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Membership in Environmental-related Committees:

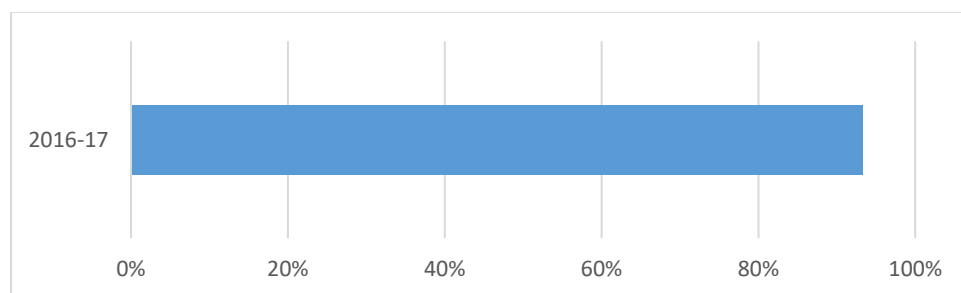
- Panel on Environmental Affairs
- Bills Committee on Protection of Endangered Species of Animals and Plants (Amendment) Bill 2017
- Subcommittee on Marine Parks (Designation) (Amendment) Order 2016
- Subcommittee on Promotion of Recycling and Proper Disposal (Electrical Equipment and Electronic Equipment) (Amendment) Ordinance 2016 (Commencement) Notice 2017 and Product Eco-Responsibility (Regulated Electrical Equipment) Regulation

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”	Yes
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

Panel on Environmental Affairs Attendance:

As Member



Comments Made in Environmental-related Committees:

Panel on Environmental Affairs

20161024	41. Dr YIU Chung-yim enquired if the Administration had made any assessment of the relative weight of different factors, such as the economic cycle and the Government's	Waste
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	<p>initiatives to promote food waste reduction at source, which accounted for the undulating trend of the per capita disposal rate of municipal food waste between 2011 and 2015 (Annex A of the Administration's paper). He also enquired about the projected reduction in food waste volume following implementation of OWTF1 and OWTF2.</p>	
20161128	<p>30. Specifically, Dr YIU Chung-yim asked if the quantities of waste plastic disposed of at landfills had declined since the implementation of the Fund in 2015. He quoted the information provided by the Administration in August 2016 (LC Paper No. CB(1)1172/15-16(02)) that prior to the launch of the Fund, the quantities of waste plastic disposed of at landfills in 2012, 2013 and 2014 had been on the increase (i.e. 668,000 tonnes, 681,000 tonnes and 736,000 tonnes respectively), due to the declining recovery rates of waste plastics in the same period when the prices and demand of raw plastic materials dropped significantly.</p>	Waste
20161128	<p>32. At the request of Dr YIU Chung-yim, the Administration agreed to provide a comparison of the latest annual quantity (in terms of tonnes) of waste plastics disposed of at landfills after the implementation of the Fund in October 2015, against that of the preceding years from 2012 to 2015.</p>	Waste
20161128	<p>49. Dr YIU Chung-yim was concerned that the requirement to use fountain solutions and printing machine cleansing agents with lower VOC contents might have implications for the operation and production costs of the printing industry and thus provide incentives of noncompliances. He asked if there would be any foreseeable difficulties in enforcement and adducing evidence for prosecutions against non-compliances.</p>	Air
20161219	<p>9. Dr YIU Chung-yim observed that the Town Planning Ordinance (Cap. 131) ("TPO") appeared to have limited the regulatory powers of the Planning Department ("PlanD") in respect of land use to only those areas covered by Development Permission Area ("DPA") plans (or any Outline Zoning Plans subsequently drawn up as their replacements). Mr CHU and Dr YIU urged the Administration to plug the loopholes in TPO by extending PlanD's regulatory control</p>	Waste

