

**Panel on Environmental Affairs**

**List of outstanding items for discussion  
(position as at 21 November 2018)**

- |   | <b>Proposed timing<br/>for discussion</b> |
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| <b>1. Improvement of roadside air quality</b>   | December 2018                             |
| <p>The Administration will report to the Panel the progress of improving roadside air quality and its proposed plan for controlling emissions from vehicles.</p>  |   |
| <b>2. Three Dimensional Air Pollution Monitoring System</b>   | December 2018                             |
| <p>The Administration will consult the Panel on the funding proposal relating to the development of the "Three Dimensional Air Pollution Monitoring System". Based on laser remote sensing technology to obtain vertical pollution distribution profiles, the monitoring system will be used to measure pollutant concentration, detect high pollution events and estimate the amount of pollution transported from areas outside Hong Kong.</p> <p>The Administration plans to submit the proposal to the Finance Committee in January 2019.</p> |   |
| <b>3. Review of wild pigs management strategies</b>   | January 2019                              |
| <p>In view of the rising nuisance and public safety concerns brought about by wild pigs, the Administration will consult members on the way forward for wild pigs management strategies, taking into account both public safety and animal welfare perspectives.</p>  |   |
| <b>4. Review of the operation and effectiveness of the Recycling Fund</b>   | January 2019                              |
| <p>The Administration will brief the Panel on the findings and recommendations of the mid-term review of the implementation of the Recycling Fund.</p> <p>Mr CHAN Hak-kan proposed in his letter to the Chairman dated 8 June 2018 (LC Paper No. CB(1)1105/17-18(01)) that the Panel discuss the captioned subject, in particular the administrative cost of the Recycling Fund and measures to streamline the procedure for application for subsidies under the Fund.</p>  |   |

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**5. Retrofitting of noise barriers on Long Tin Road**

February or March 2019

The Administration will invite the Panel's views on the financial proposal to upgrade 6832TH – Retrofitting of noise barriers on Long Tin Road to Category A.

**6. Promoting the use of electric vehicles ("EVs")**

March 2019

This item was proposed by Mr CHAN Hak-kan, Ms Tanya CHAN and Dr Elizabeth QUAT at the meeting on 11 October 2018. Members would like to be briefed on the relevant policies and measures, the latest development in the provision of ancillary facilities (such as charging facilities) for EVs, and the Administration's long-term plan (if any) to phase out conventional vehicles.

**7. Review of Air Quality Objectives ("AQOs")**

1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2019

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

**8. Shek Wu Hui Effluent Polishing Plant**

1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2019  
(tentative)

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

**9. Port Shelter sewerage; Outlying Islands sewerage stage 2 – upgrading of Cheung Chau sewage treatment and disposal facilities; Upgrading of West Kowloon and Tsuen Wan sewerage – phase 2; West Kowloon and Tsuen Wan village sewerage – phase 1; and Tseung Kwan O sewerage for villages**

1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2019  
(tentative)

The Administration will seek the Panel's views on the proposed upgrading of the following sewerage projects to Category A:

- (a) part upgrade of "PWP Item No. 4272DS-1 – Port Shelter sewerage, stage 2" to provide public sewerage system for three unsewered village areas in Sai Kung;

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- (b) part upgrade of "PWP Item No. 4273DS-1 – Port Shelter sewerage, stage 3" to provide public sewerage system for four unsewered village areas in Sai Kung;
- (c) "PWP Item No. 4354DS-1 – Outlying Islands sewerage stage 2 – upgrading of Cheung Chau sewage treatment and disposal facilities" for upgrading (i) the existing Cheung Chau sewage treatment works to increase its treatment capacity from 4 000 m<sup>3</sup>/day to 9 800 m<sup>3</sup>/day and enhance the sewage treatment level to secondary; and (ii) the electrical and mechanical facilities at the Pak She sewage pumping station;
- (d) "PWP Item No. 4389DS – Upgrading of West Kowloon and Tsuen Wan sewerage – phase 2" for upgrading of existing gravity sewers of about 33.5 km and providing internal lining to 28 existing sewer crossings within drainage box culverts in West Kowloon and Tsuen Wan;
- (e) part upgrade of "PWP Item No. 4391DS – West Kowloon and Tsuen Wan village sewerage – phase 1" for the construction of 11 dry weather flow interceptors at eight unsewered areas in Tsuen Wan; and
- (f) "PWP Item No. 4214DS – Tseung Kwan O sewerage for villages" for the provision of sewerage system to 10 unsewered village areas in Tseung Kwan O.

