

Dr Hon Junius HO Kwan-yiu, JP 何君堯議員

Geographical Constituency - New Territories West

Membership in Environmental-related Committees:

- Panel on Environmental Affairs
- Bills Committee on Protection of Endangered Species of Animals and Plants (Amendment) Bill 2017
- Bills Committee on Waste Disposal (Charging for Municipal Solid Waste) (Amendment) Bill 2018
- Subcommittee on Air Pollution Control (Vehicle Design Standards) (Emission) (Amendment) Regulation 2017
- Subcommittee on Air Pollution Control (Volatile Organic Compounds) (Amendment) Regulation 2017
- Subcommittee on Country Parks (Designation) (Consolidation) (Amendment) Order 2017
- Subcommittee on Marine Parks (Designation) (Amendment) Order 2016
- Subcommittee on Promotion of Recycling and Proper Disposal (Electrical Equipment and Electronic Equipment) (Amendment) Ordinance 2016 (Commencement) Notice 2017 and Product Eco-Responsibility (Regulated Electrical Equipment) Regulation
- Subcommittee to Study Issues Relating to the Development of Electric Vehicles

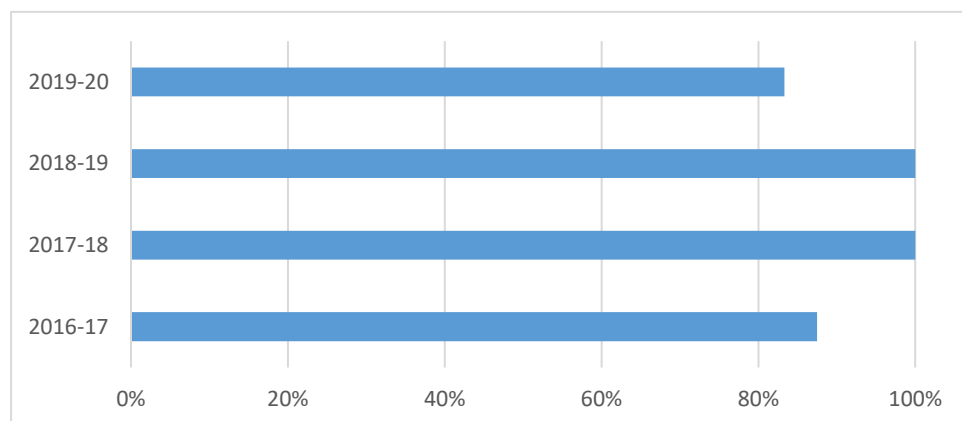
Voting Record:

8 December 2016: Motion Moved by Hon Chan Han-Pan on “Updating the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines and Increasing Community Facilities to Enhance Living Environment” as Amended by Hon Alice Mak, Ir Dr Hon Lo Wai-Kwok, Hon Frankie Yick and Hon Andrew Wan	Yes
1 June 2017: Motion on “Promoting ‘Hong Kong People Using Hong Kong Water’ and Protecting Local Resources”	
5 July 2017: Proposed Resolution Moved by Secretary for the Environment under the Product Eco-Responsibility Ordinance and the Interpretation and General Clauses Ordinance	Yes
16 November 2017: Proposed Resolution under the Energy Efficiency (Labelling of Products) Ordinance	
31 January 2018: Protection of Endangered Species of Animals and Plants (Amendment) Bill 2017 - Third Reading	Yes

12 April 2018: Motion Moved by Hon Frankie Yick on “Promoting the Popularization of Electric Vehicles” as Amended by Hon Kenneth Leung, Hon Charles Peter Mok, Ir Dr Hon Lo Wai-Kwok, Hon Yung Hoi-Yan, Hon Chan Hak-Kan and Hon Tanya Chan	
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Panel on Environmental Affairs Attendance:

As Member



Comments Made in Environmental-related Committees:

Panel on Environmental Affairs

20170123	16. Dr Junius HO suggested providing support to encourage installation of PV systems at rooftops of village houses.	Climate
20170227	22. Dr Junius HO , on the other hand, expressed concern whether the existing or revised FRT waiver might amount to an advantage to EV manufacturers and vendors, and lead to unfair competition in the automotive industry.	Air
20170227	37. Dr Junius HO enquired if the Administration would consider introducing a quota system to limit the size of the local private car fleet.	Air
20170522	30. Dr Junius HO noted that large quantities of marine refuse had been washed up onto a number of local beaches, including Lung Kwu Tan and Butterfly Beach in Tuen Mun, in particular during typhoon seasons and the cleaning up work was not satisfactory. He enquired whether the Administration would consider strengthening its cooperation with the community, such as setting up a concern group with representatives from non-governmental organizations ("NGOs"), District Councils ("DCs"), schools, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department ("LCSD") and AFCD for organizing beach cleanup activities and competitions, etc. He	Waste

