

NOTE FOR PUBLIC WORKS SUBCOMMITTEE OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Supplementary information note on 321CL - Reclamation and Servicing of Tuen Mun Area 38 for Special Industries

INTRODUCTION

In considering item **321CL** in PWSC(2000-01)14 on 17 May 2000, Members requested the Administration to provide statistics on warnings given, licences withdrawn and prosecutions initiated in respect of vehicles carrying dusty materials without proper covering.

THE ADMINISTRATION'S RESPONSE

2. Dump truck operators need to apply for Dumping Licences for the disposal of public fill in a public filling facility. The Director of Civil Engineering (DCE) issues these Licences free of charge upon application. On 1 January 2000, DCE promulgated revised conditions for Dumping Licences, adding a requirement to cover dump trucks before entry to any public filling facilities. Since then, dump trucks not complying with this requirement have not been allowed to enter. Repeated violations may result in the issue of warning letters and the withdrawal of the offender's Dumping Licence.

3. In addition, the Director of Environmental Protection (DEP) can prosecute contractors who allow vehicles to leave their construction sites with dusty material not properly covered under the Air Pollution Control (Construction Dust) Regulation.

4. A summary of the statistical records of disciplinary actions is shown below -

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Category	1999 (Jan. – Dec.)	2000 (Jan. – Apr.)
(a) No. of dump trucks rejected for entry into public filling facilities (by CED and TDD)	0	370
(b) No. of warning letters issued to licensees of dump trucks (by CED)	0	14
(c) No. of Dumping Licences withdrawn (by CED)	0	2
(d) No. of prosecutions (by EPD)	8	6

5. We shall continue to monitor the situation.

Environment and Food Bureau and
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