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Minutes of the 9th Meeting of
Environment, Health and Climate Change Committee (2/21-22)

Date: 17 June 2021 (Thursday)

Time: 2:30 p.m.

Venue: Main Conference Room, Tsuen Wan District Office

Present:

Members

Mr LAU Jackson (Vice Chairman)

Mr MAN Yu-ming, MH

Mr LI Hung-por

Mr YICK Shing-chung, Angus

Mr LAM Sek-tim

Ms CHAN Kim-kam

Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio

Mr WONG Ka-wa

Mr KOT Siu-yuen, MH

Mr CHIU Yan-loy

Mr LAU Chi-hung

Mr LAU Cheuk-yu

Mr PUN Long-chung, Roy

Mr LAI Man-fai

Mr TSE Man-chak

Government Representatives

Mr LAI Yik-wing, Wesley

Assistant District Officer (Tsuen Wan),
Tsuen Wan District Office

Mr CHOI Wai-wing

Senior Health Inspector (Cleansing &
Pest Control) Tsuen Wan 1, Food and
Environmental Hygiene Department

Ms FONG Wei-king, Luna

Deputy District Leisure Manager
(Tsuen Wan) 2, Leisure and Cultural
Services Department

Ms TSANG Ka-man, Carmen

Senior Environmental Protection
Officer (Regional West) 2,

Mr WONG Wai-keung	Environmental Protection Department Engineer/Tsuen Kwai 1, Drainage Services Department
Mr HO Kit-ming	Engineer/Tsuen Kwai 2, Drainage Services Department
Ms TANG Ho-yan, Joyce	Senior Engineer/2 (West), Civil Engineering and Development Department
Mr KAN King-ming, Victor	Housing Manager/Wong Tai Sin, Tsing Yi & Tsuen Wan 8, Housing Department
Miss HUNG Yuen-ching	Administrative Assistant/Lands, District Lands Office, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing
Mr CHAN Sai-hung	Senior Inspector of Works, Tsuen Wan District Office
Miss LEUNG Ming-sze, Ashley	Executive Officer (Development), Tsuen Wan District Office

Tsuen Wan District Council Secretariat Representatives

Miss LAM Siu-yung, Daisy	Senior Executive Officer (District Council), Tsuen Wan District Office
Mr SIU Chung-sing, Johnson (Secretary)	Executive Officer (District Council)1, Tsuen Wan District Office
Miss WONG Hoi-kiu, Hosanna	Executive Officer (District Council)2, Tsuen Wan District Office

Attendance by Invitation:

For discussion of item 2A

Mr TSUI Ka-kim, Kim	Senior Building Surveyor/D5, Buildings Department
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For discussion of item 2B

Mr KAN Ka-man	Engineer/New Territories West (Headworks 3), Water Supplies Department
Mr LEE Siu-fung, Michael	Country Parks Officer (West), Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department
Mr CHENG Ho-yin, Henry	Senior Estate Surveyor/Tsuen Wan,

Mr TONG Yat-tung	District Lands Office, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing Inspector of Police, Miscellaneous Enquiries Sub-unit (Tsuen Wan), Hong Kong Police Force
Mr CHUNG Ching-to	Senior Officer, Hong Kong Gun Club

For discussion of items 2C, 5 and 8

Mr NG Yiu-lun, Johnny	Marine Officer/Pollution Control Unit (1), Marine Department
Mr MAK Shui-wing	Marine Manager/Licensing & Port Formalities (2), Marine Department
Mr LEE Tin-shing	Senior Assistant Shipping Master/Pollution Control Unit (1), Marine Department

Absent:

Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris

The Meeting

I Opening Remarks and Introduction

The Acting Chairman welcomed the Members and representatives from government departments to the 9th meeting of the Environment, Health and Climate Change Committee (EHCCC). He introduced Ms TANG Ho-yan, Joyce, Senior Engineer/2 (West) (SE/2 (W)), Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) who attended the meeting for the first time and on behalf of Mr LI Pui-sang.

2. The Acting Chairman stated that according to section 28 of the Tsuen Wan District Council Standing Orders (the “Standing Orders”), unless otherwise agreed by the Chairman, Member(s) could have up to 2 minutes to introduce a paper, and each Member who submitted a paper might make supplementary remarks once. Such a Member could choose to speak after the responses from the representative(s) of government department(s) or make concluding remarks before the end of the agenda item for up to 2 minutes each time. For each agenda item, except the Member(s) who submitted the paper, Members could only speak once at the meeting. The Chairman would confirm the number of speakers before the discussion. Each Member might speak up to 2 minutes if five or fewer Members spoke on the agenda item and up to 1.5 minutes if more than five Members spoke on the agenda item.

The representative(s) from the department(s) concerned might speak up to 2 minutes twice.

II Item 1: Confirmation of Minutes of the 8th Meeting held on 22.4.2021

3. The Acting Chairman stated that the Secretariat did not receive any proposed amendment before the meeting. The captioned minutes were confirmed without amendment.

III Item 2: Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

(A) Paragraphs 6 to 16 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 22 April 2021: Request for Addressing the Odour Problem of Tsuen Wan Harbourfront Expeditiously

4. The Acting Chairman stated that the paper was submitted by Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio. The representatives from the departments responsible for giving response were:

- (1) Mr WONG Wai-keung, Engineer/Tsuen Kwai 1 (E/TK1), Drainage Services Department (DSD);
- (2) Mr HO Kit-ming, Engineer/Tsuen Kwai 2 (E/TK2), DSD;
- (3) Mr TSUI Ka-kim, Kim, Senior Building Surveyor/D5 (SBS/D5), Buildings Department (BD);
- (4) Ms TSANG Ka-man, Carmen, Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Regional West) 2 (SEPO(RW)2), Environmental Protection Department (EPD); and
- (5) Mr CHOI Wai-wing, Senior Health Inspector (Cleansing & Pest Control) Tsuen Wan 1 (SHI(C&PC)TW1), Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD).

Besides, the written reply of the BD was tabled at the meeting.

5. E/TK2 of the DSD responded as follows:

- (1) the DSD had always been concerned about the odour problem of Tsuen Wan harbourfront, and had adopted multi-pronged measures at the major stormwater drains in the district to reduce odour emitted from the drainage system;
- (2) the DSD had mounted deodourising PVC screens at the outfalls of three box culverts in the district since 2015;
- (3) the DSD had respectively placed odour control hydrogel (hydrogel) at multiple locations of the drainage system in Tsuen Wan since November 2018 and in the vicinity of the outfalls of stormwater drains since March 2021 to alleviate the odour problem of the harbourfront;
- (4) the DSD was carrying out works to install five additional dry weather flow

interceptors (DWFIs) in the rural area in Tsuen Wan to further intercept sewage from the rural area in order to prevent sewage from flowing into the stormwater collection system and polluting Tsuen Wan harbourfront. The installation was anticipated to be completed by the end of 2023; and

- (5) to solve the odour problem of Tsuen Wan harbourfront in the long run, the government departments concerned were planning to install newly designed large DWFIs in the lower reaches from the box culverts at Tai Ho Road and Ma Tau Pa Road. The DSD was currently working on the investigation and design work for the project.

(Note: Mr MAN Yu-ming joined the meeting at 2:38 p.m. Mr KOT Siu-yuen joined the meeting at 2:40 p.m.)

6. SEPO(RW)2 of the EPD responded that the EPD had continuously carried out inspections of the sources of pollution in the district. During a total of 119 investigations conducted in the first four months of this year, two cases of foul water pipe misconnection in buildings and six cases of misconnection involving public sewers and stormwater drains had been identified. These cases had been referred to the BD and DSD for follow-up.

7. SBS/D5 of the BD responded as follows:

- (1) the BD was following up on 21 cases of foul water pipe misconnection in buildings at present. Among them, rectification works had commenced or would commence in seven cases. The BD had also instigated prosecution in four cases and issued statutory orders in 10 cases;
- (2) the BD had upgraded its computer system during this year with a view to monitoring the progress of the follow-up on cases of foul water pipe misconnection in buildings more systematically;
- (3) the BD would provide assistance and technical support for “three-nil” buildings in the district, including the deployment of its staff to explain the requirements of statutory orders and answer enquiries related to respective cases at the scene. The BD would also deploy its social worker team to assist building owners in coordinating investigations and rectification works as well as applying for appropriate financial assistance;
- (4) when issuing repair orders to “three-nil” buildings, the BD would also write to the Tsuen Wan District Office (TWDO) accordingly, thereby facilitating the TWDO to provide early assistance for owners of “three-nil” buildings in establishing owners’ corporations (OCs); and
- (5) in order to expedite the handling of the problem of foul water pipe

misconnection in buildings, the BD would gradually recruit more manpower through the funding support from the Anti-epidemic Fund 2.0 and the Employment Support Scheme in 2021-2022.

8. SHI(C&PC)TW1 of the FEHD responded that if the FEHD found blockage of drains in public places during routine inspections, it would make arrangements for clearance with contractors. If the contractors were unable to clear the blocked drains, the FEHD would refer the cases to the DSD and the Highways Department (HyD) for follow-up.

(Note: Mr LAI Man-fai joined the meeting at 2:42 p.m. Mr LAU Chi-hung and Mr PUN Long-chung, Roy joined the meeting at 2:44 p.m.)

