

Public Consultation Programme
On Charges for Sewage Services

On 20 September 1993, the Government announced the public charging scheme for sewage services. The two-month public consultation programme was concluded with a Motion Debate in the Legislative Council on 1 December 1993.

2. During the consultation period, the Government had briefed a wide range of groups and organisations, which included:

- Environmental Pollution Advisory Committee
(Renamed Advisory Council on the Environment with effect from 1 January 1994)
- Environmental Affairs Panel of the Legislative Council
- Individual Political Groups
(Liberal Party, United Democrats of Hong Kong, Democratic Alliance for the Betterment of Hong Kong & Hong Kong Association for Democracy and People's Livelihood)
- Industry and Technology Development Council
- Major Industry And Commerce Organisations
(Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce, Chinese Manufacturers Association, American Chamber of Commerce & Beverage Manufacturers Association)
- Green Groups
- District Boards
(Eastern, Kowloon City, Wong Tai Sin, Sai Kung, Kwun Tong, Kwai Tsing and Mongkok)

3. Since the announcement of the proposed charging scheme, we had received 80 written submissions, 57 from various organisations or companies and 23 from individual members of the public. There was a general support to the principle of charging.

4. In its Motion Debate on 1 December 1993, the Legislative Council also indicated majority support for the proposed charging scheme.