

Panel on Environmental Affairs

**List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 18 November 2020)**

	Proposed timing for discussion
1. Briefing by the Secretary for the Environment on the Chief Executive's 2020 Policy Address	December 2020
2. Waste Management Strategies for Hong Kong	December 2020

The Administration will update the Panel on the Government's holistic strategies and work on waste management, covering the progress of relevant policies and legislation, measures to mobilize the community for waste reduction and recycling, and the development of waste management infrastructure; and consult members on the challenges of and long-term strategies for waste management.

Ms Elizabeth QUAT wrote to the Chairman on 5 November 2020 (LC Paper No. CB(1)182/20-21(01)) proposing discussion on the following matters relating to waste management: (a) effectiveness of the implementation of the producer responsibility scheme on waste electrical and electronic equipment and enhancement proposals; (b) combating illegal disposal of construction waste; (c) timetable for controlling or banning disposable plastic tableware; (d) regulation of personal care and cosmetic products containing plastic microbeads; and (e) review of the effectiveness of recycling bins and enhancement measures.

3. Development of refuse transfer stations ("RTSs") in Hong Kong	1 st quarter of 2021
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The Administration will brief the Panel on the transfer of waste through the network of RTSs in Hong Kong, as well as the refurbishment of existing RTSs and the planning and development of future RTSs.

4. The Mercury Bill	1 st quarter of 2021
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The Administration will consult the Panel on the legislative proposals for fully complying with the Minamata Convention.

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5. Retrofitting of noise barriers

1st quarter of 2021

The Administration will seek the Panel's views on the proposed upgrading of the following noise barriers/enclosures retrofitting projects to Category A, with a view to addressing the traffic noise impact of existing roads to the nearby residents:

- (a) 6766TH – Retrofitting of noise barriers on Po Lam Road North – retrofitting about 630 m long of noise barriers/enclosures along Po Lam Road North between Tseung Kwan O Village and King Lam Estate;
- (b) 6817TH – Retrofitting of noise barriers on Po Ning Road – retrofitting about 430 m long of noise barriers/enclosures along Po Ning Road between Hau Tak Estate and Yu Ming Court; and
- (c) 6871TH – Retrofitting of noise barriers on Po Lam Road North (near Hong Sing Garden and King Ming Court) – retrofitting about 430 m long of noise enclosures along Po Lam Road North between King Ming Court and Hong Sing Garden.

The above projects also include the carrying out of associated drainage, road, geotechnical, utilities diversion, street lighting, traffic facilities and landscaping works. The Administration plans to submit the proposal to the Public Works Subcommittee and the Finance Committee in the second quarter of 2021.

6. Construction and rehabilitation of sewage rising mains in Yau Tong, Yuen Long and Tai Po Kau

1st quarter of 2021

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

- (a) 4420DS – Construction and rehabilitation of trunk sewage rising mains in Yau Tong;
- (b) 4417DS – Construction and rehabilitation of trunk sewage rising mains in Yuen Long; and
- (c) 4419DS – Construction and rehabilitation of sewage rising mains in Tai Po Kau.

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The Administration plans to submit the proposal to the Public Works Subcommittee and the Finance Committee in the second quarter of 2021.

7. Electric Vehicle ("EV") Roadmap

1st quarter of 2021

The Administration will brief the Panel on the EV Roadmap.

8. Phase Four of Mandatory Energy Efficiency Labelling Scheme

1st quarter of 2021

The Administration will seek the Panel's views on new appliances to be included in Phase Four of the Mandatory Energy Efficiency Labelling Scheme.

9. Provision of sewerage network in Lantau and Lamma

2nd quarter of 2021

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

- (a) 4353DS – Outlying Islands sewerage stage 2 – extension of sewerage system to other unsewered villages in Mui Wo, whose aim is to construct sewerage works for village areas in Mui Wo; and
- (b) 4355DS – Outlying Islands sewerage stage 2 – Lamma village sewerage phase 2, package 2, whose aim is to construct sewerage network for village areas in Lamma Island.

The Administration plans to submit the proposal to the Public Works Subcommittee and the Finance Committee in the second quarter of 2021.

10. Review of the Eighth Technical Memorandum for Allocation of Emission Allowances in Respect of Specified Licences

2nd quarter of 2021

The Administration will consult the Panel on the outcome of the review of the emission caps on power plants from 2026 onwards.

