

AIR QUALITY OBJECTIVES (AQO) REVIEW WORKING GROUP

Digest of the 1st Meeting
held on 25 May 2016 at 9:30 a.m.
in Room WP01, Podium Floor, West Block,
Education Bureau Kowloon Tong Centre,
Kowloon Tong

Present:

Ms. Christine LOH	Under Secretary for the Environment (Chairperson) , ENB
Mr. MOK Wai-chuen	Acting Deputy Director of Environmental Protection (3) (Vice-Chairperson) , EPD
Mr. Jeff BENT	
Mr. Arthur BOWRING	
Mr. Stanley Tandon Lal CHAING	
Dr. CHAN Ka-lung	
Mrs. Christine CHEUNG	
Ms. Suzanne CHEUNG Kit-yee	
Mr. Ellis CHUNG	
Prof. Jimmy FUNG Chi-hung	
Ir FUNG Man-keung	
Mr. Patrick FUNG Kin-wai	
Mr. FUNG Pak-sing	
Ir Dr. David HO Chi-shing	
Mr. Sunny HO Lap-kee	
Mr. KEUNG Siu-fai	
Mr. David KONG	
Mr. Prentice KOO	
Hon KWAN Sau-ling	
Mr. KWOK Tak-kee	
Dr. Nicky LAM Yun-fat	
Prof. Alexis LAU Kai-hon	
Mr. Joseph LAW Ka-chun	
Mr. Alfred LEE Tak-kong	
Dr. Ringo LEE Yiu-pui	

Mr. Roger LEE Chak-cheong	
Dr. Roland LEUNG Chung-chuen	
Mr. LING Chi-keung	
Mr. Brandon LIU	
Prof. John LIU Jianhua	
Ir LO Pak-cheong	
Mr. LOONG Tsz-wai	
Dr. Eunice MAK Hoi-cheung	
Dr. MAN Chi-sum	
Mr. Aaron NG Hoi-shan	
Mr. Daniel NG	
Dr. NING Zhi	
Dr. Loletta SO Kit-ying	
Prof. Raymond SO Wai-man	
Mr. Madison TANG Wing-hong	
Prof. TIAN Lin-wei	
Prof. WONG Tze-wai	
Mr. Matthew WONG Leung-pak	
Mr. David WONG Yui-cheong	
Ir YEE Tak-chow	
Dr. Steve YIM Hung-lam	
Dr. William YU	
Mr. Dave HO	Principal Environmental Protection Officer (Air Policy), EPD
Dr. Shermann FONG	Principal Environmental Protection Officer (Air Science), EPD
Mr. FONG Kin-wah	Principal Environmental Protection Officer (Mobile Source), EPD
Ms. Queenie LEE	Principal Assistant Secretary for the Environment (Electricity Reviews), ENB
Ms. Fanny CHEUNG	Assistant Secretary for the Environment (Energy) 1, ENB
Ms. Cordelia LAM	Principal Assistant Secretary (Transport) 2, THB
Ms. Louisa YAN	Principal Assistant Secretary (Transport)10, THB
Mr. CHAN Chung-kun	Chief Assistant Secretary (Works) 3, DEVB
Mr. Ricky LAU	Deputy Head of Civil Engineering Office (Port & Land), CEDD

Ms. Alice PANG	Deputy Project Manager (Kowloon), CEDD
Ms. Rachel KWAN	Assistant Commissioner (Bus & Railway), TD
Ms. Winnie LAU	Chief Town Planner (Strategic Planning), PlanD
Dr. Connie FUNG	Senior Medical & Health Officer (Environmental Health & Toxicology), DoH
Mr. Barry CHU	Chief Engineer (Energy Efficiency), EMSD
Mr. TSUI Sun-ming	Senior Surveyor of Ships (Marine Policy), MD

In Attendance:

Mr. Terence TSANG	Principal Environmental Protection Officer (Strategic Assessment), EPD
Mr. Brian LAU	Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Air Policy) 1, EPD
Mr. C.H. KAN	Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Air Policy) 4, EPD
Dr. Peter LOUIE	Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Air Policy) 5, EPD
Dr. Kenneth LEUNG	Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Air Science) 4, EPD
Mr. Simon LAM	Environmental Protection Officer (Air Policy) 11, EPD
Dr. Jackie NG	Assistant Environmental Protection Officer (Air Policy) 12, EPD
Ms. Josephine HO	Environmental Protection Officer (Air Policy) 14, EPD
Mr. Nick TSANG	Environmental Protection Officer (Air Policy) 43, EPD
Ms. Clara CHEUNG	Environmental Protection Officer (Air Policy) 51, EPD
Mr. Nelson IP	Environmental Protection Officer (Mobile Source) 13, EPD
Mr. Roy TSANG	Environmental Protection Officer (Air Science) 64, EPD