	also suggested the Administration employ other support facilities (e.g. sand sieves) to clean up refuse on beaches.	
20170529	19. Dr Junius HO , Mr YIU Chung-yim and Dr Elizabeth QUAT enquired about the possible difficulties encountered in taking enforcement actions in future against non-compliances with the requirements under MSW charging, and the relevant enforcement measures to be taken by the Administration to overcome those difficulties.	Waste
20171012	12a. Measures to assist the recycling industry to meet the Mainland's tightened requirements for import recyclables: In connection with the Implementation Plan on Advancing Reform of the Administration System on Import of Solid Wastes through Prohibiting Import of Foreign Rubbish promulgated in July 2017 whereby the Mainland authorities would phase in more stringent requirements on the import of recyclables, Dr CHIANG Lai-wan, Dr Elizabeth QUAT and Dr Junius HO urged that the Administration should explore measures to assist the recycling industry as local recyclables might not have sufficient market outlets if other countries were also tightening up their national standards for imported waste in future. Dr HO suggested that the Administration should make use of modern technology to explore feasible measures to assist the industry, such that recyclables recovered from the community could be consumed locally;	Waste
20171012	12c. Development of renewable energy ("RE"): Mr HUI Chi-fung, Mr CHAN Hak-kan and Dr Junius HO proposed to discuss details of the implementation of the Feed-in Tariff ("FiT") scheme to be introduced in the next regulatory period of the Scheme of Control Agreements, including the setting of FiT rate(s) and measures to encourage the private sector and the community to consider investing in distributed RE.	Climate
20171030	9. Dr Junius HO considered that the Administration should promote the installation of PV devices on rooftops of village houses in the New Territories and explore ways to assist owners of village houses in such installation. He requested the Administration to seek clarification on the size specifications for erection of such facilities under the Buildings Ordinance (Cap. 123) and to consider launching a pilot scheme in	Climate

	selected villages in order to assess its effectiveness.	
20171030	42. Dr Junius HO then moved the following motion: "This Panel urges government departments to strengthen coordination in vigorously promoting the use of solar energy for electricity generation in small houses in the New Territories, in particular, make good use of solar panel installations, which is the seventh of the 19 "household amenity features" currently identified by the Development Bureau, and clarify the specifications for installing them, especially those with elevated structures at a height of more than 2.5 metres and covering an area of more than 35 square metres. In addition, the Government should first seek to provide a sample or model of the installations, with a view to further encouraging the community to consider investing in distributed renewable energy generation equipment."	Climate
20171127	23. Mr CHAN Chi-chuen pointed out that the recyclables exported from Hong Kong to the Mainland for recycling should not be regarded as "foreign rubbish", since according to the Basic Law, the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region was an inalienable part of the People's Republic of China. Dr Junius HO said that he had relayed similar view to MEP for consideration regarding the applicability of the ["Implementation Plan on Advancing Reform of the Administration System on Import of Solid Wastes through Prohibiting Import of Foreign Rubbish"] to Hong Kong.	Waste
20171127	33. Dr Junius HO welcomed the Government's efforts in assisting the local recycling industry to upgrade their machines and equipment so as to meet the Mainland's import requirements. He however considered that Hong Kong should devise a long term plan to re-use its locally-generated recyclables. Regarding the Administration's proposed measure to incubate a local manufacturing industry using recycled materials, he suggested that the Government should take the lead to establish a waste paper recycling plant to provide a business model to encourage the private sector to start business in this area, and explore possible privatisation of this recycling plant in future. He added that this was consistent with the Administration's approach for disposal	Waste