	over unauthorized land filling activities on areas outside DPAs, such as South Lantau.	
20161219	11. Dr YIU Chung-yim asked if the Administration would regularly make public relevant land information, including baseline environmental conditions, aerial photos or geological data like metres above the Hong Kong Principal Datum (i.e. mPD level), to facilitate monitoring and detection of illegal land filling activities.	Waste
20161219	31. Dr YIU Chung-yim asked about the estimated quantifiable benefits in terms of improvement of air quality and protection of public health as a result of implementing the Euro VI emission standards for newly registered vehicles (except diesel private cars), and California LEV III standards for newly registered diesel private cars in Hong Kong.	Air
20170123	22. Dr YIU Chung-yim referred to the Director of Audit's Report No. 65 published in October 2015 which revealed that the actual food waste treatment quantity of a pilot composting plant at Kowloon Bay was significantly lower than that reported by EPD, and a recent media report about a food waste recycler at the EcoPark dumping 80% of its collected food waste at landfills. He asked if the Administration would set up a mechanism to engage the public in monitoring the performance of food waste recycling operations.	Waste
20170123	32. Dr YIU Chung-yim expressed concern over the issues arising from the conflicts between land development and nature conservation. Quoting as example that part of the Chi Fu Valley had been set aside for residential development despite the extremely high historical and ecological value of the area, Dr YIU criticized the Administration for neglecting the views of conservationists against the development. He also relayed the disappointment of some members of the advisory committees formed to take forward Hong Kong's Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan ("BSAP") that the Administration had not heeded their views and suggestions.	Misc
20170123	52. Referring to media reports that certain imported WEEE was found disposed on brownfield sites in Hong Kong, Dr YIU Chung-yim considered that the existing control	Waste

	<p>enforcement was ineffective. He was worried that illegal import of WEEE would become more prevalent after the permit control on import and export of hazardous WEEE was extended to all regulated e-waste regardless of whether they were classified as chemical/hazardous waste. He suggested that the Administration should, apart from stepping up enforcement, devise other measures to discourage illegal import of hazardous WEEE (and regulated e-waste in future), such as imposing heavier penalties on related offences.</p>	
20170224	<p>12. Dr YIU Chung-yim suggested that the Administration should take the lead to procure Euro VI vehicles and to require contractors of Government projects to procure such vehicles, so as to drive market supply of compliant vehicles ahead of implementing the new vehicle emission standards.</p>	Air
20170224	<p>15. Dr YIU Chung-yim enquired about the reasons for not ceasing to accept diesel private cars passing the Euro test for petrol private cars to first-register immediately as this could be done ahead of tightening the statutory limit from California LEV II to LEV III.</p>	Air
20170227	<p>24. Dr YIU Chung-yim shared the view that reducing the FRT concessions on electric private cars would only further dampen public incentives to purchase EVs when EV charging facilities at existing private housing estates were still lacking.</p>	Air
20170227	<p>28. Dr YIU Chung-yim relayed the trade's concern about the difficulties in installation of EV chargers in existing private housing estates, especially in seeking permission from the owners' corporation/property management company to install requisite facilities in common areas of those estates.</p>	Air
20170327	<p>7. Mr CHAN Hak-kan and Dr YIU Chung-yim expressed concern about potential aggravation of fly-tipping as a result of MSW charging, and the difficulties faced by property management companies ("PMCs") in tackling the problem. Mr CHAN, Dr YIU, Mr Kenneth LAU and Mr SHIU Ka-fai enquired about the measures to be taken by the Administration to complement and enforce the implementation of MSW charging, including the means to identify non-compliant waste producers, and combat fly-tipping on agricultural lands and at rural villages.</p>	Waste

20170327	28. Sharing similar views, Dr YIU Chung-yim and Mr HO Kai-ming opined that MSW charges received from residential buildings could be used to subsidize the relevant PMCs/households which had achieved waste reduction to purchase food waste recycling machines and other recycling facilities.	Waste
20170327	50. Noting that the Government had only earmarked \$150 million for taking forward the various initiatives under the Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan ("BSAP") for Hong Kong from 2016 to 2019, Dr YIU Chung-yim commented that the resource support for promoting BSAP was grossly insufficient. He enquired whether the Administration would consider setting up a dedicated fund on BSAP, or introducing legislative amendments for implementing BSAP initiatives more expeditiously and effectively.	Misc
20170429	22. Dr YIU Chung-yim supported the new SCAs and opined that efforts should be made by the Government and the power companies in putting forward various incentives for promoting energy saving and environmental protection. He asked whether a time-of-use tariff or a progressive tariff rate would be introduced under the new SCAs so as to enhance energy saving by customers, in particular at times of critical peak demand. He also enquired if subsidies would be provided for electrical installations or charging facilities under the new Community Energy Saving Fund.	Climate
20170522	6. Dr YIU Chung-yim expressed concern about the limited data collected from the few roadside air quality monitoring stations ("AQMSs") for measuring the levels of roadside air pollution, which might hinder a more comprehensive analysis on district-based air pollution and effective monitoring of the problem. Dr YIU and Mr LEUNG Kwok-hung enquired whether the Administration would make public the statistics collected from roadside AQMSs and install devices such as micro-sensors for enhancing measurement of air pollutants.	Air
20170522	8. At the request of Dr YIU Chung-yim , the Administration agreed to provide information on the use of micro-sensors in Hong Kong, the data collected by such sensors and how the	Air

