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Islands District Council
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Question on protecting Chinese white dolphins

Ms Amy YUNG notified this Council that she would raise the following enquiry at the Tourism, Agriculture, Fisheries, Environmental Hygiene and Climate Change Committee meeting to be held on 28 September 2020:

“ WWF-Hong Kong and partners jointly released an Emergency Action Plan for the Pearl River Delta Population of the Chinese White Dolphin (Action Plan) on 1 June this year, urging the Hong Kong Government to designate important feeding and socialising habitats of white dolphins in the western and southern waters off Lantau Island as Dolphin Conservation Management Area (DCMA) by 2024.

As such, I would like to invite WWF-Hong Kong to arrange representatives to attend the meeting and respond to the following:

1. What are the background and proposed implementation details of the Action Plan?
2. What is the coverage of the proposed DCMA?
3. How does the DCMA differ from the general marine parks and Coastal Protection Areas?
4. Is the proposal made based on the presumption that the Government would implement reclamation works in Lung Kwu Tan, Tung Chung, Sunny Bay and Siu Ho Wan, and under the Lantau Tomorrow Vision project?

Moreover, I would like to invite the Planning Department, the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) and the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) to arrange representatives to attend the meeting and respond to the following:

1. Have the three departments established and implemented any mechanism in collaboration with relevant departments of Guangdong and Macao to protect Chinese white dolphins? If yes, what are the details and results?
2. What are the responses of the three departments to the proposals set out in the Action Plan?
3. There are recently a number of cases about deaths of Chinese white dolphins in Tuen Mun, Lamma Island, Pui O, Tai O, Yi O and Macao. Do AFCD and EPD know the causes of deaths? ”

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