9. The views and enquiries of Members were summarised as follows:

- (1) he was concerned about the damaged deodourising PVC screens mounted by the DSD at the outfalls of the box culverts at Tai Ho Road, Tai Chung Road and Ma Tau Pa Road, and enquired of the DSD whether those screens were still effective in inhibiting odour and would be replaced. Besides, he enquired when the findings of the DSD's testing of hydrogel would be available and about the timetable for installing eight additional DWFIs in the district. He also enquired about the follow-up on the two cases of foul water pipe misconnection in buildings identified by the EPD, whether the social worker team mentioned by the BD consisted of staff from the Social Welfare Department (SWD), and whether the team could strengthen its cooperation with the TWDO to provide more effective assistance for residents in need. Additionally, he hoped that the FEHD would provide the locations of roadside gullies which would undergo regular clearance and the frequency of the clearance for Members' reference (Mr YICK Shing-chung, Angus);
- (2) he was pleased to note that the BD would recruit more manpower to tackle the problem of foul water pipe misconnection in buildings. He opined that although the EPD's role in actually tackling the said problem was less significant than those of the BD and DSD, the coordination and inspection work of the EPD remained essential. He was discontented with the EPD over its failure to adopt a Member's suggestion for using electronic odour sensors. There was also a gap between the findings of odour assessments and the actual perception of residents. Besides, he opined that the installation of DWFIs was ineffective in reducing odour nuisance and it would take a long time to complete the installation works. So, he

recommended arranging an on-site inspection for Members and staff of the departments in order to explore solutions (Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio);

- (3) he enquired about the progress of installing large DWFIs on Tai Ho Road. He believed that it was highly likely that the odour problem in the district resulted from the discharge of sewage into stormwater drains in the rural area by people who lacked a sewerage system. He therefore hoped that the installation of additional DWFIs in the rural area would be promptly completed to reduce odour. Besides, he enquired whether it meant that the original plan was cancelled as the DSD planned to construct a new village sewerage system at Chuen Lung, Wang Lung and Fu Yung Shan, and whether it would take more time to launch a fresh project. He was also concerned about how the DSD would persuade villagers to connect domestic pipes to the sewerage system under the new plan at their own expense, and opined that it was one of the keys to address the odour problem (Mr CHIU Yan-loy); and
- (4) he was concerned that the deodourising PVC screens were damaged and lifted. He also enquired of the DSD about the principle on which the deodourising PVC screens worked to control odour. He commented that the existing deodourising PVC screens were crude, and enquired whether more durable devices were available for replacing those screens. Besides, he enquired whether the newly designed large DWFIs were equipped with novel technologies and could therefore work more effectively. He also opined that the EPD should use electronic sensors to monitor the level of hydrogen sulfide in order to obtain more objective data (Mr TSE Man-chak).

10. E/TK2 of the DSD responded as follows:

- (1) the DSD was moving on to another stage of the study on hydrogel, which mainly focused on studying the effectiveness of hydrogel in suppressing volatile organic compounds (which were one of the sources of odour). It was anticipated to be completed in mid-2021; and
- (2) the DSD would complete the installation of five additional DWFIs in the rural area of Tsuen Wan one after another by the end of 2023. Regarding the installation of newly designed large DWFIs in the lower reaches from the box culverts at Tai Ho Road and Ma Tau Pa Road, the project had already been incorporated into the Public Works Programme and the investigation and design work were in full swing. The project was expected to be completed in 2027/28 at the earliest, if it gained support from the district and was granted funding approval from the Legislative Council.

11. E/TK1 of the DSD responded as follows:

- (1) the DSD would replace the damaged deodourising PVC screens at Tai Ho Road, whereas those installed at Tai Chung Road and Ma Tau Pa Road had already been replaced;
- (2) the DSD would not lift the deodourising PVC screens up, and believed that they had been lifted up by others. Besides, it was also possible that the screens had been blown up by strong winds during the passage of a typhoon. If the DSD's staff found that the screens were lifted up during inspections, they would make arrangements for putting the screens back to their original position;
- (3) the DSD had been studying how to refine the design of the deodourising PVC screens to enhance the odour-control effectiveness of the screens; and
- (4) the DSD would provide Members with supplementary information on the village sewerage system after the meeting.

12. SEPO(RW)2 of the EPD responded as follows:

- (1) if the EPD identified foul water pipe misconnections during inspections of sources of pollution, it would immediately refer the cases to the BD or DSD for follow-up. The two cases of foul water pipe misconnection in buildings identified by the EPD had been referred to the BD for follow-up on 2 February and 5 May 2021 respectively. The six cases of misconnection involving public sewers and stormwater drains identified had also been referred to the DSD for follow-up on 1 March, 12 April and 29 April 2021 respectively; and
- (2) the EPD noted Members' suggestion of adopting electronic sensors for the monitoring of odour.

13. SBS/D5 of the BD responded as follows:

- (1) the BD's social worker team was hired by the BD and had no connection with the SWD. The team provided support for owners or tenants in need and assisted them in complying with the statutory orders issued by the BD with a view to rectifying pipe misconnections. For example, the team would coordinate owners' efforts to organise investigations and carry out rectification works, and would help them to apply for appropriate financial assistance schemes; and
- (2) as the TWDO was better versed in communicating with the public, the BD would also write to the TWDO when issuing repair orders to "three-nil" buildings. The BD would also deploy its staff to explain the requirements

of repair orders to the public in person when necessary.

14. SHI(C&PC)TW1 of the FEHD responded that the FEHD would provide supplementary information on the frequency of clearing roadside gullies after the meeting.

15. The Acting Chairman hoped that the EPD would arrange an on-site inspection for Members after the meeting, and stated that the EHCCC would continue to discuss the captioned item under the Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Previous Meeting at the next meeting.

(B) Paragraphs 17 to 34 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 22 April 2021: About the Discovery of Shooting Activity Scraps near Shing Mun Reservoir

16. The Acting Chairman stated that the paper was submitted by a Member at the 5th EHCCC meeting. The representatives from the departments/organisation responsible for giving responses were:

- (1) Mr KAN Ka-man, Engineer/New Territories West (Headworks 3) (E/NTW (H3)), Water Supplies Department (WSD);
- (2) Ms TSANG Ka-man, Carmen, SEPO(RW)2, EPD;
- (3) Mr LEE Siu-fung, Michael, Country Parks Officer (West) (CPO (W)), Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD);
- (4) Miss HUNG Yuen-ching, Administrative Assistant/Lands (AA/Lands), District Lands Office, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing (DLO);
- (5) Mr CHENG Ho-yin, Henry, Senior Estate Surveyor/Tsuen Wan (SES/TW), DLO;
- (6) Mr TONG Yat-tung, Inspector of Police (IP), Miscellaneous Enquiries Sub-unit (Tsuen Wan), Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF); and
- (7) Mr CHUNG Ching-to, Senior Officer (SO), Hong Kong Gun Club (HKGC).

17. E/NTW (H3) of the WSD responded as follows:

- (1) the WSD's representatives, together with the representatives of the departments concerned and Members, had conducted an inspection on the slopes near the HKGC in late May 2021. While having noted that the HKGC had conducted clearance work, the WSD had still found shooting activity scraps on the slopes and therefore urged the HKGC once again to expedite its further clearance work. During the inspection, the WSD had also exchanged views with other departments, Members and the HKGC's representatives on the measures for blocking and collecting shooting

activity scraps;

- (2) the WSD would carry on the collection of evidence, and had erected location marks at the nearby slopes. Moreover, the WSD had been installing and testing the proposed monitoring equipment at the location concerned recently in order to support the collection of evidence; and
- (3) the WSD would continue to actively follow up on the issue with various departments and maintain communication with them.

18. CPO (W) of the AFCD responded as follows:

- (1) the AFCD's representatives had still found shooting activity scraps within the overlapping area of the country park and the HKGC during an inspection conducted with Members at the HKGC in May 2021;
- (2) the AFCD hoped that besides continuing with the clearance work, the HKGC would actively explore precautions to prevent shooting activity scraps from falling into the country park and slopes on the hill behind the HKGC again; and
- (3) the AFCD would continue to actively follow up on the progress of the HKGC's clearance work, and would make recommendations to the departments concerned if necessary. For example, the AFCD would give advice to the departments concerned after studying a proposal submitted by the HKGC for preventing shooting activity scraps from falling into the country park, thereby facilitating them to take action against shooting activity scraps.

19. SES/TW of the DLO responded as follows:

- (1) the DLO had conducted an inter-departmental inspection with the WSD and AFCD in mid May 2021 and an on-site inspection with those departments as well as the HKPF, EPD and Members in late May 2021. During the on-site inspection, the DLO had learnt that the HKGC had carried out clearance work. However, shooting activity scraps had still been found within the relevant lots and nearby slopes;
- (2) the DLO had issued another warning letter to the HKGC in early June 2021 and required the HKGC to clear the remaining shooting activity scraps. If the DLO confirmed that the HKGC still had not rectified the lease breach after consulting the departments concerned, it would consider registering the warning letters at the Land Registry (LR); and
- (3) the DLO would continue to follow up on the clearance of shooting activity scraps and soil testing with other departments. The DLO and the departments would also maintain communication, work in tandem and duly

perform respective duties to take law enforcement and lease enforcement actions.

20. SEPO(RW)2 of the EPD responded that the EPD would continue to provide technical advice for the DLO on soil sampling and testing, thereby assisting the DLO in its follow-up according to the land lease conditions.

21. IP of the HKPF responded as follows:

- (1) police officers had found shooting activity scraps during an inspection at the HKGC on 29 April 2021 and collected evidence accordingly. The HKPF was seeking legal advice in order to determine the next step of the enforcement action; and
- (2) as the HKGC should apply for renewal of its licence in June 2021, the Police Licensing Office would re-examine the HKGC's licensing conditions in late June 2021. Having taken into account an array of factors, the Police Licensing Office might impose additional licensing conditions on the HKGC, such as the proper clearance of shooting activity scraps.

22. SO of the HKGC responded as follows:

- (1) the HKGC would deploy additional manpower to handle the matter concerned and arrange a contractor to clear the remaining shooting activity scraps in June 2021;
- (2) there had been a newspaper report on 20 April 2021 about the discovery of shooting activity scraps and solidified masses in an abandoned drain. The HKGC had already completed the clearance of the shooting activity scraps and solidified masses concerned; and
- (3) having consolidated the comments given by Members and the departments during the inspection at the HKGC on 28 May 2021, the HKGC would continue to clear the existing shooting activity scraps and change the firing direction of skeet shooting activities for easier collection of shooting activity scraps in the future.

