

Panel on Environmental Affairs

Follow-up actions arising from the meeting on 22 January 2020

Agenda item IV — Creation of a permanent directorate post (Chief Building Services Engineer) to oversee district cooling system projects

The Administration was requested to provide information as follows:

- (a) (i) the current numbers of directorate and non-directorate staff in Energy Efficiency Division A ("EEDA") and Energy Efficiency Division B ("EEDB") respectively of the Energy Efficiency Office ("EEO") of the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department; and (ii) the projected numbers of staff in EEDA, EEDB and the proposed Energy Efficiency Division C respectively after reorganization of EEO and creation of the proposed post of Chief Building Services Engineer;
- (b) the estimated annual operation and maintenance costs of each of the district cooling systems planned to be constructed in new development areas, and the adjustment factor(s), if any, applicable to the estimated costs; and
- (c) statistics to demonstrate whether EEO was value for money, such as (i) total manpower costs of EEO since its establishment, and (ii) reductions in Hong Kong's energy intensity and carbon intensity in the past years and the corresponding cost savings.