	statistics were used for assessment of roadside air quality.	
20170522	18. Mr KWOK Wai-keung, Mr WU Chi-wai, Mr Dennis KWOK, Dr YIU Chung-yim , Mr LEUNG Kwok-hung 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. Dr YIU Chung-yim said that he was preparing a proposal with some professionals on the construction of a cycling track on Hong Kong Island, on the basis that other road-users should not be affected by the cycling activities.	Air
20170522	36. Dr YIU Chung-yim enquired about the feasibility of providing floating refuse collection bins as suggested by some Southern District Council members. He suggested the Administration make reference to overseas experience on the provision and use of such bins.	Waste
20170529	9. Dr YIU Chung-yim said that majority of the deputations were of the view that more should be done to enhance the reduction and recovery of waste at source and to require manufacturers to take responsibility of recovering packaging materials of their products to avoid the excessive use of packaging materials. Dr YIU and the Deputy Chairman asked whether the Administration would consider introducing a PRS on packaging materials so as to provide economic incentives to encourage manufacturers to recover and recycle the packaging materials of their products collected at retail outlets.	Waste
20170529	12. Mr HUI Chi-fung, Dr YIU Chung-yim and Dr Elizabeth QUAT opined that the MSW charges collected should be ploughed back to an account designated for initiatives related to waste management and recycling.	Waste
20170529	18. Dr YIU Chung-yim opined that consideration should be given to offsetting the MSW charges by a corresponding reduction in rates, and incentives should also be offered to encourage reduction in waste disposal.	Waste
20170529	19. The Deputy Chairman, Dr 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	Waste

	charging, and the relevant enforcement measures to be taken by the Administration to overcome those difficulties. Dr YIU enquired about the measures to be taken to combat illegal disposal of large quantity of waste by parallel traders in the Northern District.	
20170529	20. At the request of Dr YIU Chung-yim , the Administration agreed to provide a written response on the possible difficulties in taking enforcement actions and the relevant measures to overcome those difficulties.	Waste

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

20170707	1. Dr YIU enquired whether the display of ivory items by a person or legal entity in an exhibition with an entrance fee charged (without involving any ivory transactions) would be considered as the possession of ivory for commercial purpose under the proposed ban on ivory trade.
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Subcommittee on Marine Parks (Designation) (Amendment) Order 2016

20161122	1. Dr YIU expressed support for the Amendment Order. Dr YIU and the Chairman sought elucidation on the following: (a) measures apart from the aforementioned vessel speed limit and fishing permit system for protection of the marine ecology in BMP, and the relevant monitoring mechanism; (b) enforcement of the Marine Parks Ordinance (Cap. 476) and MPMRR, including collection of evidence, prescribed penalties and number of successful prosecutions in the past; and (c) whether the Administration would report the ecological baseline information of marine parks to the Legislative Council ("LegCo") periodically
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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

20170523	1. Dr YIU suggested that the Administration should review whether the development and operation of the government-funded WEEETF might contravene the Competition Ordinance (Cap. 619).
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20170602	2. Mr HUI and Dr YIU expressed concern about potential abuse of recycling labels that were not affixed onto REE, and evasion of recycling levy and proper disposal of e-waste through purchase of REE from overseas websites.
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† According to the Judgment of the Court of First Instance of the High Court on 14 July 2017, **YIU Chung-yim** had been disqualified from assuming the office of a member of LegCo, and had vacated the same since 12 October 2016, and was not entitled to act as a member of LegCo.