**10. Combating climate change**

1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2019

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. At the meeting on 11 October 2018, Mr CHU further proposed that the Administration should review its targets and strategies for reducing greenhouse gas emissions with reference to the findings in the Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C published by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change in October 2018; and Dr Elizabeth QUAT suggested that the Administration should brief members on the use of new

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technologies to combat climate change, thereby contributing to the development of a "smart environment".

**11. Implementation of the Minamata Convention on Mercury ("the Convention") in Hong Kong** 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2019

The Administration will brief the Panel on the background and the requirements of the Convention, and the scope and approach of the proposed legislation enabling Hong Kong to effectively discharge its obligations under the Convention.

**12. Management of waste paper and waste plastics** 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2019

Management of waste paper

As suggested by Mr Kenneth LEUNG at the meeting on 12 October 2017, members requested the Administration to step up efforts to reduce use of paper towels in public toilets.

Mr HUI Chi-fung wrote to the Chairman on 27 February 2018 (LC Paper No. CB(1)663/17-18(01)) proposing discussion on the recycling of waste paper, including the Administration's policy on supporting the local recycling of waste paper.

Management of waste plastics

In his letter to the Chairman dated 24 November 2017 (LC Paper No. CB(1)281/17-18(01)), Mr KWOK Wai-keung proposed discussion on the regulation of the manufacturing and sale of products containing microplastics in Hong Kong. The Administration's written response was circulated to members on 15 December 2017 vide LC Paper No. CB(1)360/17-18(01).

Mr HUI Chi-fung wrote to the Chairman on 6 June 2018 (LC Paper No. CB(1)1084/17-18(01)) proposing discussion on the regulation of single-use plastic products.

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**13. Village sewerage in Fanling Wai, So Kwun Po and Leng Pei Tsuen, Fanling; Tolo Harbour sewerage of unsewered areas, stage 2 – phase 2; and Construction of San Shek Wan sewage treatment works, associated submarine outfall and Pui O sewerage works**

2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2019  
(tentative)

The Administration will seek the Panel's views on the proposed upgrading of the following sewerage projects to Category A:

- (a) "PWP Item No. 4339DS-1 – Village sewerage in Fanling Wai, So Kwun Po and Leng Pei Tsuen, Fanling" for providing village sewerage for five villages in Fanling;
- (b) "PWP Item No. 4125DS – Tolo Harbour sewerage of unsewered areas, stage 2 – phase 2" for the provision of the sewage collection system to five unsewered village areas in Sha Tin and Tai Po; and
- (c) part upgrade of "PWP Item No. 4331DS-1 – Construction of San Shek Wan sewage treatment works, associated submarine outfall and Pui O sewerage works" for providing a secondary sewage treatment works for South Lantau and constructing public sewerage network for Pui O catchment.

**14. Rehabilitation of underground sewers stage 2; Upgrading of Tuen Mun sewerage, phase 1, part 2; Yuen Long effluent polishing plant – stage 1; Village sewerage for Luk Tei Tong and Ma Po Tsuen; Sewerage for Ma Yau Tong village, Tseung Kwan O; and Outlying Islands sewerage stage 2 – Lamma village sewerage phase 2, package 2**

2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2019  
(tentative)

The Administration will consult the Panel on the proposed upgrading of the following sewerage projects to Category A:

- (a) "PWP Item No. 4414DS-1 – Rehabilitation of underground sewers stage 2" for rehabilitating about 6 km of sewers in six districts (Kowloon City, Sham Shui Po, Yau Tsim Mong, Wong Tai Sin, Kwai Tsing and Tsuen Wan) with very poor structural conditions;

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- (b) "PWP Item No. 4346DS – Upgrading of Tuen Mun sewerage, phase 1, part 2" for providing village sewerage for five villages in Tuen Mun;
- (c) part upgrade of "PWP Item 4408DS – Yuen Long effluent polishing plant – stage 1" for upgrading the existing Yuen Long sewage treatment works to increase its treatment capacity from 70 000 m<sup>3</sup>/day to 100 000 m<sup>3</sup>/day and enhance the sewage treatment level to tertiary;
- (d) "PWP Item No. 4353DS-1 – Village sewerage for Luk Tei Tong and Ma Po Tsuen" for providing village sewerage for two villages in Mui Wo;
- (e) "PWP Item No. 4362DS – Sewerage for Ma Yau Tong village, Tseung Kwan O" for the provision of sewerage system to Ma Yau Tong village in Tseung Kwan O; and
- (f) "PWP Item No. 4355DS – Outlying Islands sewerage stage 2 – Lamma village sewerage phase 2, package 2" for the provision of sewerage system to seven unsewered village areas in Yung Shue Wan of Lamma Island.