23. The views and enquiries of Members were summarised as follows:

- (1) he opined that the departments should not allow the HKGC to resume skeet shooting activities given its failure to solve the current problem of shooting activity scraps. He enquired whether the departments had set a deadline for the HKGC to complete the clearance of shooting activity scraps, and whether they had warned the HKGC that further enforcement action might be taken against it if the clearance work could not be completed by the

deadline. He hoped that the HKGC would assure the Council and the public that its skeet shooting activities would not cause damage to the environment in the future. Since residual lead particles might cause heavy metal pollution in the environment and water sources, he was concerned about the handling of residual lead particles. He hoped that the EPD would assist in conducting soil testing to examine whether the HKGC should be allowed to continue its skeet shooting activities, and that the HKPF would add the proper clearance of shooting activity scraps to the licensing conditions of the HKGC (Mr CHIU Yan-loy);

- (2) he considered the HKGC's progress of clearing shooting activity scraps unsatisfactory. He was pleased to note that the HKPF would consider adding the proper clearance of shooting activity scraps to the HKGC's licensing conditions with a view to binding the HKGC and ensuring that it would fulfil its responsibility for properly clearing shooting activity scraps. He also hoped that the HKPF would only consider the HKGC's application for licence renewal after it had completed the clearance of shooting activity scraps (Mr LAI Man-fai); and
- (3) as the departments were still unsatisfied with the HKGC's progress of clearing shooting activity scraps after the on-site inspection and the HKGC had not provided a timetable for the clearance work so far, he was disappointed at the departments over their failure to take more stringent measures. He hoped that the departments would enhance the monitoring work. He hoped that the HKPF would consider refraining from approving the HKGC's application for licence renewal before it had completed the clearance of shooting activity scraps. This could avoid sending a wrong message to the public that one did not have to pay a price for polluting the environment. He was pleased to note that WSD had installed monitoring equipment within the affected area, and hoped that it would report the effectiveness of the monitoring work at the next meeting. As the DLO had time and again issued warning letters to the HKGC, he hoped that the DLO would consider revoking the HKGC's authority to use the lot concerned (Mr PUN Long-chung, Roy).

24. E/NTW (H3) of the WSD responded as follows:

- (1) the WSD noted Members' concern about the progress of the clearance work. Besides having required the HKGC to expedite its further clearance work in writing, the WSD had jointly conducted inspections with the departments concerned. The WSD had also been maintaining communication with the departments in respect of the progress of the follow-up work of the HKGC;

- (2) the WSD would continue to take enforcement action pursuant to the Waterworks Ordinance (Cap. 102), and had enhanced the supportive measures to facilitate the collection of evidence, including the erection of location marks and installation of monitoring equipment; and
 - (3) the WSD would report the progress of the follow-up work at the next meeting.

25. CPO (W) of the AFCD responded as follows:
 - (1) the AFCD would continue to conduct on-site inspections in order to monitor the progress of the HKGC's clearance work; and
 - (2) the AFCD did not want to see that shooting activity scraps fell into the country park endlessly. It would actively give advice to the HKGC and the departments concerned on the formulation of measures to prevent shooting activity scraps from falling into the country park.

26. SES/TW of the DLO responded as follows:
 - (1) having issued a warning letter to the HKGC in June 2021, the DLO would check if the lease-breaching situation still existed in July 2021. If the DLO confirmed that the situation persisted, it would consider arranging the registration of the warning letters at the LR. This would affect the HKGC's application for renewal of the land lease which would expire in 2027; and
 - (2) the DLO would continue to follow up on the HKGC's clearance work. It would also follow up on the soil testing together with the EPD.

27. IP of the HKPF responded as follows:
 - (1) the HKPF was seeking legal advice to confirm whether the evidence collected was sufficient to support the HKPF to a summons against the licensee of the HKGC due to the contravention of section 23 of the Firearms and Ammunition Ordinance (Cap. 238). If the licensee of the HKGC was found in breach of the ordinance, he/she was liable to imprisonment for up to 6 months and a fine of up to \$100,000; and
 - (2) the Tsuen Wan Police District had informed the Police Licensing Office that it had issued warning letters to the HKGC and might issue a summons against the HKGC. The Police Licensing Office could therefore consider whether additional licensing conditions should be introduced when processing the HKGC's application for renewal of licence. After seeking legal advice, the Police Licensing Office held that the introduction of additional licensing conditions was a more effective approach to tackling

the problem of shooting activity scraps.

28. SO of the HKGC responded that he would convey Members' views to the executive committee of the HKGC.

29. The Acting Chairman stated that the EHCCC would continue to discuss the captioned item under the Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Previous Meeting at the next meeting.

(C) Paragraphs 35 to 39 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 22 April 2021: Scooping of Marine Refuse in the Waters of Tsuen Wan by the Marine Department and its Contractors

30. The Acting Chairman stated that the paper was submitted by a Member at the 7th meeting. The representatives from the departments responsible for giving responses were:

- (1) Mr NG Yiu-lun, Johnny, Marine Officer/Pollution Control Unit (1) (MO/PCU(1)), Marine Department (MD);
- (2) Mr MAK Shui-wing, Marine Manager/Licensing & Port Formalities (2) (MM/LPF(2)), MD;
- (3) Mr LEE Tin-shing, Senior Assistant Shipping Master/Pollution Control Unit (1) (SASM/PCU(1)), MD; and
- (4) Ms TSANG Ka-man, Carmen, SEPO(RW)2, EPD.

31. MO/PCU(1) of the MD responded as follows:

- (1) the MD was responsible for clearing marine refuse and floating refuse accumulated offshore on a daily basis, as well as providing domestic refuse collection services for vessels moored inside typhoon shelters and at designated anchorages free of charge;
- (2) the quantities of floating refuse collected by the MD in the district during the first five month of 2021 had been set out in EHCCC Paper No. 31/21-22 for Members' perusal;
- (3) the MD's staff supervised the collection and clearance of marine refuse by contractors, including patrolling the waters around Tsuen Wan to monitor the cleanliness of the sea; and
- (4) the MD would deploy resources to enhance the clearance of marine refuse according to the actual needs.

32. SEPO(RW)2 of the EPD responded that the EPD had nothing to add for the time being since the routine clearance of marine refuse fell beyond the EPD's purview.

33. The views and enquiries of Members were summarised as follows:
- (1) the Director of Audit's report concerned had pointed out the MD's inadequate supervision of contractors responsible for the clearance of marine refuse and its failure to meet the marine cleanliness patrol target. He opined that the MD was duty bound to properly supervise the work of its contractors with a view to making good use of public money and effectively tackling the problem of marine refuse (Mr LAI Man-fai);
 - (2) he enquired whether the MD would consider becoming one of the standing government departments attending EHCCC meetings. He also hoped that the MD would pay attention to his enquiry about the noise problem related to berth no. 27 of the Rambler Channel Public Cargo Working Area (the "Rambler Channel PCWA") (Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio); and
 - (3) as the Director of Audit's report had pointed out that the MD's supervision of its contractors was inadequate, he wanted to learn about the clearance of clearing floating refuse in actual practice. In view of the increase in marine refuse since March 2021, he enquired whether the MD possessed more precise data in this respect, whether it had identified the cause of such an increase, and whether marine refuse was one of the causes of the odour nuisance at the harbourfront. Besides, he commended the MD for its efficiency in handling complaints on marine refuse. However, he opined that there was room for improvement in the MD's mechanism for referring complaints to other departments when the complaints involved pollutants and should be handled by other departments. He suggested that the MD should deploy staff to collect pollutant samples first upon receipt of complaints, thereby facilitating the further follow-up by the responsible department (Mr YICK Shing-chung, Angus).
34. MO/PCU(1)of the MD responded as follows:
- (1) the discrepancies in the quantities of marine refuse collected as pointed out in the Director of Audit's report mainly resulted from the different ways of measurement used by the MD and the EPD. The MD made the calculations based on the quantities of marine refuse collected and estimated by its contractors, whereas the actual weight of refuse collected was recorded at landfills and refuse transfer stations of the EPD;
 - (2) having reviewed the relevant practice and obtained the consent of the Environment Bureau, the MD had expressed the quantities of refuse collected from the sea and vessels in the measurement unit of cubic metre since 1 January 2021. The measurement of the quantity of refuse in cubic

metre was also adopted by the International Maritime Organization;

- (3) the MD would continue to strengthen the monitoring of its contractors' collection and clearance of marine refuse and ensure that various patrol areas would meet the routine patrol targets;
- (4) the quantities of marine refuse had increased since March 2021. It was probably because the number of floating refuse was affected by the season, wind direction and rainfall. If the MD found refuse floating on the sea, it would promptly make arrangements for clearance with its contractors;
- (5) the MD had recently sent its staff to inspect the waters at Tsuen Wan harbourfront, and had not found the mass accumulation of floating refuse. It believed that marine refuse was not the major cause of the odour nuisance at the harbourfront; and
- (6) from January 2020 to late May 2021, the MD had received a total of 14 reports of oil pollution in the waters of Tsuen Wan district and found no cases of oil pollution after on-site inspections. If the MD's staff found suspected red tide or other pollutants during the investigations of oil pollution cases, they would collect samples first and forward the samples to the relevant departments for follow-up.

35. The Acting Chairman stated that the EHCCC would not further discuss the captioned item under the Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Previous Meeting at the next meeting.

