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**Increase of Fees under
Road Traffic Ordinance (Cap. 374)
Dumping at Sea Ordinance (Cap. 466)**

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this paper is to inform Members of proposed increases in fees. The proposed increases are in accordance with a phased approach to recover the full cost of the services, and take into account inflation.

BACKGROUND

2. It is Government policy that fees should in general be set at levels adequate to recover the full cost of providing the services. On 28 October 1996, Members endorsed a proposal to achieve full cost recovery of the fees under various environmental ordinances over the next few years in phases. The last fees revision was implemented in January 1997. We now submit this paper to inform Members of the next phase of fees increase.

Road Traffic Ordinance (Cap. 374)

3. The fees are prescribed in Schedule 10 to the Road Traffic Ordinance (Cap. 374). They were last revised in accordance with a phased programme aiming at achieving full cost recovery in 1997/98 to 1998/99 based on even increase in cost recovery rate. To implement the second phase of the programme, we proposed to increase the fees by 35% to 43%.

Dumping at Sea Ordinance (Cap. 466)

4. The fees under the Dumping at Sea Ordinance (Cap. 466) were last revised based on full cost recovery at 1996/97 prices. It is proposed to increase the fees by 7% based on inflation from 1996/97 to 1997/98. The fee for a copy of an entry in the register under the Ordinance is adjusted to the same level as that for a similar service under the Air Pollution Control Ordinance (Cap. 311), the Waste Disposal Ordinance (Cap. 354) and the Water Pollution Control Ordinance (Cap. 358).

THE PROPOSAL

5. Details of the proposed fees increases are shown in Annex A. Members will note that apart from the fees payable under the Road Traffic Ordinance (Cap. 374), all other fees are proposed to be adjusted by 7%.

CONCLUSION

6. Members are requested to note the contents of this paper. We intend to implement the revised fees in January 1998.

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