Absent with apologies:

Prof. Peter BRIMBLECOMBE

Ir Cary CHAN

Hon CHAN Choi-hi

Mr. CHEN Huan-you

Prof. Larry CHOW

Ms. Jessie CHUNG

Ir Edmond FONG Wai-man

Dr. HUNG Wing-tat

Mr. Paul LI

Ms. Sandy MAK

Mr. Simon NG

Ms. Susanna NG

Mr. SO Sai-hung

Mr. Tony TONG

Mr. TUNG Ching-leung

Prof. WANG Tao

Opening Remarks

The **Chairperson** welcomed Members to the first meeting and briefed Members on the functions, deliverables and operations of the Working Group.

Agenda Item 1 – Background of AQO review (WG paper 1/2016)

2. Members were briefed on the background of the AQO review and the latest progress of the air quality improvement measures.

3. The following views were raised by Members:

(a) the AQO for particulate matters currently set at interim target levels did not suffice for public health protection;

(b) long-term planning measures should be considered in the sub-groups to

improve air quality.

- (c) the Administration should consider providing more facilities to container trucks drivers in Kwai Chung areas e.g. a canteen such that they would not need to have meals in the trucks with the in-cabin air conditioning system in operation;
- (d) goods vehicles subjected to a higher first registration tax than passenger-carrying vehicles was unfair to goods vehicle operators;
- (e) the market was short of vehicle mechanics to provide timely repair service and vehicle mechanics might not have the required maintenance skill to repair Euro V and VI diesel commercial vehicles;
- (f) the Administration should consider allocating land to the trade for setting up more vehicle repair workshops; and
- (g) onshore power supply systems and diesel-electric drive vessels could be considered to reduce marine emissions.

4. The Administration's responses were as follows:

- (a) the Working Group would identify new air quality improvement measures, examine the practicability of their implementation and effectiveness in improving air quality, and assess the possible scope for further tightening the AQO made possible by the implementation of practicable new measures. In so doing, the identified measures could be grouped into different categories according to their degree of practicability;
- (b) pedestrian precincts, traffic management measures or other planning initiatives were raised from time to time in the community to reduce the exposure of the public to roadside air pollution. These suggestions could also be raised and deliberated in the relevant sub-groups; and
- (c) Members were encouraged to put up for deliberation new air quality improvement measures in the sub-groups as to their practicability with disregard for their effectiveness in emission reduction and contribution towards the tightening of the AQO.

Agenda Item 2 – Terms of Reference and Membership of the Working Group, and the Work Plan for the AQO Review (WG paper 2/2016)

5. Members were briefed on the mode of operation of the Working Group as set out in WG paper 2/2016.

6. The meeting had discussed a suggestion of some members of Air Science and Health sub-group to sit in meetings of the other three sub-groups to understand more the new air quality improvement measures for subsequent assessments of air quality improvement. Having noted the Administration's explanation that the three subgroups on measures would have the gist of their discussions recorded in the minutes; a member expressed concern that the presence of members other than those of the subgroup might not encourage free exchange of views although another member welcomed the participation of members from other groups. The Chairperson suggested not to argue about the issue at that stage and asked the meeting to adopt the modus operandi as set out in the paper for the time being to see how it would work. The meeting agreed to her suggestion.

7. In response to an enquiry from a member, the Administration said that audio recordings would not be provided to Members so to create a free environment for brainstorming of new ideas.

8. After discussion, the meeting agreed that the minutes of meeting would record the gist of the discussions without ascribing specific views to individual members.

9. The meeting also agreed to proceed with the sub-group meetings according to the meeting schedule as set out in the WG paper 2/2016. The meeting minutes would be prepared within one-month after the meeting for members' reference. Members could review the operation of sub-group meetings after the first meeting.

10. As to the reports of the subgroups to the Secretary for the Environment (SEN), the Administration explained that each sub-group would prepare a report consolidating the outcomes of its deliberations. The Working Group would then submit via the Chairman the four subgroup reports in combination to the SEN for his consideration for the review of the AQO.

Agenda Item 3 – Any Other Business

11. Upon a Member's suggestion, the Administration would consider the arrangement for Members to declare conflict of interests.

Agenda Item 4 – Date of the Next Meeting

12. The Secretary would confirm the date of the next meeting nearer the time.

13. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.