(D) Paragraphs 40 to 42 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 22 April 2021: Discussion on Reducing the Impact of Aircraft Noise over Sham Tseng and Tsing Lung Tau

36. The Acting Chairman stated that the paper was submitted by Mr LAU Chi-hung. Besides, the written reply of the Civil Aviation Department (CAD) was tabled at the meeting.

37. The views and enquiries of Members were summarised as follows:

- (1) he expressed regret over the CAD's failure to send a representative to attend the meeting. He enquired whether the CAD would continue to explore other measures to reduce aircraft noise in addition to those mentioned in its written reply. Also, he held that the problem of aircraft noise was also serious in Ma Wan (Mr LAU Chi-hung); and
- (2) he expressed regret over the CAD's failure to send a representative to attend the meeting, and held that the CAD should send a representative to answer Members' relatively technical questions in person. He opined that as the

problem of aircraft noise could not be solved within a short time, he hoped that the CAD would continue to follow up on the above item. He was worried that the level of aircraft noise in areas between Belvedere Garden and Castle Peak Road-Sham Tseng as well as in Ma Wan might increase due to the adjustment to flight routes in summer. He thus enquired whether the CAD could improve the arrangements for flight routes to prevent the noise problem from getting worse after the flight frequency had returned to normalcy. Moreover, he had been invited by the Airport Authority Hong Kong to join a committee for discussing issues related to the airport and civil aviation after assuming office. So, he enquired about the progress of establishing the committee (Mr YICK Shing-chung, Angus).

38. The Acting Chairman hoped that the Secretary would convey Members' enquiries to the CAD. The EHCCC would not further discuss the captioned item under the Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Previous Meeting at the next meeting. Besides, he proposed discussing Item 8 first. Members agreed to the arrangement.

(Post-meeting note: The Secretariat conveyed Members' views to the CAD on 3 September 2021.)

IV Item 8: Request for a Report and a Follow-up Enhancement Proposal on the Clearance of Refuse on the Sea and around Harbourfront Breakwaters in Tsuen Wan

(EHCCC Paper No. 30/21-22)

39. The Acting Chairman stated that the paper was submitted by Mr TSE Man-chak. The representatives from the departments responsible for giving responses were:

- (1) Mr NG Yiu-lun, Johnny, MO/PCU(1), MD;
- (2) Mr MAK Shui-wing, MM/LPF(2), MD;
- (3) Mr LEE Tin-shing, SASM/PCU(1), MD;
- (4) Ms TSANG Ka-man, Carmen, SEPO(RW)2, EPD;
- (5) Mr CHOI Wai-wing, SHI(C&PC)TW1, FEHD;
- (6) Ms TANG Ho-yan, Joyce, SE/2 (W), CEDD; and
- (7) Ms FONG Wei-king, Luna, Deputy District Leisure Manager (Tsuen Wan)2 (DDLMTW)2, Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD).

Besides, the written replies of the CEDD, HyD and the Transport Department (TD) were tabled at the meeting.

40. Mr TSE Man-chak introduced the paper.

41. MO/PCU(1) of the MD responded as follows:
- (1) the MD's contractors would regularly clear marine refuse in the waters off the breakwaters at Tsuen Wan harbourfront. However, the refuse cleared had not been recorded by types yet;
 - (2) the MD would make arrangements with its contractors for prompt clearance of floating refuse which was discharged to the sea through the outfalls of box culverts, while the problem of refuse inside outfalls should be handled by the department concerned; and
 - (3) if an on-site inspection at the breakwaters was to be organised by the departments concerned, the MD was willing to send representatives to participate in the on-site inspection.
42. SEPO(RW)2 of the EPD responded that the routine clearance of marine refuse fell beyond the EPD's purview.
43. SHI(C&PC)TW1 of the FEHD responded as follows:
- (1) the FEHD was responsible for the clearance of refuse on ungazetted beaches and coastal areas. In addition to the regular clearance, the FEHD would increase the frequency of clearing ungazetted beaches such as Ting Kau Beach, Anglers' Beach and Gemini Beach in individual months;
 - (2) the FEHD's staff had inspected the breakwaters with Members and confirmed with Members that the FEHD was the department responsible for the clearance of refuse on the breakwaters. If Members considered the cleanliness of individual breakwaters unsatisfactory, they could liaise with the FEHD to enhance the clearance work; and
 - (3) the management responsibility of the breakwaters had not yet been ascertained during the said on-site inspection.
44. SE/2 (W) of the CEDD responded that the CEDD's Port Works Division was responsible for the structural maintenance of some harbourfront breakwaters in Tsuen Wan district. The environmental hygiene issues in the community including the clearance of refuse on the sea and on breakwaters fell beyond the purview of the CEDD.
45. DDLM(TW)2 of the LCSD responded that the LCSD was unable to advise on the refuse problem at the location concerned because the location was not managed by the LCSD.

46. The views and enquiries of Members were summarised as follows:
- (1) he was concerned about the public liability insurance which covered the work on breakwaters. Also, he enquired which party should be held responsible for the insurance if a voluntary group had an accident during a voluntary clean-up on breakwaters and for the insurance covering the staff of the FEHD's contractors working on breakwaters. Besides, given that the FEHD had confirmed its responsibility for clearing the breakwaters, he held that the refuse problem could be solved simply by enhancing the communication (Mr MAN Yu-ming);
 - (2) pointing out that Tsuen Wan Ferry Pier was managed by the TD, he was discontented with the TD for its failure to send representatives to attend the meeting. He enquired on the MD's definitions of marine refuse and onshore refuse, as well as whether the MD would clear marine refuse washed up on the breakwaters. He also enquired whether the departments concerned could complement each other and where practicable, coordinate with one another to jointly clear refuse on the breakwaters and in the waters nearby. As Tsuen Wan harbourfront fell within Tsuen Wan Park (Phase 3), he hoped that the LCSD would take effective measures to help maintain the cleanliness of the area concerned (Mr YICK Shing-chung, Angus);
 - (3) he enquired whether the casual disposal of refuse into stormwater inlets by shops in the district was one of the causes for the odour and refuse problems at the harbourfront, and whether the departments concerned would strengthen the monitoring and education work in this respect. He hoped that the departments concerned would step up their inspections and enforcement actions, preventing residents from using as an excuse that refuse bins were full for their illegal disposal of refuse at the roadside or into the sea. He was also concerned about the situation of marine refuse floating into the waters of Tsuen Wan from regions outside Hong Kong (Mr LAM Sek-tim); and
 - (4) he hoped that the Acting Chairman could arrange an inter-departmental meeting for the departments to clarify their respective responsibilities, as well as to jointly explore measures to reduce marine refuse and formulate methods of implementation. He also hoped that the departments would explore more effective means to reduce marine refuse on three fronts, namely public education, the imposition of penalties and the introduction of new technologies. Besides, he enquired whether the DSD could install finer mesh filters at roadside gullies to filter solid waste more effectively (Mr TSE Man-chak).

47. SHI(C&PC)TW1 of the FEHD responded as follows:
- (1) the cleaning contractors were responsible for the insurance for their employees. They would provide adequate safety equipment for employees undertaking the clearance of breakwaters;
 - (2) the FEHD would liaise with the MD in an attempt to explore the feasibility of conducting joint operations to tackle the refuse problems on the breakwaters and in nearby waters;
 - (3) since the FEHD was unable to ensure that roadside gullies were free from solid waste, it would arrange for clearing roadside gullies on a regular basis. The FEHD had introduced gully emptiers in May 2021, which were designated for clearing roadside gullies. If Members noted that individual gullies warranted clearance, they could liaise with the FEHD to make corresponding arrangements; and
 - (4) the FEHD had inspected the roadside gullies on Tai Ho Road and found no refuse inside the gullies. Hence, it opined that refuse might not be the source of the odour problem.

48. MO/PCU(1) of the MD responded as follows:

- (1) the MD was responsible for clearing marine refuse and floating refuse accumulated offshore; and
- (2) it would put the working vessels of the MD's contractors and the crews thereon at risk if the vessels sailed too close to breakwaters because the waters off breakwaters were relatively shallow in general and the shape of breakwaters posed difficulties in the berthing of vessels. The MD would instruct the contractors to clear floating refuse in the waters off breakwaters as far as possible under safe circumstances.

(Note: Mr KOT Siu-yuen left the meeting at 3:42 p.m. Mr MAN Yu-ming left the meeting at 3:49 p.m.)

V Item 3: Endorsement of the List of Minor Environmental Improvement Programme 2021/22 and Applications for Funds for Ground Investigation Works
(EHCCC Paper No. 25/21-22)

49. The Secretary introduced the paper.

50. Members unanimously endorsed the list of minor environmental improvement programme 2021/22 and applications for funds for ground investigation works. The priority, titles and proponents of the projects were listed as follows:

<u>Priority</u>	<u>Title of Project</u>	<u>Proponent</u>
-	Ground Investigation Works under Minor Environmental Improvement Programme 2021/22	-
1	Provision of planters and greening works in Tsuen Wan district	-
2	Construction of signs on Sham Hong Road near street lamp no. FC4599, Sham Tseng, Tsuen Wan	Mr LAU Chi-hung
3	Extension of rain shelter in Wing Shun Street near Shak Chung Shan Memorial Catholic Primary School, Tsuen Wan	Mr YICK Shing-chung, Angus
4	Extension of rain shelter on Castle Peak Road-Tsuen Wan near street lamp no. DC0277, Tsuen Wan	Mr LAU Jackson
5	Provision of gratings on Ma Sim Pai Road near street lamp no. W3805, Tsuen Wan	Mr PUN Long-chung, Roy
6	Construction of platform and seats at Allway Gardens near street lamp no. AC1451, Tsuen King Circuit, Tsuen Wan	Mr CHIU Yan-loy
7	Provision of elderly fitness equipment unit at Sam Tung Uk Resite Village near street lamp no. W4947, Tsuen Wan	Mr LAI Man-fai
8	Improvement to communal letterbox stand at Sham Tseng San Tsuen beside Sham Hong Road near street lamp no. FC4599, Sham Tseng, Tsuen Wan	Mr LAU Chi-hung
9	Construction of communal letterbox stand at Sham Tseng Commercial New Village beside Sham Hong Road near street lamp no. V9686, Sham Tseng, Tsuen Wan	Mr LAU Chi-hung
10	Installation of seats on Shek Wai Kok Road near Shek Kwai House and street lamp no. FB4086, Tsuen Wan	Mr LAI Man-fai
11	Installation of seats on Sha Tsui Road near Citywalk and street lamp no. FA4577A, Tsuen Wan	Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio
12	Installation of seats on Yeung Uk Road near Nina Tower and street lamp no. DC1762, Tsuen Wan	Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio
13	Installation of seats on Route Twisk near street lamp no. FA5511, Tsuen Wan	Mr CHIU Yan-loy

