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Geographical Constituency - Hong Kong Island

The Hong Kong Federation of Trade Unions

Membership in Environmental-related Committees:

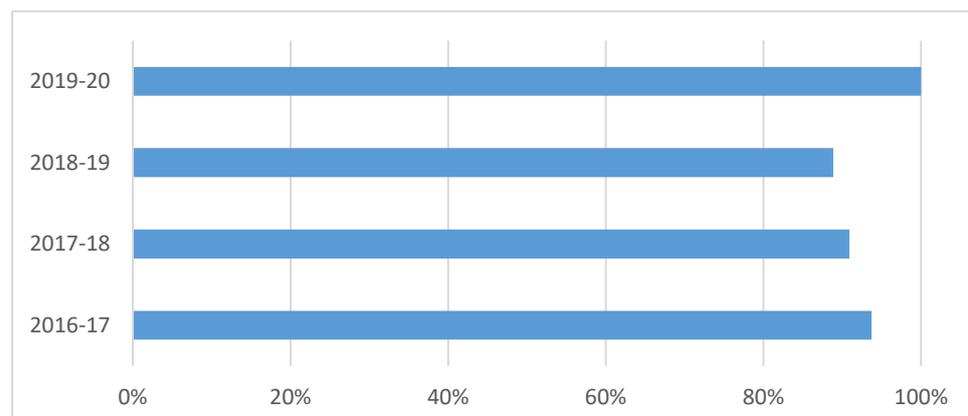
- Panel on Environmental Affairs
- Bills Committee on Protection of Endangered Species of Animals and Plants (Amendment) Bill 2017
- Bills Committee on Waste Disposal (Charging for Municipal Solid Waste) (Amendment) Bill 2018
- Subcommittee on Air Pollution Control (Vehicle Design Standards) (Emission) (Amendment) Regulation 2017
- Subcommittee on 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”	No
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	Yes
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	Yes

Panel on Environmental Affairs Attendance:

As Member



Comments Made in Environmental-related Committees:

Panel on Environmental Affairs

20161128	15. Mr KWOK Wai-keung took the view that as most of the recyclers in the industry were SMEs generally not well versed in dealing with complicated application procedures, the Fund should better cater for these recyclers, lest it might eventually benefit only large corporations with the manpower and resources to prepare for the applications.	Waste
20161128	26. Mr KWOK Wai-keung opined that scientific and technological developments would have far-reaching implications on the recycling industry, yet there was an absence of related projects approved under the Fund. He asked about the Administration's plan to take forward such initiatives, as well as Hong Kong's talent supply in the relevant field.	Waste
20161219	19. Mr KWOK Wai-keung and Mr SHIU Ka-fai pointed out that smallscale fly-tipping of C&D waste in the urban areas, including C&D waste generated from renovation/repair works in domestic flats, often involved dumping from light vehicles. As such, they both considered it necessary to extend the suggested use of GPS to light vehicles and private cars carrying C&D waste.	Waste
20161219	22. Mr KWOK Wai-keung asked if the Administration would install surveillance camera systems at more black spots, and put in place a reporting mechanism for the public to report illegal dumping cases.	Waste

20161219	33. While considering the revised implementation timetable acceptable, Mr KWOK Wai-keung was worried that the increasing number of vehicles in Hong Kong would neutralize the gains from tightening vehicle emission standards. He asked about the Administration's policy and measures, if any, to contain vehicle growth.	Air
20170303	26. Mr KWOK Wai-keung suggested the Administration set up a reporting system which offered monetary rewards to encourage the public to report indiscriminate placement of skips, as previously adopted for combating the sale of pirated compact discs. He also considered that the Administration should impose greater control on skips through a licensing or registration system in the longer run.	Waste
20170327	6. Mr CHAN Hak-kan, Mr LEUNG Che-cheung, Mr Kenneth LEUNG, Mr KWOK Wai-keung , Dr Elizabeth QUAT, Mr Martin LIAO, Mr Andrew WAN, Mr CHU Hoi-dick, Mr HO Kai-ming and Mr Kenneth LAU expressed support in principle for the proposed quantity-based MSW charging.	Waste
20170327	18. Mr CHAN Hak-kan, Mr KWOK Wai-keung , Mr Andrew WAN, and Mr HO Kai-ming sought information on the Administration's measures, if any, to relieve people with financial hardship from the burden of MSW charges, such as by granting exemptions/subsidies to the low-income families, elderly persons receiving Old Age Living Allowance and recipients of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme ("CSSA").	Waste
20170327	22. Mr KWOK Wai-keung and Mr Andrew WAN opined that implementation of MSW charging alone might not necessarily achieve the objective of reducing waste disposal and greater efforts by both the Government and the community to reduce waste at source and recycle waste were necessary. Mr KWOK suggested the Administration enhance the outlets for recyclables, such as turning the recycled food waste into fertilizers for local use or for donation/export to countries with heavy demand for these products.	Waste
20170522	18. Mr KWOK Wai-keung , Mr WU Chi-wai, Mr Dennis KWOK, and Mr HO Kai-ming enquired about the Administration's measures, if any, to promote cycling as a mode of green	Air