	and processing of waste including sewage, sludge, electrical waste, glass tiles and food waste.	
20171219	10. Dr Junius HO called on the Administration to consider adopting more advanced technology to dispose of unrecyclable waste, for example, through the use of plasma gasification technology, the unrecyclable waste could potentially turn to energy recovery. He further said that more could be done in terms of tools and equipment to safeguard the occupational safety and health of elderly waste collectors. In this connection, he suggested that the Administration should (a) subsidize the waste collectors to purchase machines such as electric trolleys to facilitate their manual handling work, and (b) provide sufficient work space for waste collectors at refuse collection points through conducting improvement works.	Waste
20180326	18. Dr Junius HO asked how EPD and FEHD would strengthen coordination in handling fly-tipping activities at RCPs in rural areas, and whether the Administration would consider revamping the design of those RCPs to improve their appearance and reduce environmental nuisance arising from illegal dumping at the facilities.	Waste
20180423	7. Mr WU Chi-wai and Dr Junius HO considered that the FiT Scheme had the potential to create a win-win situation in which suppliers/contractors of RE systems and building professionals would benefit from the business opportunities created and owners of RE systems would save energy costs.	Climate
20180423	12. To better protect the interest of FiT Scheme participants, in particular those who joined the Scheme closer to the expiry of the post-2018 SCAs, Mr CHU Hoi-dick and Dr Junius HO asked if the Administration would consider requiring the power companies to purchase electricity generated from each participating RE system for a fixed period of, say, 10 years.	Climate
20180423	15. As solar energy equipment was one of the green and amenity facilities that were allowed to be installed in New Territories exempted houses ("NTEHs") without seeking permission from the Lands Department or the Buildings Department, Dr Junius HO suggested the Administration	Climate

	and/or the two power companies conduct pilot projects at NTEHs at the initial stage of implementation of the FiT Scheme, and share the experience of the successful pilot projects to other potential FiT Scheme participants.	
20180423	16. Mr Tony TSE and Dr Junius HO opined that the Administration should issue guidance notes on the legal requirements involved and other related issues as early as possible to ensure building safety and legal compliance by RE developers in general.	Climate
20180423	18. The Chairman and Dr Junius HO enquired if the Administration had estimated the participation rates of the FiT Scheme in CLP and HKE's service areas respectively and the projected contribution from participating RE systems to the local electricity demand.	Climate
20180423	23. Mr LEUNG, Mr LAU and Dr Junius HO enquired whether and when the Administration would relax the relevant requirements with a view to promoting the development of distributed RE.	Climate
20180625	11. Dr Junius HO and Mr KWOK Wai-keung supported the implementation of [Cleaner Production Partnership Programme] as they considered that Hong Kong had a duty to contribute to the reduction of pollution in the Pearl River Delta ("PRD") region.	Air
20180625	22. To assess whether [Cleaner Production Partnership Programme] was cost-efficient, Dr Junius HO sought information on the estimated number of factories that might benefit from the Programme, and the environmental benefits brought by the approved/completed demonstration projects.	Air
20180625	38. Dr Junius HO , Mr Tony TSE and the Chairman considered that the Administration should step up its publicity efforts to enhance public awareness of the Scheme and the IAQ objectives, as well as public recognition of the IAQ certification.	Air
20180625	41. As premises owners/management should bear the responsibility of maintaining a comfortable and hygienic indoor environment for the occupants, Mr KWOK Wai-keung and Dr Junius HO suggested that the Administration should make it a compulsory requirement for all premises to meet a	Air

	basic set of IAQ standards through legislative means, conduct random inspections for detecting and rectifying non-compliances, and require routine cleaning of MVAC systems by the relevant premises owners/management.	
20180719	4. Dr Junius HO expressed support for the implementation of [the producer responsibility scheme on glass beverage containers] but queried the profitability of waste glass recycling businesses and whether the value of each glass management contract would be sufficient to cover the operating expenses of the [glass management contractor] concerned. He also sought explanation on how the levy level would be determined.	Waste
20180719	32. Dr Junius HO considered that the Administration should provide periodic progress reports on the implementation of GPRS to the Panel.	Waste
20181126	24. Dr Junius HO suggested that a performance indicator related to the realization of Hong Kong's solar energy potential in the coming four years should be set for the post of [Principal Assistant Secretary for the Environment (Electricity Reviews)].	Climate
20181126	58. Dr Junius HO also expressed concern that waste producers serviced by those [private waste contractors] might evade the payment of gate fee.	Waste
20181219	22. Dr Junius HO enquired about the progress of the trial of single-deck electric franchised buses and considered that a target should be set for the number of electric franchised buses to be used in Hong Kong. In addition, he and Dr Elizabeth QUAT suggested that the Administration should launch new initiatives expeditiously to encourage franchised bus companies to test out more electric bus models.	Air
20181219	26. Dr Junius HO suggested that, pending the maturity of the double deck electric bus technologies, franchised bus companies might use more single-deck electric buses in place of double-deck diesel buses at this stage for the benefit of better roadside air quality.	Air
20181219	55. Mr Tony TSE, Dr Junius HO and Ir Dr LO Wai-kwok asked whether the Administration would collaborate with the Guangdong authorities in tackling the ozone and suspended	Air