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| 14 | Construction of rain shelter on On Yuk Road near street lamp no. W1715, Tsuen Wan | Mr CHIU Yan-loy |
| 15 | Provision of beach benches on Castle Peak Road-Tsing Lung Tau near Angler's Beach and street lamp no. BC1023, Tsuen Wan | Mr NG Hin-lung,
Norris |
| 16 | Installation of seats on Yeung Uk Road near Citywalk 2 and street lamp no. DC1788, Tsuen Wan | Mr LUK Ling-chung,
Antonio |
| 17 | Provision of information plates on Lung Yue Road near street lamp nos. BC0954 and FC3760, Tsuen Wan | Mr NG Hin-lung,
Norris |
| 18 | Installation of seats on Shek Wai Kok Road near Shek Lin House and street lamp no. ESWK/D/7009, Tsuen Wan | Mr MAN Yu-ming |

The above project items 4 and 5; items 6, 7, 8 and 9; items 10, 11 and 12; as well as items 13 and 14 gained the same points respectively. Hence, the Acting Chairman invited the Assistant District Officer (Tsuen Wan) (ADO(TW)) of the TWDO to determine the priority of the projects by balloting at the meeting. The Works Section of the TWDO would implement the above new projects according to the District Minor Works Programme funds available for use and their priority.

51. Mr YICK Shing-chung, Angus enquired about the total estimate of the new projects after deducting the estimate of the provision of planters and greening works in Tsuen Wan district.

52. The Acting Chairman stated that the total estimate of the new projects was \$2,000,000, after deducting the estimate of the provision of planters and greening works in Tsuen Wan district. The projects under the Minor Environmental Improvement Programme with an estimate equal to or exceeding \$220,000 should be submitted to the Tsuen Wan District Council (TWDC) for vetting and approval.

(Post-meeting note: The TWDC endorsed the above projects proposed for implementation in 2021/22 under the Minor Environmental Improvement Programme with an estimate equal to or exceeding \$220,000 by circulation of papers on 6 July 2021.)

VI Item 4: Effectively and Efficiently Handling the Problem of Water Dripping from Air- Conditioners in Tsuen Wan Town Centre
(EHCCC Paper No. 26/21-22)

53. The Acting Chairman stated that the paper was submitted by Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio. The representatives from the departments responsible for giving responses were:

- (1) Mr CHOI Wai-wing, SHI(C&PC)TW1, FEHD;
- (2) Ms TSANG Ka-man, Carmen, SEPO(RW)2, EPD; and
- (3) Mr LAI Yik-wing, Wesley, ADO(TW), TWDO.

Besides, the written reply of the EPD was tabled at the meeting.

54. Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio introduced the paper.

55. SHI(C&PC)TW1 of the FEHD responded as follows:

- (1) the FEHD had all along been concerned about the nuisance caused by water dripping from air-conditioners in Tsuen Wan district. Apart from handling the relevant public complaints, the FEHD would irregularly send its staff to conduct inspections at the black spots of dripping air-conditioners with a heavier pedestrian flow in the town centre;
- (2) the FEHD had irregularly conducted a total of six raid inspections at the streets including Chung On Street, Yeung Uk Road and Sha Tsui Road in the town centre since May 2021, and had identified quite a number of dripping air-conditioners. It had also issued a total of 35 Nuisance Notices to the flats concerned, requiring the occupants to tackle the problem of dripping air-conditioners as soon as possible with a view to reducing the nuisance caused to pedestrians; and
- (3) the FEHD would continue to monitor the situation of dripping air-conditioners, and welcomed Members to join inspections with its staff at the black spots of dripping air-conditioners.

56. SEPO(RW)2 of the EPD responded that the tackling of dripping air-conditioners fell beyond the EPD's purview.

57. ADO(TW) of the TWDO responded that the TWDO had always been handling the structural issues of "three-nil" buildings in collaboration with the Architectural Services Department. Also, the TWDO was committed to assisting owners of "three-nil" buildings in establishing OCs to facilitate the coordination of efforts to address various kinds of problems, including dripping air-conditioners and foul water pipe misconnections.

58. The views and enquiries of Members were summarised as follows:

- (1) during a visit to the Hong Kong Observatory on 3 June 2021, Members had

been informed by the Director of the Hong Kong Observatory that among all the fifth months over the years, May 2021 had the most days with temperature above 28 degrees Celsius. Hot weather would last for eight to nine months due to global warming, causing the utilisation rate of air-conditioners to rise and resulting in the consequential problem of dripping air-conditioners. Some people would even choose to walk on carriageways to avoid dripping water from air-conditioners. He was concerned about the serious problem of dripping air-conditioners at the pavement near the terminal of green minibus (GMB) route no. 84 at Allway Gardens. He also hoped that the FEHD would study how to deal with occupants who had failed to ease the problem of dripping air-conditioners for a long time, and that it would draw reference from the approach to solving the problem of dripping air-conditioners on Jordan Road. Besides, he hoped that the FEHD's staff would conduct on-site inspections at the black spots of dripping air-conditioners in the district with Members (Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio);

- (2) in summer, people passing through Tsuen Wan town centre would be affected by the problem of dripping air-conditioners. It was most serious in the tenement building areas near Chung On Street, Chuen Lung Street, Ho Pui Street and Sha Tsui Road. He hoped that the FEHD would expeditiously tackle the problem of dripping air-conditioners to eliminate the nuisance caused to people (Mr LAI Man-fai);
- (3) he pointed out the higher utilisation rate of air-conditioners in summer. There was a serious problem of dripping air-conditioners in some old buildings because those buildings had not undergone proper repairs. He had conveyed the problem of dripping air-conditioners in Tsuen King Garden to the FEHD, but the follow-up was slow. He enquired whether the FEHD had a dedicated team to handle the issue of dripping air-conditioners and whether it was necessary to increase the manpower for the work (Mr LAU Cheuk-yu);
- (4) he pointed out that the pavement near the terminal of GMB route no. 84 at Allway Gardens was a black spot of dripping air-conditioners. He hoped that the FEHD staff would conduct targeted inspections at this location since it was not feasible to construct a rain shelter there. He was also concerned about the lack of drain pipes for air conditioners in the design of some older buildings. As the installation of drain pipes for air-conditioners was complicated and expensive, owners of private properties might not be willing to spend money on rectification works. Some occupants being complained would even divert condensation water

from their air-conditioners to the external walls of buildings and let the water slide down the walls. This, however, was not a complete solution to the problem. He enquired whether the Government could subsidise or assist the occupants concerned in installing drain pipes for their air-conditioners (Mr CHIU Yan-loy);

- (5) he would receive many requests for assistance related to dripping air-conditioners every summer. He pointed out that the bus stops and minibus stops in Tsuen Wan town centre were beset by the serious problem of dripping air-conditioners. Some people had failed to hail and get on a bus/minibus in time because they were forced to wait at a location further away from the bus/minibus stop sign where they took shelter from dripping water. He hoped that the FEHD would speedily tackle the problem of dripping air-conditioners in the town centre (Mr LAM Sek-tim); and
- (6) he enquired whether the FEHD would leave problem of dripping air-conditioners within a housing estate to owners of the housing estate to handle on their own, and about the role of the FEHD in tackling the above problem. He also enquired whether the FEHD seldom sent its staff to conduct inspections at night. As regards the some owners' practice of diverting condensation water from their air-conditioners to the external walls of buildings and allowing the water to slide down the walls, he enquired of the FEHD whether this practice was in breach of any legislations (Mr LI Hung-por).

59. SHI(C&PC)TW1 of the FEHD responded as follows:

- (1) the FEHD would pay more attention to the locations affected by dripping air-conditioners as mentioned by Members. Regarding the issue of dripping air-conditioners at the pavement near the terminal of GMB route no. 84 at Allway Gardens, the FEHD's staff could inspect the location during an on-site inspection to be conducted with Members;
- (2) there were 17 Health Inspectors of the FEHD responsible for handling complaints about environmental hygiene in the district, including dripping air-conditioners. Moreover, the FEHD had formed a team specialised in handling the issue of dripping air-conditioners in the district, comprising one officer responsible for the management of nuisance caused by dripping water and four Environmental Nuisance Investigators;
- (3) the OC of Chungking Mansions on Jordan Road had relocated the air-conditioners from the external walls of the building to indoor locations with a view to solving the problem of dripping air-conditioners. Nevertheless, the FEHD considered that traditional methods such as

installing wall-mount drain pipes were most effective. Occupants could solve the problem simply by connecting drain hoses of their air-conditioners to the default drain pipes of buildings;

- (4) the FEHD agreed that priority should be accorded to handling more difficult cases of dripping air-conditioners first. The FEHD's staff could conduct targeted inspections with Members at locations where the problem of dripping air-conditioners was more serious;
- (5) the FEHD would tackle the problem of dripping air-conditioners in both public place and private housing estates;
- (6) the FEHD would investigate cases of dripping air-conditioners according to the information provided by complainants, and would issue Nuisance Notices to the persons in question if there was sufficient evidence;
- (7) as regards some owners' practice of diverting condensation water from their air-conditioners to the external walls of buildings and allowing the water to slide down the walls, the FEHD would issue Nuisance Notices to those owners if this practice had caused nuisance; and
- (8) the FEHD should deploy resources to handle cases of dripping air-conditioners which had more negative impacts on the public first.