**15. Management of marine fill and marine disposal of dredged/excavated sediment**

2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2019

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 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.

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**16. Management of yard waste**

2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2019

At the meeting on 11 October 2018, Mr CHU Hoi-dick and Dr Elizabeth QUAT suggested that the Panel discuss the overall management of yard waste and measures to promote reuse/recycling of such waste, including the contingency arrangements for fallen trees and branches caused by natural disasters.

The Administration would like to brief members on the development in the second or third quarter of 2019.

**17. Excessive external lighting and noise pollution**

2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2019

As suggested by Dr Elizabeth QUAT and Mr SHIU Ka-fai at the meeting on 30 October 2017, members agreed to discuss the Administration's initiatives to regulate excessive external lighting and noise pollution.

On 12 April 2018, the Panel received a referral (LC Paper No. CB(1)802/17-18(01)) arising from the meeting between Legislative Council Members and Wan Chai District Council members on 26 January 2018 concerning the nuisance caused by excessive external lighting.

**18. Review of the Seventh Technical Memorandum ("TM") for Allocation of Emission allowances for Power Plants**

3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2019

The Administration will seek members' views on the legislative proposal to further reduce emission allowances for power plants starting from 1 January 2024 by way of issuing a new TM under section 26G of the Air Pollution Control Ordinance (Cap. 311).

**19. Management of restored landfills**

3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2019

In his letter to the Chairman dated 25 May 2018 (LC Paper No. CB(1)1023/17-18(01)), Mr Kenneth LEUNG proposed discussion on the captioned subject, including the progress of developing public facilities on the 13 restored landfills, implementation progress of the Restored Landfill Revitalisation Funding Scheme, and issues related to the handling of landfill gas, leachate and uneven ground settlement on the sites concerned.

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**20. Enhanced protection of green turtles**

4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2019

The Administration will consult the Panel on the proposed measures to further enhance the protection of green turtles.

**21. Review of the environmental impact assessment ("EIA") system**

To be confirmed

Mr Kenneth LEUNG wrote to the Chairman on 24 November 2015 (LC Paper No. CB(1)202/15-16(01)) proposing discussion on the review of the EIA system, including the arrangements for the conduct of EIAs, public consultation arrangements, and enforcement of the environmental permit conditions. The Administration's response was circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(1)537/15-16(01) on 3 February 2016.

At the meeting on 11 October 2018, Mr Steven HO brought this issue up and suggested that the Administration should improve the transparency of the EIA system and public understanding of EIA reports, in anticipation of public concerns over the environmental impact of future reclamation works.

**22. 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 Chairman on 23 May 2017 (LC Paper No. CB(1)1009/16-17) 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 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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**23. Control of invasive alien species**

To be confirmed

At the meeting on 11 October 2018, Mr CHAN Han-pan proposed discussion on the measures to cope with the threats of invasive alien species to local habitats, with particular focus on *Mikania micrantha* and *Leucaena leucocephala*.

**24. Regulation of trade in bear bile products**

To be confirmed

This item was raised at the meeting on 11 October 2018 by Dr Elizabeth QUAT who expressed concern about the inhumane practice of extracting bile from live bears. Members would like to be briefed on the statistics on and regulation of trading activities associated with bear bile and its products, and whether the Administration would consider prohibiting the trade in products containing bile extracted from live bears.

**25. Proposed overseas duty visit**

To be confirmed

In his letter to the Chairman dated 28 May 2018 (LC Paper No. CB(1)1058/17-18(01)), Mr HUI Chi-fung proposed that the Panel conduct a duty visit to study overseas experience in the development of recycling facilities (in particular those for waste plastics) and the recycling industry. Members considered the proposal at the meeting on 25 June 2018, and suggested the proposed visit could also study the development of renewable energy including implementation of feed-in tariff, and development and management of restored landfills. The Research Office of the Legislative Council Secretariat was requested to prepare research notes to facilitate the Panel's consideration of the proposed duty visit. The relevant fact sheets were issued on 9 November 2018 vide FS01/18-19 and FS02/18-19.

At the meeting on 11 October 2018, Mr Kenneth LEUNG suggested that the Panel should further discuss the proposal in the 2018-2019 legislative session.