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Proposed Amendment to the Waste Disposal (Designated Waste Disposal Facility) Regulation

PURPOSE

This paper seeks Members' views on the proposed amendment to the Schedule of the Waste Disposal (Designated Waste Disposal Facility) Regulation to include nine refuse transfer stations (RTSs) as "designated waste disposal facilities".

BACKGROUND

- 2. The Government has recently commissioned a number of new RTSs which will be used to deliver waste to landfills. There is a need to amend the Schedule of the Waste Disposal (Designated Waste Disposal Facility) Regulation to include these RTSs as "designated waste disposal facilities" so that the Director of Environmental Protection (DEP) can exercise control within the RTSs.
- 3. The Waste Disposal (Designated Waste Disposal Facility) Regulation was enacted in April 1997. It provided DEP with powers to enable him to maintain order and counteract the evasion of charges payable, where applicable, under the Waste Disposal Ordinance in those waste disposal facilities designated under the Schedule of the Regulation.
- 4. A number of new RTSs have come into operation since the enactment of the Regulation and some will be opened in the coming months. Two of these RTSs will accept privately collected waste under the trial scheme under the Waste Disposal (Refuse Transfer Station) Regulation.

THE PROPOSAL

- 5. We propose that the Schedule of the Regulation be amended to include the following RTSs:
 - (a) Kowloon Bay Transfer Station (commissioned on 9 April 1990);
 - (b) Shatin Transfer Station (commissioned on 29 October 1994);
 - (c) Island West Transfer Station (commissioned in April 1997);
 - (d) West Kowloon Transfer Station (commissioned in May 1997);
 - (e) North Lantau Transfer Station (to be commissioned in April 1998); and
 - (f) Outlying Islands Transfer Facilities (OITF) -
 - (i) OITF Cheung Chau Station (to be commissioned in March 1998),
 - (ii) OIFT Mui Wo Station (to be commissioned in March 1998),
 - (iii) OITF Peng Chau Station (to be commissioned in March 1998), and
 - (iv) OITF Hei Ling Chau Station (to be commissioned in July 1998).

ADVICE SOUGHT

6. Members are requested to comment on the proposal.

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