60. The views and enquiries of Members were summarised as follows:

- (1) he was concerned about the FEHD's division of labour, procedures, methods of identifying dripping air-conditioners, and penalties imposed on people causing nuisance when handling cases of dripping air-conditioners. He also hoped that the FEHD would arrange inspections during the period when the use of air-conditioners peaked in order to enhance the effectiveness of its inspections (Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio); and
- (2) he hoped that the FEHD would send staff to conduct an on-site inspection with Members (the Acting Chairman).

VII Item 5: Request for Addressing the Issue of Frequent Appearances of Unknown Pollutants at the Tsuen Wan Harbourfront and Formulating Detailed Follow-up Proposal to Handle the Issue Promptly

(EHCCC Paper No. 27/21-22)

61. The Acting Chairman stated that the paper was submitted by Mr YICK Shing-chung, Angus. The representatives from the departments responsible for giving responses were:

- (1) Mr WONG Wai-keung, E/TK1, DSD;
- (2) Mr HO Kit-ming, E/TK2, DSD;
- (3) Ms TSANG Ka-man, Carmen, SEPO(RW)2, EPD;

- (4) Mr NG Yiu-lun, Johnny, MO/PCU(1), MD;
- (5) Mr MAK Shui-wing, MM/LPF(2), MD;
- (6) Mr LEE Tin-shing, SASM/PCU(1), MD; and
- (7) Mr LAI Yik-wing, Wesley, ADO(TW), TWDO.

Besides, the written replies of the EPD, BD and AFCD were tabled at the meeting.

62. Mr YICK Shing-chung, Angus introduced the paper.

63. E/TK2 of the DSD responded that the request for submission of detailed information on pollutants at Tsuen Wan harbourfront by the departments concerned was stated in the Member's paper. Although the DSD did not have the detailed information and data requested by the Member, it believed that the departments concerned would provide supplementary information accordingly. If the DSD received a report on pollutants at Tsuen Wan harbourfront, it would refer the report to the EPD for follow-up and investigation. The DSD would also actively assist the departments concerned in their investigations.

64. SEPO(RW)2 of the EPD responded as follows:

- (1) the EPD had received a total of 16 complaints about the odour or discharge of effluent at Tsuen Wan harbourfront in 2020. The EPD would promptly follow up on the complaints upon receipt, including sending staff to inspect the scene as well as conduct inspections and take enforcement actions targeted at pollution sources in the upper reaches;
- (2) the EPD's staff would continue with the investigations in the upper reaches despite the possibility that they might not be able to identify the conditions reported by complainants during the inspections. The EPD would take enforcement actions if illegal discharge activities were found. If pipe misconnections were found during investigations, the cases would be referred to the departments concerned for follow-up;
- (3) the EPD would conduct periodic testing of water quality of the Rambler Channel, Tsuen Wan and regularly submit the monitoring findings to the EHCCC. According to the data of the past five years, the Rambler Channel had low levels of pollution caused by organic matters and effluent; and
- (4) as the Rambler Channel was open water, the water quality was subject to a range of natural environmental factors such as the season, weather and hydrographic condition.

65. MO/PCU(1) of the MD responded as follows:

- (1) the MD would immediately send its staff to conduct on-site inspections and handle the situation upon receipt of reports on marine oil pollution;
- (2) from January 2020 to late May 2021, the MD had received a total of 14 reports on marine oil pollution in Tsuen Wan district. No cases of marine oil pollution had been identified after on-site inspections; and
- (3) if the MD's staff found suspected red tide or other pollutants during inspections of marine oil pollution cases, they would collect samples first and then forward the samples to the departments concerned for follow-up.

66. ADO(TW) of the TWDO responded that environmental hygiene issues should be followed up by the responsible departments.

67. The views and enquiries of Members were summarised as follows:

- (1) he pointed out that pollutants often appeared at the weekend, but the departments could not deploy staff to handle the issue then. He had heard that the pollution might be caused by the stirring of sediment on the seabed during the heaving of anchors of vessels, and this phenomenon had persisted for some time. He hoped that the departments concerned would investigate why pollutants would appear in order to prevent the recurrence of similar phenomena (Mr TSE Man-chak);
- (2) he opined that there was serious pollution at the harbourfront. Given the failure of the departments concerned to effectively detect pollution, he opined that they should increase the frequency of inspections. Also, he considered that the installation of DWFIs could not tackle the harbourfront odour problem at source, and opined that the departments concerned should focus on tackling the problem of pipe misconnections in the district (Mr LAI Man-fai);
- (3) with the continuous development of Tsuen Wan district, the harbourfront area had become home to many residential buildings. He enquired whether there were any guidelines to regulate vessels which were moored near residential premises to prevent pollution caused by vessels, and whether the berthing zone of vessels near the harbourfront could be relocated. As there were often discrepancies between the results of the EPD's odour assessments and the public's perception of odour, he enquired whether the EPD could invite Members to take part in an odour assessment so that Members could learn about the assessment methods used by the EPD. He also enquired of the MD about the definition of "private mooring buoys", and whether the mooring buoys at the harbourfront could be relocated (Mr LAU Cheuk-yu);

- (4) he had lodged complaints on pollutants on the sea to the departments concerned, and expressed regret over the AFCD's failure to send representatives to attend the meeting. He opined that efforts should be made to find out why pollutants mainly appeared at the weekend first in order to identify corresponding solutions. He was also concerned about whether there were any health risks of eating contaminated fish (Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio);
- (5) he opined that the departments concerned should strengthen collaboration and crack down on people who indiscriminately dumped refuse into the sea. He enquired whether the pollutants might originate from some construction projects being implemented in the east of Lantau Island or float from the waters outside the territory. If yes, he enquired how the departments concerned would handle these pollutants, and whether the scope of investigation of the sources of pollutants would be expanded (Mr LAM Sek-tim); and
- (6) he hoped that the departments concerned would specifically inform Members of the composition of the pollutants. In his opinion, the departments should have more resources than Members and therefore should be more capable of investigating the composition and sources of the pollutants. He was thus discontented with the departments concerned for their failure to explain why the pollutants appeared. He enquired about the number of complaints out of the 16 complaints about the odour or discharge of effluent at Tsuen Wan harbourfront received by the EPD on which the EPD failed to follow up because its staff had not identified pollution after arrival at the scene. He hoped that the existing mechanism would be improved so that the departments could intervene in investigations at an earlier stage to effectively solve the problem of pollutants. He also enquired whether the EPD had adequate staff to follow up on the relevant complaints (Mr YICK Shing-chung, Angus).

(Note: Mr WONG Ka-wa joined the meeting at 4:58 p.m.)

68. SEPO(RW)2 of the EPD responded as follows:

- (1) the EPD would deploy manpower to support the inspections of pollution sources as far as possible;
- (2) over the past three years, the EPD had conducted more than 400 investigations of manholes and actively identified pipe misconnections in the upper reaches; and
- (3) the EPD had followed up on all the 16 complaints it received about the

odour or discharge of effluent at Tsuen Wan harbourfront. Despite the failure to identify the sources of pollution in all the cases, the EPD had promptly sent its staff to conduct inspections and investigations at the scene upon receipt of the complaints.

69. MO/PCU(1) of the MD responded that vessels were berthed at the harbourfront with the aid of private moorings without dropping anchors. Hence, sediment on the seabed would not be stirred up by the heaving of anchors.

70. MM/LPF(2) of the MD responded as follows:

- (1) the MD had designated 70 spots for vessel owners to lay private moorings in the waters of the Tsuen Wan Dangerous Goods Anchorage (TWDGA). Therefore, vessels in need of berthing might be directly berthed at respective private moorings without dropping anchors;
- (2) sediment on the seabed might only be stirred up by the heaving of anchors of vessels within specific anchorages. However, the waters of Tsuen Wan harbourfront where pollutants appeared did not fall within such an anchorage;
- (3) the mooring area of the TWDGA had already been established as early as in 1968. In 1994, the Government had considered relocating the mooring area of the TWDGA but the then Members of the TWDC opposed the proposal. The relocation plan had been shelved after the Harbourfront Commission had determined that no reclamation should be implemented within Victoria Harbour; and
- (4) for the time being, the Government had no plan to relocate the mooring area of the TWDGA because the potential risk posed by oil carriers moored at the harbourfront was relatively low.

VIII Item 6: Concern about Food Safety Issues in the District

(EHCCC Paper No. 28/21-22)

71. The Acting Chairman stated that the paper was submitted by Mr LAM Sek-tim. The representative from the department responsible for giving responses was Mr CHOI Wai-wing, SHI(C&PC)TW1, FEHD.