	particulates problems in the region, including whether the Guangdong authorities would set up their own 3-D air pollution monitoring network using similar equipment to collect data complementary to that obtained by Hong Kong's LiDAR systems.	
20190128	38. Dr Junius HO suggested implementing a quota system for PCs with reference to Singapore's vehicle quota system in order to contain the size of the PC fleet and tailpipe emissions from PCs.	Air
20190325	25. The Deputy Chairman asked whether the Administration had, through the existing regional cooperation mechanism, requested the Mainland authorities to tighten the emission limit for PM2.5 in Guangdong in tandem with the review of Hong Kong's AQOs.	Air
20190325	38. Dr Priscilla LEUNG and Dr Junius HO expressed support for the Administration's proposal [to improve water quality]. Dr HO also asked about the measures for improving water quality in coastal areas.	Water
20190429	14. Dr Junius HO asked about the number of applications to the Recycling Fund that were rejected or withdrawn due to land use restrictions. He suggested that EPD and/or RFAC should strengthen coordination with LandsD and proactively assist Recycling Fund applicants if necessary in applying for waivers of lease conditions.	Waste
20190527	20. Dr Junius HO asked about the feasibility of laying chilled water distribution pipes of [district cooling system] when rehabilitating ageing underground sewers in built-up areas.	Climate
20190527	53. Dr Junius HO and the Deputy Chairman asked about the Administration's plan to incorporate food waste/sewage sludge co-digestion facilities, if any, in the proposed [Yuen Long Effluent Polishing Plant], and the expected construction cost of such facilities.	Waste
20190527	59. Dr Junius HO and Mr CHU Hoi-dick requested the Administration to provide supplementary information on the overall strategy and related measures for reducing polluted discharges entering Deep Bay.	Water
20191028	8. He and Dr Junius HO asked whether there were/would be other incentive schemes for reducing emissions from	Air

	[commercial vehicles].	
20191028	30. He and Dr Junius HO also sought information on the recycling outlets for and recycling rate of damaged/felled trees arising from super typhoon Mangkhut in the previous year.	Waste
20191028	49. Dr Junius HO also enquired whether the Administration would promote the installation of rainwater harvesting systems on building rooftops.	Water
20191028	59. Dr Junius HO suggested that the Administration should consider improving transport infrastructure in country parks to increase their accessibility and promote green tourism. He specifically suggested constructing a new road to enhance the connection between Tai Mo Shan and the area around Pat Heung, and providing park-and-ride facilities and more parking spaces in some country parks.	Air
20191028	77. Dr Junius HO expressed concern about the potential difficulties in driving behavioural change towards energy conservation.	Climate
20191216	26. Mr SHIU Ka-fai and Dr Junius HO suggested that the Administration should disseminate information on ambient concentrations and major emission sources of dioxins, research findings on thermal decomposition of CS, etc., to allay public concern about the environmental impact of tear gas residues.	Air
20191216	45. Ms Elizabeth QUAT and Dr Junius HO considered that the Administration should take quicker actions to improve the environmental performance of public transport vehicles, especially if the technologies and/or methods to be adopted had been proven in other places; and a timetable should be set for the replacement of diesel franchised buses with electric buses. As the models of single-deck electric buses tested out under a trial scheme were found to be unsuitable for replacing conventional diesel buses in Hong Kong, Dr HO asked about the way forward regarding the adoption of electric buses. He suggested that the problem of reduced bus availability arising from the switch to electric buses might be overcome by reserving more standby buses to cope with contingencies.	Air

20200122	31. Dr Junius HO opined that performance targets should be set for the pilot schemes for e-PLBs and electric ferries in order to ensure prudent use of public resources. He asked whether the Administration had formulated a road map and relevant targets for further reducing air pollutant emissions from public transport through the adoption of green transport technologies. He was especially concerned that Hong Kong lagged far behind Shenzhen in the use of electric buses.	Air
20200122	53. Dr Junius HO asked about the estimated amount of funding to be sought for setting up the proposed Green Tech Fund; and how the Administration would avoid duplication of resources, given that the funding scope of Green Tech Fund might overlap with those of other funds, such as the Innovation and Technology Fund ("ITF"). In connection with the above, he suggested that the Administration give members an overview of all active funds that supported R&D activities relating to green technologies, and how such funds differed from each other in terms of positioning.	Misc
20200122	56. Dr Junius HO said that the major issues raised by the deputations and individuals covered the following areas: (a) setting a target for phasing out conventional vehicles powered by fossil fuels; (b) enhancing the charging facilities and other ancillary facilities for EVs; (c) support for the recycling of waste EV batteries; (d) promoting R&D of EV technologies so that there would be more choices of relevant products that could meet local needs; and (e) the standards for artificial sound alerting systems to be installed on EVs to ensure the safety of visually-impaired pedestrians.	Air
20200122	62. Dr Junius HO said that the number of newly registered e-PCs after the launch of the "One-for-One Replacement" Scheme had remained relatively insignificant compared with the total number of PCs in Hong Kong. If a target for phasing out conventional vehicles would be set for, say, 2040, much more work would need to be done to promote the adoption of EVs. He enquired how the Administration would boost public confidence with a view to achieving much wider use of EVs.	Air