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11. North East New Territories sewerage system upgrade

2nd quarter of 2021

The Administration will seek the Panel's views on the proposal of upgrading 4409DS – North East New Territories Sewerage System Upgrade to Category A.

The Administration plans to submit the proposal to the Public Works Subcommittee and the Finance Committee in the second and third quarters of 2021 respectively.

12. Progress of implementation of management plan for wild pigs

2nd quarter of 2021

The Administration will brief the Panel on the latest implementation progress of the management plan for wild pigs. The Panel was briefed on the proposed management plan for wild pigs in January 2019.

13. Updated Clean Air Plan

2nd quarter of 2021

The Administration will brief the Panel on the updated Clean Air Plan.

14. Enhancing quality of coastal waters of Victoria Harbour

2nd quarter of 2021

Mr Tony TSE and Ms Elizabeth QUAT wrote to the Chairman on 19 October 2020 and 5 November 2020 respectively (LC Paper Nos. CB(1)59/20-21(01) and CB(1)182/20-21(01)) proposing discussion on the captioned subject and in particular the effectiveness of implemented measures.

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

To be confirmed

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

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sea/river. The Administration advised that these issues could be discussed under this item.

16. Review on measures to manage external lighting

To be confirmed

As suggested by some members at the meeting on 30 October 2017, members agreed to discuss the Administration's initiatives to regulate excessive external lighting.

On 12 April 2018 and 6 August 2019, the Panel received two referrals (LC Paper Nos. CB(1)802/17-18(01) and CB(1)1373/18-19(01)) arising from the meetings between Legislative Council Members and Wan Chai District Council members on 26 January 2018 and 28 June 2019 regarding the regulation of external lighting installations.

17. Combating climate change

To be confirmed

The Administration will update the Panel on the work related to the public engagement on Long-term Decarbonisation Strategy conducted by the Council for Sustainable Development.

As suggested by Mr CHU Hoi-dick at the meeting on 12 October 2017, members agreed that the topic of climate change 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 Ms Elizabeth QUAT suggested that the Administration should brief members on the use of new technologies to combat climate change, thereby contributing to the development of a "smart environment". On 28 March 2019, Ms QUAT wrote to the Chairman (LC Paper No. CB(1)929/18-19(01)) appealing for early discussion of the topic.

18. Future arrangements for Dedicated Liquefied Petroleum Gas Filling Stations ("DFSs")

To be confirmed

The Administration will brief the Panel on the future arrangements for DFSs after the expiry of the existing contracts.

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19. Management of waste paper

To be confirmed

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

20. Noise pollution

As suggested by Ms Elizabeth QUAT at the meeting on 30 October 2017, members agreed to discuss the Administration's initiatives to control noise pollution.

The Administration suggests deleting this item, as the issue involved was originally related to concerns about noise from street performances at the Mongkok Pedestrian Precinct ("MKPP") in 2017, and with the pedestrian scheme abolished in August 2018, the noise concern at MKPP has been overtaken by event.

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

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.

The Administration suggests deleting this item, as it has already responded to Mr Kenneth LEUNG and Mr Steven HO's requests and the subject matters have not been brought up at subsequent Panel meetings.

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

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EIA reports, in anticipation of public concerns over the environmental impact of future reclamation works. In his letter to the Chairman dated 19 March 2019 (LC Paper No. CB(1)752/18-19(01)), Mr HO further expressed concerns about the ineffectiveness of EIAs in reflecting the cumulative environmental impacts of marine works projects and works related to new development areas on the agriculture and fisheries industries. The Administration's written response to the letter was circulated to members on 8 April 2019 vide LC Paper No. CB(1)859/18-19(01).

- 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, the Panel on Transport discussed at its meeting on 15 May 2020 "Improvement works of cycle track network in new towns and latest situation of automated dockless bicycle rental services".

- 23. Regulation of trade in bear bile products** To be confirmed

This item was raised at the meeting on 11 October 2018 by Ms 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.

- 24. Environmental impact of the use of tear gas** To be confirmed

This item was raised by Ms Tanya CHAN on behalf of Mr CHAN Chi-chuen at the meeting on 17 October 2019. Ms CHAN suggested that the Administration should brief the

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Panel on the environmental and health impacts of the frequent use of tear gas in the community in the preceding few months, and how it would tackle the environmental pollution, if any, caused by tear gas residues. The Panel received a submission from The Conservancy Association on the subject (LC Paper No. CB(1)161/19-20(01)).

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