72. Mr LAM Sek-tim introduced the paper.

73. SHI(C&PC)TW1 of the FEHD responded as follows:

- (1) the FEHD had always been concerned about food safety. It would also regularly send staff to inspect fresh provision shops, market stalls and sushi

- takeouts in the district to ensure proper storage of food thereat;
- (2) the FEHD had conducted a total of three raid inspections in the past 12 months. If the FEHD found that any licensed food premises were in breach of licensing conditions, it would issue warnings to the persons-in-charge and require them to make rectifications, and would provide the persons-in-charge with information on food safety and advice on personal hygiene to increase their awareness of food safety; and
 - (3) the FEHD agreed to the Member's suggestion on organising educational activities and wished to promote food safety messages through activities.
74. The views and enquiries of Members were summarised as follows:
- (1) many food ingredient suppliers would deliver food ingredients in the early morning and would only place food ingredients outside entrances of restaurants. This practice might lead to the contamination of food ingredients by pests and rodents. He enquired whether the FEHD had any methods to monitor food ingredient suppliers to ensure the safety of the public dining at restaurants. Besides, he was concerned about a news report on the discovery of a cigarette butt in food from a restaurant near Belvedere Garden, and enquired whether the FEHD would impose penalties on the restaurant in question (Mr LAI Man-fai);
 - (2) he opined that food safety correlated closely with the proper management of food ingredient shops. As operators of some food ingredient shops did not close the gates of their shops after collecting goods, food ingredients in the shops might be contaminated by pests and rodents. Also, as operators of some food ingredient shops would put food ingredients on the floor for sale when the closing time drew near, the hygiene condition of the food ingredients would be adversely affected. He hoped that the FEHD would step up law enforcement and urge shop operators to improve their management mode to prevent food safety problems (Mr LAU Chi-hung);
 - (3) he was concerned about the sale of boxed oysters and sea urchins at some market stalls which probably had not obtained appropriate licences and lacked a proper storage environment. If the public had unknowingly consumed spoiled ingredients, they might suffer from food poisoning and other food safety problems. He enquired whether the FEHD would conduct raid inspections to ensure that shops would not sell food ingredients which spoiled more easily without a licence (Mr CHIU Yan-loy);
 - (4) he indicated that the illegal sale of chilled chickens at a vegetable stall had been exposed. Subsequently, the FEHD had found chilled chickens at the vegetable stall once again during a raid inspection. He enquired of the

FEHD whether such an irregularity had persisted all along (the Acting Chairman); and

- (5) he thanked the FEHD for its assistance in ensuring food safety in the district. He hoped that the FEHD would enhance inspections and education work. He was concerned that food placed on carriageways by some shop operators in Ho Pui Street, Yeung Uk Road, Chuen Lung Street and San Tsuen Street might be contaminated by water dripping from air-conditioners and by pests and rodents. Also, he had witnessed a dog fouling stocks of fruits placed on a carriageway in Chuen Lung Street. As such, he held that the FEHD should face up to the undesirable practices of those shop operators and the FEHD should jointly take enforcement actions with the HKPF (Mr LAM Sek-tim).

75. SHI(C&PC)TW1 of the FEHD responded as follows:

- (1) the FEHD would reply to the Member's enquiry on the case which a cigarette butt was found in food from a restaurant near Belvedere Garden after the meeting;
- (2) as regards the Member's views that the FEHD should step up law enforcement and urge food ingredient shops to improve their management mode, the FEHD would refer the views to its District Environmental Hygiene Office for follow-up;
- (3) licensed food premises selling sashimi should be equipped with refrigerators which could maintain a temperature range of 0 to 4 degrees Celsius for the storage of sashimi. After obtaining appropriate licences or permits, shops should comply with respective licensing conditions. The FEHD would conduct routine inspections to ensure that shops operated in compliance with the licensing conditions. If the FEHD found that a shop's refrigerator failed to maintain the required temperature range of 0 to 4 degrees Celsius, it would take follow-up actions, including the issuance of verbal warnings or warning letters to the shop operator. If the shop operator still failed to make rectifications after receiving a certain number of warning letters, the licence of his/her shop would be suspended; and
- (4) if a shop operator was found selling oysters or sashimi without obtaining a proper licence, the FEHD would prosecute the shop operator directly.

IX Item 7: Request for Additional Parking Spaces with Charging Facilities for Electric Vehicles in Car Parks around Cheung Shan and Shek Wai Kok
(EHCCC Paper No. 29/21-22)

76. The Acting Chairman stated that the paper was submitted by Mr LAI Man-fai.

The representatives from the departments responsible for giving responses were:

- (1) Ms TSANG Ka-man, Carmen, SEPO(RW)2, EPD;
- (2) Mr KAN King-ming, Victor, Housing Manager/Wong Tai Sin, Tsing Yi & Tsuen Wan 8 (HM/WTT8), Housing Department (HD); and
- (3) Mr LAI Yik-wing, Wesley, ADO(TW), TWDO.

Besides, the written reply of the EPD was tabled at the meeting. A reply had not yet been received from the TD before the meeting.

77. Mr LAI Man-fai introduced the paper.

78. SEPO(RW)2 of the EPD responded that there were a total of 240 public parking spaces with charging facilities for electric vehicles (EVs) in Tsuen Wan district at present. If Members required the relevant information, the EPD could provide Members with the information for their perusal.

79. HM/WTT8 of the HD responded as follows:

- (1) the provision of car parking facilities in public housing developments by the Hong Kong Housing Authority (HA) primarily served to meet the parking needs of residents of the HA's housing estates/courts and their visitors;
- (2) to complement the Government's policies of promoting the wider use of EVs, the HA had installed EV charging facilities at its car parks since 2011;
- (3) according to the recommendations set out in the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines (HKPSG), the HA would equip 30% of the parking spaces for private cars with standard chargers in indoor car parks of new public housing developments. The remaining 70% of the parking spaces for private cars would also be installed with EV charging-enabling infrastructure (EVCEI), including switchboards, distribution boards, cables, conduits and trunking, and space would be reserved within those parking spaces for the installation of EV socket outlets in the future. As regards the existing car parks, the HA had all along been installing EV chargers at certain parking spaces for private cars according to the demand and where the electricity load could support the provision of EV chargers and it was technically feasible to do so;
- (4) as at late March 2021, the HA had provided EV chargers for a total of about 1 400 parking spaces for private cars in 55 car parks or so;
- (5) the Government was currently updating the guidelines on EV charging facilities in the HKPSG. The proposed revisions included requiring the provision of medium chargers in new developments. To dovetail with the Government's relevant measures, the HA would install medium chargers

and associated charging facilities instead of standard chargers in new public housing developments which were at the planning stage or early design stage. As regards development projects at the final design stage/tender stage or under construction, the HA would endeavour to study the feasibility of providing medium chargers according to individual circumstances after taking into consideration factors such as time, cost, technology and space requirements;

- (6) besides, the HA was also gradually installing medium chargers at hourly parking spaces for private cars in existing car parks where the electricity load could support the provision of medium chargers and it was technically feasible to do so; and
- (7) to make good use of resources, the HA would monitor the utilisation of the said EV chargers and consider providing additional medium chargers having regard to the demand and technical feasibility.

80. ADO(TW) of the TWDO responded that the scheme encouraging the provision of charging facilities at parking spaces for EVs in private housing estates was formulated and implemented by the EPD. The TWDO could assist in or make coordination for matters related to the installation of EV chargers for OCs. However, the decision as to whether EV chargers should be installed at private parking spaces should rest with owners of private parking spaces.

81. The views and enquiries of Members were summarised as follows:

- (1) according to past experience, the EPD was responsible for matters relating to the EV policies. Although the TD's "One-for-One Replacement" Scheme could encourage vehicle owners to switch to EVs, he opined that the EPD should collaborate with the TD and study reducing the vehicle licence fees of low emission vehicles and petrol/electric hybrid cars (hybrid cars) as a transitional policy in order to motivate vehicle owners to progressively switch from general vehicles to hybrid cars or low emission vehicles and eventually to EVs. Besides, as the power of EVs in the market was ever-increasing, the charging of EVs with medium chargers would be very time-consuming. He therefore opined that the departments should consider installing quick chargers in car parks under their management. He also wanted to learn about the technical limitations associated with the installation of quick chargers (Mr YICK Shing-chung, Angus);
- (2) he enquired of the HD about the reasons for its removal of the parking spaces with EV charging facilities in the car park of Shek Wai Kok Estate,

and enquired of the EPD whether Tsuen Wan Multi-storey Car Park was referred to as “Tsuen Wan Car Park” in its written reply. He opined that Tsuen Wan Multi-storey Car Park was some distance away from Cheung Shan and Shek Wai Kok. He was also concerned about whether the completion of the proposed installation of medium chargers at Shing Mun Valley Swimming Pool would be delayed (Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio);

- (3) he opined that the HD’s installation of EV chargers at only 30% of the parking spaces for private cars in new public housing estates would be insufficient to support the Government’s policy of promoting the popularisation of EVs. Instead, the HD should increase the ratio to 55% to 60% or else it would fall behind in the trend of green development. He also hoped that the HD would draw reference from the LCSD’s practice of installing EV chargers at outdoor parking spaces and install EV chargers at outdoor parking spaces of public housing estates in the district (Mr WONG Ka-wa);
- (4) he thanked the EPD for its assistance in the installation of EV chargers, and was concerned about whether the HD had a plan to install EV chargers at existing parking spaces in public housing estates. Since public housing estates were owned by the Government, he held that the HD should be in a position and have sufficient resources to implement the above plan. Besides, it was expensive to install EV charging facilities at parking spaces and the application procedures were relatively complicated. Thus, many owners might lack motivation for installing EV charging facilities at their parking spaces. So, he enquired whether the departments concerned could provide more incentives and assistance with a view to encouraging owners of private parking spaces to install EV charging facilities at their parking spaces (Mr CHIU Yan-loy); and
- (5) he pointed out that the EV-charging at Home Subsidy Scheme had been oversubscribed. It reflected that the demand for EV charging facilities in housing estates was greater than that expected by the Government. In this connection, the EPD should increase the funding. The HD had informed him that EV charging facilities would not be installed in Cheung Shan Estate because no EV owner had applied for a parking permit there. He commented that the HD put the cart before the horse. He also opined that the EPD’s plan to install five additional EV chargers in the district could not meet the demand from residents, and considered the EPD’s claim that Cheung Shan and Shek Wai Kok were located in the vicinity of Tsuen Wan Car Park unsound. Besides, he opined that a plentiful supply of parking spaces with quick chargers was the prerequisite for promoting the

popularisation of EVs (Mr LAI Man-fai).

