

Annual Work Report of the Energy Advisory Committee for the period from 1 January 2011 to 31 December 2011

I. Terms of Reference of Energy Advisory Committee

The Energy Advisory Committee (EnAC) is a non-statutory committee set up in July 1996 to advise the Government on energy policy, including policy matters concerning energy supply and demand, energy conservation and efficiency, and other related matters referred to it by the Government.

II. Membership of EnAC

EnAC is chaired by a non-official and comprises non-official members representing different sectors of the community and official members from relevant policy bureaux and department. The Chairman and members are appointed by the Secretary for the Environment. The membership of EnAC in 2011 was as follows –

Chairman

Mr Edmund LEUNG Kwong-ho, SBS, JP

Members (*in alphabetical order*)

Mr Cary CHAN

Ms Vivien CHAN, BBS, JP

Ms Cecilia Daisy CHEN Sheau-ling, BBS, MH, JP

Mr Thomas CHENG Kin-hon

Mr Daniel CHENG Man-chung, MH, JP

Mrs Lina CHENG TANG Ho-kuen

Mr Paul CHONG Kin-lit, MH

Mr Raymond CHOY Wai-shek, MH, JP

Prof Richard HO Yan-ki

Dr Ronnie HUI Ka-wah, JP

Ms Janice LAI Wai-man

Hon Starry LEE Wai-king, JP

Mr Alvin LEUNG Heung-ying

Dr Michael LEUNG Kwok-hi

Mr Brian David LI Man-bun, JP

Mr Kenneth LUN Chi-leung

Miss Anita MA Wing-tseung

Dr MAN Chi-sum, JP

Mr NG King-wah

Professor Raymond SO Wai-man
Mr WONG Wai-ho
Mr Donald YIP Moon-tong
Mr YU Hon-kwan, JP

Permanent Secretary for the Environment / Director of
Environmental Protection *or representative*
Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services *or representative*

Secretary

Principal Assistant Secretary for the Environment (Energy)

III. Major Activities of the EnAC during the period from 1 January to 31 December 2011

(1) Visit to National Nuclear Safety Administration in Beijing during 19-21 April 2011

Following the nuclear incident in Fukushima, Japan in March 2011, the Government led a delegation comprising Members of the Committee, nuclear experts in Hong Kong, representatives of the two power companies and government officials to visit the National Nuclear Safety Administration (NNSA) in Beijing during 19-21 April 2011 to learn about the latest developments in the Mainland in respect of nuclear safety and developments. The visit also helped facilitate exchanges between government departments and nuclear experts on both sides.

(2) Meeting on 18 May 2011

(a) Visit to National Nuclear Safety Administration in Beijing in April 2011

Members were briefed on the details of the visit held in April 2011, including the regulatory regime on nuclear safety in the Mainland.

(b) Promotion of electric vehicles

Members discussed the various initiative implemented by the Government in promoting a wider adoption of electric vehicles in Hong Kong. Members supported Government's

efforts in encouraging the use of EVs through liaising with EV dealers to bring in more EV models into Hong Kong, and putting in place the necessary charging infrastructure in collaboration with various stakeholders.

(3) Meeting on 13 December 2011

Electricity Tariff for 2012

The two power companies briefed members on their respective electricity tariff proposals for 2012. The Committee had reservations about the tariff increase proposal of Hongkong Electric (HKE) and opposed CLP's proposed price increase. Following the meeting, the Committee issued a press release on 14 December 2011 (see <http://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201112/14/P201112140350.htm>). In the light of the feedback from various quarters of the community, CLP announced on 30 December 2011 a 4.9% increase in its average net tariff for 2012, down from the original proposal of 9.2%. HKE's was 6.3%.

IV. Major Activities of the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Sub-committee during the period from 1 January to 31 December 2011

The Energy Efficiency and Conservation Sub-committee (EE&C) was set up under EnAC to consider proposals to promote energy efficiency and conservation in Hong Kong, having regard to their technical merits, potential effectiveness and environmental, economic and social implications. Two EE&C meetings were held in 2011 as follows:-

(1) Meeting on 11 April 2011

External lighting in Hong Kong

Members discussed the light nuisance and energy wastage problems that might be caused by external lighting installations in Hong Kong, and the Government's plan to address the issue. They noted that according to a consultancy study commissioned by the Government, different cities differed in their approaches and scopes in regulating external lighting installations. Members also

supported the Government's plan to issue a set of voluntary Guidelines on Industry Best Practices for External Lighting Installations to encourage lighting installations owners to take early actions to mitigate the problem, and to set up a Task Force on External Lighting to look into the issue and advise the Government on the way forward.

(2) Meeting on 4 October 2011

(a) Council for Sustainable Development's Public Engagement on "Combating Climate Change: Energy Saving and Carbon Emission Reduction in Buildings"

Members were briefed on and supported the launch of the public engagement exercise by the Council for Sustainable Development on "Combating Climate Change: Energy Saving and Carbon Emission Reduction in Buildings", which would invite views from the general public on 11 proposals to promote energy efficiency.

(b) Public Consultation on the Restriction of Sale of Energy-inefficient Incandescent Light Bulbs

Members were briefed on the launch of a public consultation by the Government on its proposal to restrict the sale of energy-inefficient incandescent light bulbs by phases through legislation. Members generally supported the proposal and suggested that publicity and public education on the proper disposal of Compact Florescent Lamps should be enhanced.

**Secretariat, Energy Advisory Committee
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