	transport in order to reduce roadside emissions.	
20170522	23. Mr KWOK Wai-keung enquired about the Administration's latest approach and measures to control excessive external lighting (which would also reduce emissions from power plants), including the implementation of the Charter Scheme and any plan to introduce legislation to regulate external lighting.	Misc
20171030	55. Mr KWOK Wai-keung welcomed the removal of the bin-counting arrangement from the implementation proposal for MSW charging which would help address the concerns expressed by the waste collection trade. He enquired how the Administration would enhance support for source separation and recovery of domestic waste, including food waste.	Waste
20171030	62. Mr CHAN Hak-kan, Mr Steven HO, Mr SHIU Ka-fai and Mr KWOK Wai-keung expressed concerns that the implementation of MSW charging would aggravate fly-tipping and give rise to charge evasion as well as abuse of litter containers in public places. Mr KWOK sought details of the compliance facilitation measures described in paragraph 12 of the Administration's paper (LC Paper No. CB(1)126/17-18(02)), including whether surveillance cameras would be installed at fly-tipping black spots, and how the Administration would strike a balance between monitoring compliance and privacy protection.	Waste
20180625	11. The Deputy Chairman 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. While the current phase of CPPP would end in March 2020, Mr KWOK called on the Administration to consult the Panel on the proposed way forward as early as possible.	Air
20180625	30. Mr KWOK Wai-keung expressed support for the proposals to tighten the [indoor air quality (IAQ)] objectives for certain pollutants under the Scheme. However, he objected to the proposed removal of the parameters of room temperature, relative humidity and air movement (collectively referred to as "the three physical parameters"), which were related to the	Air

	comfort of users of premises, from the IAQ objectives. He sought explanation on the rationale of this proposal.	
20180625	37. Given that only 1,562 premises had been awarded certificates under the Scheme and over 600 of them were government agencies, Mr KWOK Wai-keung and Mr HUI Chi-fung expressed disappointment that the Scheme was grossly ineffective in promoting good IAQ management in Hong Kong.	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 the Deputy Chairman suggested that the Administration should make it a compulsory requirement for all premises to meet a 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.	Air
20181022	31. Noting that huge amounts of marine refuse had been washed ashore by the storm surges accompanying super typhoons Hato and Mangkhut, Mr KWOK Wai-keung enquired whether the Administration had traced the sources of those marine refuse, and how it would reduce the amount of refuse entering the marine environment.	Waste
20181022	49. Considering that the mode of operation of the Charter on External Lighting was ineffective in controlling excessive external lighting, Mr KWOK Wai-keung and the Deputy Chairman urged the Administration to introduce legislation on light pollution expeditiously. Mr KWOK asked when the review on the effectiveness of the Charter would be completed.	Misc
20181126	32. Drawing on his observations during the Panel's duty visit to the Republic of Korea in 2013, Mr KWOK Wai-keung expected that it would take some time for Hong Kong to catch up with the development of other cities that had already implemented MSW charging, as the success of waste reduction and recycling measures could not be achieved in a blink.	Waste
20181126	38. Mr KWOK Wai-keung said that there was a lack of public understanding on how the Administration would enhance	Waste