82. SEPO(RW)2 of the EPD responded that the EPD noted Members' views on reducing the vehicle licence fees of low emission vehicles and hybrid cars as well as providing additional quick chargers. Tsuen Wan Multi-storey Car Park was referred to as "Tsuen Wan Car Park" in the EPD's written reply.

83. HM/WTT8 of the HD responded as follows:

- (1) as the car park of Shek Wai Kok Estate had been sold to a private owner many years ago, all the parking facilities were managed by the private owner. Hence, any enquiries concerning the facilities of the car park should be directed to the owner of the car park;
- (2) the HD would equip 30% of the parking spaces in new public housing developments with EV chargers, and would concurrently install EVCEI which enabled the provision of EV chargers in the future at the remaining parking spaces. If residents using monthly parking spaces wanted to install EV chargers at those parking spaces, they could contact the HD anytime to arrange for the installation of EV chargers; and
- (3) as regards existing car parks in public housing estates, the HD should assess whether existing electrical installations had an adequate capacity to support the installation of EV charging facilities. The HD should also evaluate the actual demand for EV chargers among residents. In the long run, the HD would provide EV charging facilities according to the aforesaid standards for newly constructed developments if an existing public housing estate warranted redevelopment or refurbishment.

X Item 9: Information Papers

(1) Publicity and Anti-Marine Littering Operation in Tsuen Wan District (January - May 2021)

(EHCCC Paper No. 32/21-22)

84. The views and enquiries of Members were summarised as follows:

- (1) he hoped that the MD would pay attention to the nuisances caused to nearby residents by inshore vessels sounding horns and using spotlights in the small hours, and that the MD would step up patrols and advise vessels to reduce activities which caused nuisances (Mr YICK Shing-chung, Angus); and
- (2) he hoped that the MD would invite Members to participate in its relevant publicity campaigns (Mr TSE Man-chak).

85. The Acting Chairman hoped that the Secretary would relay Members' views to the MD.

(Post-meeting note: The Secretariat conveyed Members' views to the MD on 3 September 2021.)

(2) Work Report on Environmental Pollution Control in Tsuen Wan District (1 March 2021 to 30 April 2021)
(EHCCC Paper No. 33/21-22)

86. Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio said that although the number of inspections had increased comparatively, the total amount of fines imposed on offenders as at 30 April 2021 (i.e. \$7,000 only) was proportionally lower than that of last year. He enquired of the EPD whether it meant that the EPD's enforcement actions failed to produce a sufficient deterrent effect.

87. SEPO(RW)2 of the EPD responded that the total amount of fines imposed on offenders would vary according to the actual situation and progress of prosecution. The EPD would continue to conduct inspections and take law enforcement actions in the district.

(3) Work Report on the Problem of Sea Water Pollution of the Rambler Channel, Tsuen Wan (March 2021 to April 2021)
(EHCCC Paper No. 35/21-22)

88. Mr YICK Shing-chung, Angus said that the EPD had failed to effectively identify the sources of pollutants with the current measures. He therefore enquired whether the EPD could conduct a survey of the frequency and time of the emergence of pollutants by checking footage recorded by the closed-circuit televisions (CCTVs) atop Riviera Gardens in an effort to identify the sources of pollutants. He also enquired of the EPD whether it had adequate manpower to carry out the investigation work.

89. SEPO(RW)2 of the EPD responded that the EPD had all along been making good use of the information obtained from the CCTV footage for analysis. However, the CCTV footage only played a supportive role in the investigation and it was impossible to identify the sources of pollution by checking the CCTV footage alone.

(4) Work Report on Environmental Hygiene in Tsuen Wan District
(EHCCC Paper No. 37/21-22)

90. The views and enquiries of Members were summarised as follows:

- (1) as there were substantial increases in the numbers of complaint cases about dripping air-conditioners received and being handled by the FEHD compared with the same period last year, he wanted to learn about how these two figures were calculated. He also wanted to learn about the relationship between the number of the FEHD's warning notices issued to shops and the number of the FEHD's fix penalty notices (FPNs) issued for littering (Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio);
- (2) he enquired whether the FEHD could submit the supplementary information on the handling of cases of water seepage in buildings together with the work report at the next meeting for Members' reference. He enquired why the number of reports of water seepage in buildings had increased, whether the handling of cases of water seepage in buildings could be expedited, and whether additional manpower should be deployed to handle the cases. He also enquired how the progress of applications for entry into premises in question for investigation of water seepage cases could be sped up, and whether mediation services would be provided for residents in respect of conflict arising from the problem of water seepage (Mr YICK Shing-chung, Angus);
- (3) he understood that it would be rather difficult for the FEHD to issue summonses to offenders of spitting and littering in public places and therefore the prosecution figures were relatively small. He was concerned about the frequent spitting and littering in Yi Pei Square Playground and hoped that the departments concerned would enhance the education work and law enforcement actions. Pointing out that the problem of people urinating in the rear lanes of Jockey Club Tak Wah Park, Yi Pei Square and Sam Pei Square, he enquired which department was responsible to initiate prosecution against offenders of urinating in public places and how the cases of urinating in public places were classified (Mr LAM Sek-tim); and
- (4) he was concerned about the problem of unauthorised display of advertisements in the form of easy-mount frames on footbridges and at the roadside in the district, and hoped that the departments concerned would step up law enforcement (Mr LAI Man-fai).

(Note: Mr WONG Ka-wa left the meeting at 5:53 p.m.)

91. SHI(C&PC)TW1 of the FEHD responded as follows:

- (1) the FEHD would check whether certain cases of dripping air-conditioners had been double counted;

- (2) the FEHD would issue warning letters to offending shop operators on a regular basis. However, there was no correlation between the number of warning letters issued and the number of FPNs issued;
- (3) regarding the matters related to the handling of water seepage cases by the Joint Office (JO) responsible for the investigation of reports on water seepage in buildings, the FEHD would relay the Member's views to the JO for follow-up;
- (4) the issue of people urinating in public places was classified under item 10(i) of the report, i.e. "Number of fixed penalty notices issued against persons committing cleanliness offences pursuant to the Magistrates Ordinance (Form 1A)". Although it was rather difficult to initiate prosecution against offenders of such cases, the FEHD would deploy staff to conduct an ambush operation at the scene upon receipt of a complaint;
- (5) the FEHD would strengthen its inspections and law enforcement actions near Yi Pei Square Playground; and
- (6) the FEHD would deploy additional staff to initiate prosecution against persons who displayed advertisements in the form easy-mount frames without authorisation on footbridges and at the roadside in the district. The law enforcement actions had limited effectiveness because many people who displayed advertisements in the form of easy-mount frames were employees of large business establishments. Having said that, the FEHD would redouble its efforts to initiate prosecution until the persons in question had desisted from carrying out the unlawful activities.

92. Members noted the contents of the following information papers:

- (5) Amount of Marine Floating Refuse collected by Marine Department in Tsuen Wan District (Jan - Dec of 2021)
(EHCCC Paper No. 31/21-22);
- (6) Odour Prediction Assessment at Riviera Gardens and Tsuen Wan Slaughter House (March 2021 to April 2021)
(EHCCC Paper No. 34/21-22);
- (7) Noise Monitoring Result of MTR Tsuen Wan Depot (March 2021 to April 2021)
(EHCCC Paper No. 36/21-22);
- (8) Aircraft Noise Data Collected from Dedicated Monitoring Stations in Tsuen Wan District during March 2021 to April 2021
(EHCCC Paper No. 38/21-22);
- (9) Items Resolved by Circulation by the Environment, Health and Climate Change Committee during the Period from 15 April to 8 June 2021

- (EHCCC Paper No. 39/21-22); and
- (10) Financial Statement of Environment, Health and Climate Change Committee Funds as at 1 June 2021
(EHCCC Paper No. 40/21-22).

XI Item 10: Any Other Business

93. The views and enquiries of Members were summarised as follows:

- (1) he enquired whether the dog latrine at Hoi Hing Road had been opened for use, whether more dog latrines would be provided in Tsuen Wan Park, and which department was responsible for the maintenance of lighting systems near dog latrines. He also enquired whether the DSD would place hydrogel at the outfalls beneath the flyover near Parc City, and hoped that the DSD would provide additional information in response to the enquiry as to whether odour nuisance would be caused by the DSD's proposed installation of DWFIs at Tsuen Wan Riviera Park. Besides, he hoped that the DLO would assist the departments concerned in expeditiously ascertaining the management responsibilities of the harbourfront area of Tsuen Wan. Additionally, he enquired whether the luminance level of the new lighting system under the Enhancement of Tsuen Wan Harbourfront (Phase 1) could be adjusted to prevent causing light nuisance to residents of Belvedere Garden (Mr YICK Shing-chung, Angus);
- (2) he hoped that the department concerned would assist in tackling the problem of overgrown weeds on some slopes in Ma Wan, and that the department concerned would address the problem of unauthorised display of banners in the district (Mr LAM Sek-tim);
- (3) he pointed out that berth no. 27 of the Rambler Channel PCWA would be changed to a berth for vessels handling non-metallic cargos. He hoped that the MD would help control the noise level of vessels in operation at the berth to avoid causing nuisances so that residents of Riviera Gardens would not suffer from noise nuisance (Mr LUK Ling-chung, Antonio); and
- (4) he hoped that the departments concerned would follow up on the above issues (the Acting Chairman).

XII Adjournment of Meeting

94. The Acting Chairman reminded Members that the next meeting was scheduled at 2:30 p.m. on 19 August 2021 (Thursday) and the deadline for submission of papers was 4 August 2021 (Wednesday).

(Post-meeting note: The 10th EHCCC meeting was rescheduled for 5 May 2022.)

95. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

Tsuen Wan District Council Secretariat

19 July 2021