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Invitation for written submission on the Pesticides Ordinance (Amendment of Schedule 1)
Notice 2014

Pesticides Amendment bill notice 14

Dear Jove Chan and Py Yoong,

Thank you for making contact with me, as well as the other deputations and asking for more comments on the Pesticide Bill.

As I have been given less than a week to reply, I would request another two weeks from the subcommittee to allow me more time to write a more detailed and comprehensive letter with regards to the AFCD's post actions since the bill was past and also to highlight my continued concerns regarding the risks to health and safety for the children and staff in schools.

In the interim I would be grateful if you could me send and maybe all the deputations who both spoke and submitted written suggestions on The Pesticide (Amendment) Bill Cap 133, the following

- 1/the new leaflets that have been produced by the AFCD for schools and
- 2/ the list of follow up actions for the Bill so far, by the AFCD,
- 3/the full list of intended actions for this bill.

I need this information so that I have a full idea of what actions are be taken and if there are any gaps that I may comment on.

I still am astonished at the governments apparent zero monitoring of health affecting toxic pesticides that are used in schools. In addition as I emphasized in my written and verbal submissions, the AFCD and FEHD pesticide guidelines for using pesticides in schools are in my experience very rarely adhered to and without spot checks or stiff penalties for breaches of these guidelines for pesticide use in schools, then it follows that these guidelines are completely ineffective and are useless as they stand and offer little or no protection for children or staff in schools.

I also want to bring to the attention to the Pesticides subcommittee particularly the new members the serious short and long term health effects that pesticides can have on children, the elderly and the general public.

Lastly I wish to thank the Legislators as well as the AFCD for continuing to follow up on the Pesticide Bill .

regards,

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