

**Panel on Environmental Affairs**

**List of outstanding items for discussion  
(position as at 16 February 2021)**

|  | <b>Proposed timing<br/>for discussion</b> |
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| <b>1. Public consultation on a producer responsibility scheme ("PRS") on plastic beverage containers</b>   | 22 March 2021                             |
| <p>The Administration is preparing for the introduction of a PRS on plastic beverage containers for relevant stakeholders to share their eco-responsibilities. A three-month public consultation will be launched in the second half of February 2021 to collect the views of the community on the proposal.</p> <p>The Administration will brief members on the consultation document and seek their views on the proposal.</p>   |   |
| <b>2. North District, Lamma Island and Lantau sewerage, and the construction and rehabilitation of sewage rising mains in Yuen Long, Tai Po Kau and Yau Tong</b>   | 22 March 2021                             |
| <p>The Administration will seek the Panel's views on the proposed upgrading of the following sewerage projects to Category A:</p> <p>(a) 4409DS – North East New Territories sewerage system upgrade;</p> <p>(b) 4355DS – Outlying Islands sewerage stage 2 – Lamma village sewerage phase 2, package 2;</p> <p>(c) 4353DS – Outlying Islands sewerage, stage 2 – extension of sewerage system to other unsewered villages in Mui Wo;</p> <p>(d) 4417DS – Construction and rehabilitation of trunk sewage rising mains in Yuen Long;</p> <p>(e) 4419DS – Construction and rehabilitation of sewage rising mains in Tai Po Kau; and</p> <p>(f) 4420DS – Construction and rehabilitation of trunk sewage rising mains in Yau Tong.</p> |   |

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

- 3. Electric Vehicle ("EV") Roadmap** 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2021

The Administration will brief the Panel on the EV Roadmap.
- 4. Review of the Eighth Technical Memorandum for Allocation of Emission Allowances in Respect of Specified Licences** 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.
- 5. Progress of implementation of management plan for wild pigs** 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.
- 6. Updated Clean Air Plan** 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2021

The Administration will brief the Panel on the updated Clean Air Plan.
- 7. Enhancing quality of coastal waters of Victoria Harbour** 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.
- 8. Voluntary Scheme for Phasing Out Personal Care and Cosmetic Products Containing Microbeads** 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2021

The Administration will update the Panel on the progress of the Government's work in implementing a voluntary scheme for phasing out personal care and cosmetic products containing microbeads, to encourage the trade to stop the production,

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importation and sale of such products, and to enhance public awareness on the subject.

**9. Phase Four of Mandatory Energy Efficiency Labelling Scheme**

To be confirmed

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

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

**11. 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.

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**12. 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.

**13. 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.

**14. 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.

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**15. 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".

**16. 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.

**17. 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 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)).