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Progress of the Review of Air Quality Objectives (AQOs)

PURPOSE

This paper circulates for Members' information on the latest progress of the review of the Air Quality Objectives (AQOs) (the "Review").

BACKGROUND

2. Under Section 7(A) of the Air Pollution Control Ordinance (Cap. 311) (APCO), the Secretary for the Environment (SEN) is required to review the AQOs at least once in every five years and submit to the Advisory Council on the Environment (ACE) a report of the Review.

3. At the meeting of this Council on 11 April 2016, the Administration briefed Members on the key tasks, approach and work plan of the Review of the AQOs (ACE Paper 7/2016). In accordance with the work plan, we embarked on the Review in mid-2016. The aim is to complete the Review and report the findings and recommendations to this Council in mid-2018.

PROGRESS

4. At the request of the Legislative Council Panel on Environmental Affairs (the Panel), we shall report on the latest progress of the Review at the Panel meeting on 26 June 2017 as set out in the paper (LC Paper No. CB(1)1164/16-17(07) in the **Appendix**.

5. The paper gives a brief account of the latest progress of the AQO Review Working Group and its four dedicated Sub-groups (Road Transportation, Marine Transportation, Energy and Power Generation, as well as Air Science and Health).

ADVICE SOUGHT

6. Members are invited to note the progress of the Review. Should Members wish to have further discussions on the Review, we would be pleased to brief Members on the latest progress at a coming meeting.

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