

## Hon Dennis KWOK Wing-hang 郭榮鏗議員

Functional Constituency – Legal

Civic Party

The Professionals Guild

### Membership in Environmental-related Committees:

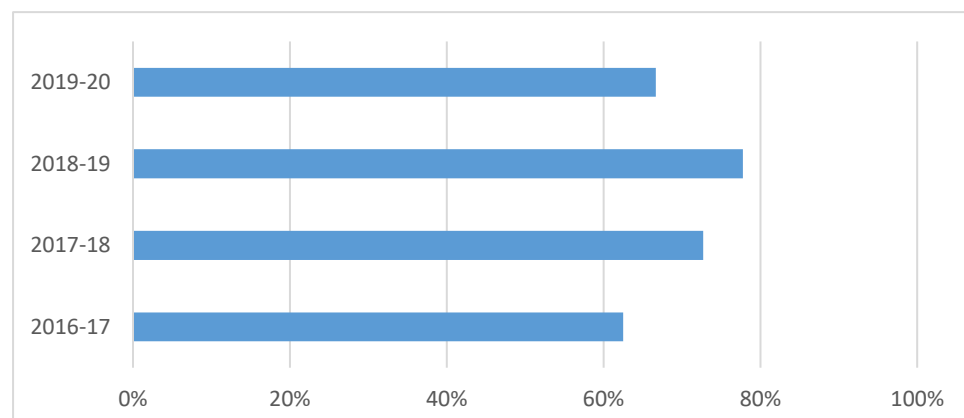
- Panel on Environmental Affairs
- Subcommittee on Air Pollution Control (Vehicle Design Standards) (Emission) (Amendment) Regulation 2017

### 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	

## Panel on Environmental Affairs Attendance:

As Member



## Comments Made in Environmental-related Committees:

Panel on Environmental Affairs

20170227	49. <b>Mr Dennis KWOK</b> opined that the Seawall Incidents reflected inadequacy of the existing mechanism for monitoring the environmental impacts arising from works projects as EPD had not been informed of the Incidents at all for consideration of taking follow-up or enforcement actions if necessary. He urged the Administration to conduct a comprehensive review of EIAO. For example, technical guidelines and criteria for EIA procedures set out in the Technical Memorandum should be reviewed.	Misc
20170522	11. <b>Mr Dennis KWOK</b> urged the Administration to consider how to further reduce roadside air pollution to protect public health when conducting the review on AQOs.	Air
20170522	18. Mr KWOK Wai-keung, Mr WU Chi-wai, <b>Mr Dennis KWOK</b> , and Mr HO Kai-ming enquired about the Administration's measures, if any, to promote cycling as a mode of green transport in order to reduce roadside emissions. <b>Mr Dennis KWOK</b> enquired whether the Administration would set up a joint-departmental group to review the cycling policies, and consider the feasibility of constructing cycle tracks and priority roads for bicycles in urban areas.	Air
20170522	21. At the request of <b>Mr Dennis KWOK</b> , the Administration also agreed to provide written responses to the list of questions raised by him on emissions from petrol and LPG vehicles, roadside remote sensors and dynamometer-based	Air

	emission test.	
20181022	23. <b>Mr Dennis KWOK</b> asked about the timetable for implementing the measures to reduce waste plastics and legislating for banning the use of disposable plastic tableware.	Waste
20181022	34. <b>Mr Dennis KWOK</b> sought more details on the enhanced efforts to tackle marine refuse, including the amount of additional resources/manpower allocated to various departments for the purpose.	Waste
20181022	35. <b>Mr Dennis KWOK</b> sought justifications for reserving funds to support NGOs' projects, instead of using the same amount of additional resources to directly enhance the Administration's work.	Waste
20181219	8. Mr WU Chi-wai considered that the Environment Bureau ("ENB")/Environmental Protection Department ("EPD") should strengthen its coordination with the Transport and Housing Bureau ("THB") and Transport Department ("TD") so that the environmental protection principles could be better integrated into the transport policy; and the Administration should promote the use of public transport as far as possible to reduce reliance on private cars ("PCs"). Otherwise, the efforts to improve roadside air quality would be undermined by the continued growth of the local vehicle fleet. <b>Mr Dennis KWOK</b> and the Deputy Chairman shared Mr WU's views.	Air
20181219	16. <b>Mr Dennis KWOK</b> said that the Civic Party supported the promotion of EVs and considered that the Administration should set a blueprint in this regard.	Air
20191216	29. <b>Mr Dennis KWOK</b> considered that a provision should be added to the Air Pollution Control Ordinance (Cap. 311) ("APCO") to the effect that protection of public health would take priority over other considerations during each review of AQOs. He questioned the rationale behind the Administration's decision to maintain the proposal of increasing the number of annual allowable exceedances for the 24-hour AQO for PM2.5, despite the objections raised by many members of the public. In addition, he opined that the air quality data of Tung Chung in 2012 presented by the Administration at the Panel meeting on 25 March 2019 could hardly reflect the latest situation and justify the above	Air

	proposal.	
20191216	32. <b>Mr KWOK</b> remarked that during the scrutiny of the Air Pollution Control (Amendment) Bill 2013 (which was enacted as the Air Pollution Control (Amendment) Ordinance 2013 to update the then AQOs), there were debates on whether the words "public health" should be adopted in the bill and whether protection of public health should be treated as a factor of paramount importance during each review of AQOs. Although a related amendment he moved to the bill was not passed, he considered that the issues in question should be revisited given that the progress of tightening AQOs had fallen short of public expectations.	Air
20191216	38. Speaking in reply on his motion, <b>Mr Dennis KWOK</b> said that better protection of public health could lead to a win-win situation for all, including the business sector. He also remarked that currently, members of the public could not take legal action against the Government for the latter's failing to meet AQOs. He therefore considered it necessary to conduct a review of the legal and executive responsibilities in relation to air pollutant exceedances stipulated in relevant legislation.	Air