	support for recycling to tie in with the launch of MSW charging. He suggested that the Administration should expedite the implementation of new measures to promote waste reduction and separation at source.	
20181126	41. Mr KWOK Wai-keung suggested that the pilot schemes on free collection of waste plastics and installation of [reverse-vending machines] should be conducted in public rental housing estates first through collaboration with the Hong Kong Housing Authority.	Waste
20181126	47. Mr KWOK Wai-keung pointed out that there were over 10,000 public reports on fly-tipping of construction waste but less than 100 prosecution cases in 2017. He queried how the Administration would step up enforcement actions to prevent aggravation of fly-tipping as a result of the implementation of MSW charging. In addition, he relayed the concern of frontline cleaning staff about the potential surge in their workload.	Waste
20190128	5. Mr CHAN Hak-kan and Mr KWOK Wai-keung enquired whether it remained a target of the Administration that 30% of PCs in Hong Kong would be EVs or hybrid vehicles by 2020, which was stated in the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines ("HKPSG") since the last revision in 2011; and if so, what new measures would be launched to accelerate the adoption of such vehicles in order to meet the target.	Air
20190128	26. Mr KWOK Wai-keung sought elaboration on the policy direction regarding the provision of public EV charging facilities. He said that some early adopters of EVs might have chosen to use EVs with the belief that the Administration would be firmly committed to promoting the development of ancillary facilities for EVs, and it would be unfair to those people if the Administration subsequently changed its policy direction.	Air
20190325	10. Mr KWOK Wai-keung asked whether the air quality in Hong Kong would need to be further improved in order to meet the proposed new objective for PM2.5.	Air
20190429	8. Mr KWOK Wai-keung enquired whether the Administration had assisted rejected applicants in refining their proposals for re-submission.	Waste
20190429	35. Mr KWOK Wai-keung and Mr WU Chi-wai pointed out that	Waste

	construction waste and waste metals accounted for the majority by weight of the recyclables processed by approved projects under the Recycling Fund, and comparatively, the quantities of waste paper and waste plastics processed were quite small. They therefore asked whether the Administration would consider introducing more support measures dedicated for promoting the recycling of waste paper and waste plastics.	
20191028	25. Mr KWOK Wai-keung considered that a legislative approach should be taken in regulating microbead-containing products. He enquired whether the Administration had conducted any study on the concentration of microbeads in Hong Kong waters and the potential impact of microbeads on human health through food chain transfer.	Waste
20191028	57. Mr KWOK Wai-keung expressed disappointment about the delay in the review of the effectiveness of the Charter on External Lighting. He commented that the voluntary approach currently adopted had failed to control nuisance caused by external lighting, as some owners/operators of external lighting installations had persistently ignored public complaints and the Administration's advice.	Misc
20191125	16. Mr KWOK Wai-keung enquired whether any target had been set for ecosystem rehabilitation through fisheries enhancement measures in marine parks such as artificial reef deployment and fish fry restocking. He also asked whether such measures could also improve the ecological environment of the waters outside the marine parks.	Water

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

20170707	1. Mr KWOK enquired about the monitoring and tracking of the ivory stocks in Hong Kong after the total ban in ivory trade in 2021.
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Bills Committee on Waste Disposal (Charging for Municipal Solid Waste) (Amendment) Bill 2018

20181205	1. Mr KWOK enquired about the expected timings of the launch of the free collections services for waste plastics and food waste.
20200317	2. Mr KWOK asked how the Administration would build public

	<p>confidence in its ability to combat disposal of non-compliant waste ("NCW") and fly-tipping after the implementation of the proposed MSW charging scheme (if the Bill was passed).</p> <p>3. Mr KWOK asked whether verbatim transcripts could be produced for the part of discussion relating to Mr HUI Chifung's views and questions on the scrutiny progress of the Bill (001257 – 002459 refers).</p> <p>4. Mr KWOK expressed concern that the implementation of the proposed MSW charging scheme (if the Bill was passed) would lead to charge evasion and disposal of NCW in private streets, which would aggravate the environmental hygiene problems in some private streets that were already plagued with refuse. He enquired how the Administration would take enforcement actions against NCW disposal in private streets, and whether enhanced measures would be put in place to tackle fly-tipping in private streets.</p>
20200421	<p>5. Mr KWOK expressed views and concerns about:</p> <p>(a) the situation of HC's chairmanship election and its impact on the legislative process of the Bill;</p> <p>(b) street obstruction in North Point caused by the selling of second-hand goods by hawkers and scavengers; and</p> <p>(c) the absence of regulation of packaging materials.</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 KWOK's suggestions to:</p> <p>(a) step up public education on reduction and recycling of e-waste;</p> <p>(b) ensure protection of personal data contained in abandoned computer products (which is a class of ewaste subject to WPRS) disposed of and recycled under WPRS; and</p> <p>(c) consider including other electronic products such as mobile phones as REE in future.</p>
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