

Hon Vincent CHENG Wing-shun, MH, JP 鄭泳舜議員

Geographical Constituency - Kowloon West

Democratic Alliance for the Betterment and Progress of Hong Kong

Membership in Environmental-related Committees:

- Bills Committee on Waste Disposal (Charging for Municipal Solid Waste) (Amendment) Bill 2018
- Subcommittee on Marine Parks (Designation) (Amendment) Order 2016

Voting Record:

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	Yes
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Panel on Environmental Affairs Attendance:

As Non-Member

2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
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Comments Made in Environmental-related Committees:

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

20181205	1. Mr CHENG also expressed a lack of confidence in the Administration's capability in enforcing the proposed charging scheme and preventing fly-tipping of noncompliant waste. In this connection, he pointed out that while fly-tipping of construction waste was prevalent in some districts such as Sham Shui Po, there were only a few prosecution cases. He sought explanation on the use of surveillance camera systems to deter fly-tipping activities and facilitate enforcement actions.
20190218	2. Mr CHENG expressed concern that the existing problem of people discarding domestic waste at the side of LCs in public places, which was prevalent in some old districts, would be aggravated by the proposed charging scheme (if the Bill was passed).
20190415	3. Mr CHENG said that according to some cleaning service contractors, the proposed charging scheme had already been mentioned in the tender documents for the Government's waste

	<p>collection service contracts. He requested the Administration to clarify in writing whether the above was true, and if so, how the Administration would assist prospective tenderers in calculating the cost implications of the proposed charging scheme.</p>
20190430	<p>4. Dr CHENG, Mr OR, Mr HUI and Mr CHENG expressed concerns about the potential difficulties in taking enforcement actions against depositing of NCW in various types of buildings (such as buildings with mixed uses), and preventing aggravation of fly-tipping after the implementation of the proposed charging scheme (if the Bill was passed). They also asked about the enforcement manpower required.</p> <p>5. For comparison purpose, Mr CHENG considered that the Administration should also provide information on the number of staff currently responsible for carrying out enforcement duties related to illegal disposal of construction and demolition ("C&D") waste.</p> <p>6. Mr CHENG asked whether members of the public could report non-compliance cases related to the proposed charging scheme (if the Bill was passed) and fly-tipping through the "1823 Citizen's Easy Link".</p> <p>7. Mr CHENG echoed Dr Elizabeth QUAT's concern about the potential fly-tipping problems arising from the proposed uniform charging rate for oversized waste. He added that it might be impracticable for common households to break certain articles into smaller pieces for putting them into DBs.</p>
20190507	<p>8. Dr QUAT relayed the concerns of non-governmental organizations ("NGOs") that were operating collection points under the Community Recycling Network ("CRN") about the (a) administrative burden arising from the complicated application procedure of the Environment and Conservation Fund ("ECF") and the post-approval reporting requirements; (b) cash flow problems due to deferred payments/reimbursements from ECF; and (c) uncertainties about the continuation of funding support due to the time-limited nature of ECF projects. She and Mr CHENG raised the following questions:</p> <p>(a) how many districts were currently covered by CRN, whether the Administration had plans to expand CRN's coverage, and how the Administration evaluated the performance of the Community</p>

	<p>Recycling Centres ("CRCs") and Community Recycling Vehicles ("CRVs") funded by ECF; and</p> <p>(b) details of new measures to support NGOs involved in CRN with a view to enhancing CRN's effectiveness in promoting waste reduction and recycling.</p> <p>9. Dr QUAT and Mr CHENG raised the following views and questions:</p> <p>(a) NGOs currently operating CRCs had put much efforts in establishing collaboration and communication networks with stakeholders in their respective services areas, and should be given priority to maintain the CRCs' operations after the regularization of funding support;</p> <p>(b) the tendering procedure for the CRC contracts after the regularization efforts might create additional administrative burden on these NGOs;</p> <p>(c) the Administration should increase funding support for CRCs with a view to expanding their scales and coverage as well as upgrading their service quality;</p> <p>(d) whether the tenders for the CRC contracts would be assessed based on the "lowest bid wins" principle only; and</p> <p>(e) whether performance targets/indicators would be set for CRN.</p>
20190520	<p>10. The Deputy Chairman, Dr QUAT, Mr CHEUNG, Mr CHENG and Mr OR raised the following views and questions in respect of the use of surveillance camera systems:</p> <p>(a) the Administration should provide information as follows: (i) the numbers of surveillance cameras installed/to be installed by EPD and FEHD respectively, and (ii) relevant statistics to demonstrate the effectiveness of the surveillance camera systems in deterring fly-tipping activities;</p> <p>(b) given that there were many fly-tipping black spots across the territory, and fly-tipping activities could be shifted to locations where surveillance camera systems were not installed, how the Administration would ensure that the surveillance cameras it deployed would provide sufficient coverage, including whether surveillance cameras with mobility features would be introduced for efficient redeployment if and when necessary; and</p> <p>(c) how the Administration would tackle the fly-tipping problem at a black spot if relevant stakeholders raised objection to the installation of a surveillance camera system at the location.</p>

	<p>11. Mr CHENG queried whether there was sufficient manpower for the collection of recyclables from recycling bins in public places, given that the relevant FEHD contractors only employed 28 staff members for the task.</p> <p>12. Mr CHENG suggested that the Administration should adopt new technologies for its surveillance camera systems, such as 360-degree cameras, to enhance their surveillance coverage and mobility.</p>
20191111	<p>13. The Deputy Chairman and Mr CHENG enquired about:</p> <p>(a) recent statistics on C&D waste fly-tipping, relevant enforcement actions and prosecution cases;</p> <p>(b) the average time taken by the Administration to clear fly-tipped C&D waste after it had received information on a fly-tipping case; and</p> <p>(c) how the Administration would further improve the efficiency of clearing fly-tipped C&D waste and enhance deterrence against fly-tipping activities.</p> <p>14. Mr CHENG said that the Administration had yet to develop effective ways of clearing the litter at hard-to-reach places of old buildings, such as podiums and yards, and catching the litterers involved. He expressed concern that the implementation of the proposed MSW charging scheme (if the Bill was passed) would exacerbate fly-tipping and environmental hygiene problems in old buildings and "three-nil buildings" in particular.</p>
20191218	<p>15. Referring to the Annex to LC Paper No. CB(1)249/ 19-20(02), Mr OR and Mr CHENG sought explanation on the seemingly smaller numbers in 2019 (up to September) of convictions and fixed penalty notices issued against illegal disposal of construction and demolition ("C&D") waste in various districts, compared with the numbers in the preceding years.</p>
20200317	<p>16. Mr CHENG expressed concern that the implementation of the proposed MSW charging scheme would add financial burdens on people who had already been affected by the economic downturn induced by the COVID-19 outbreak. He asked whether the Administration would consider conducting an opinion poll to further gauge public acceptance of the scheme and then decide the way forward.</p>
20200421	<p>17. Mr CHENG and Mr OR expressed views about the situation of HC's</p>

	<p>chairmanship election and its impact on the legislative process of the Bill.</p> <p>18. Mr CHENG expressed further views about the situation of HC's chairmanship election and its impact on the legislative process of the Bill.</p>
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