20200427	11. Mr Tony TSE and Dr Junius HO considered it imperative for the Administration to set targets and implementation timetables for the projects on enhancing the recreation and education potential of country parks in line with the four enhancement proposals, with a view to ensuring their timely and effective implementation.	Misc
20200427	23. Dr Junius HO expressed concern that the enhancement proposals under discussion did not cover the upgrading of infrastructure in country parks, in particular transport infrastructure. In this connection, he suggested that: (a) some existing roads in country parks be widened and new roads be built to increase the carrying capacities of country parks and enable quicker hill fire response; (b) a park-and-ride system be introduced for some country parks so that people with special needs could visit them more conveniently. Such a system might comprise a large-scale underground car park near a country park, and a fleet of small environmentally-friendly vehicles for public use within the country park; (c) a new road be built to enhance the connection between Tai Mo Shan and the area around Lam Tsuen in Tai Po; and (d) guided tour services in country parks be expanded for attracting more visitors and creating job opportunities.	Misc

Bills Committee on Protection of Endangered Species of Animals and Plants
(Amendment) Bill 2017

20171017	<p>1. While expressing support for the Bill in principle, Dr HO expressed concern that:</p> <p>(a) a total ban on ivory trade was in effect tantamount to a de facto expropriation of the ivory stock held by the legitimate traders, having regard to the court ruling in the case of Fine Tower Associates Ltd v Town Planning Board; and</p> <p>(b) the ivory traders should be given an option to surrender their existing legal ivory stock to the Government within a specified period, say until end of June 2018, in return for compensation calculated according to market prices.</p> <p>2. Dr HO's enquiry and ALA5's response regarding the proposing of Committee stage amendments ("CSAs"). Dr HO said he might</p>
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	propose CSAs to provide for a compensation arrangement regarding current ivory stock covered by PL in Schedule 4 of the Bill.
20171108	<p>3. Mr TO and Dr HO expressed concern about the possible effect of the Bill of limiting the property right of the ivory traders/practitioners without compensation. They sought ALA's comments on the Administration's view that the legislative proposal set out in the Bill was in conformity with Articles 6 and 105 of the Basic Law ("BL") on protection of the right of private ownership of property.</p> <p>4. Dr HO's remark that his earlier proposal to move Committee Stage amendments to the Bill to provide for a compensation arrangement would have charging effect on Government expenditure. In this connection, he would not proceed with the proposed amendment.</p>

Bills Committee on Waste Disposal (Charging for Municipal Solid Waste) (Amendment) Bill 2018

20190107	<p>1. Dr HO suggested that the Administration should:</p> <p>(a) engage the private sector and non-governmental organizations ("NGOs") in promoting reuse and recycling through tripartite efforts;</p> <p>(b) expand the functions of RCPs to facilitate recycling, and invite NGOs to participate in relevant pilot schemes; and</p> <p>(c) expeditiously enhance the design and management of village-type RCPs to complement the implementation of the proposed charging scheme.</p>
20200421	<p>2. Dr HO expressed concerns about the impact arising from the situation of HC's chairmanship election on the legislative process of the Bill. Discussion on whether the proposed fixed penalty of \$1,500 for offences relating to the depositing and delivery of non-compliant waste would have sufficient deterrent effect.</p>

Subcommittee on Promotion of Recycling and Proper Disposal (Electrical Equipment and Electronic Equipment) (Amendment) Ordinance 2016 (Commencement) Notice 2017 and Product Eco-Responsibility (Regulated Electrical Equipment) Regulation

20170516	<p>1. Mr CHAN and Dr HO's enquiries on the legislative timetable of the Commencement Notice.</p>
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	<p>2. Dr HO requested the Administration to provide a summary of the views of the Advisory Council on the Environment in relation to the REE Regulation and the licensing control for disposal of e-waste. Legislative timetable, and arrangements for (a) seeking extension of the scrutiny period of the Commencement Notice, and (b) invitation of public views</p>
20170523	<p>3. Dr HO's suggestions on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) deferring the commencement of the new licensing control; (b) strengthening interdepartmental coordination to expedite approval of e-waste disposal licence applications; and (c) ensuring a level playing field in the e-waste recycling market.