant waste deposited by a household in a common area of any premises that is used for depositing waste pending removal for disposal ("common area for waste") will eventually be handled and removed by a party which provides MSW removal services for the premises, and as it can be difficult to trace which household has deposited the non-compliant waste in question even with the aid of surveillance system installed at the common area for waste, how the Administration would ensure sufficient deterrence against depositing of non-compliant waste in the common areas for waste at public housing estates and multi-storey private buildings upon the implementation of the proposed charging scheme for MSW disposal ("the proposed charging scheme") (if the Bill is passed), including whether installation of more surveillance systems on individual floors of the buildings would be considered;

- (d) details of interdepartmental cooperation on enforcement against fly-tipping activities, including the existing cooperation mechanism and new measures to be implemented in tandem with the launch of the proposed charging scheme (if the Bill is passed). In this connection, the Administration is also requested to explain whether it will consider developing a platform for real-time sharing of intelligence obtained from surveillance systems among relevant government departments (such as the Environmental Protection Department and the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department) to facilitate enforcement actions; if not, the reasons for that; and
- (e) how the Administration deals with environmental nuisances arising from plastic recycling operations near residential areas.

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