Subcommittee on Smoking (Public Health) Ordinance (Amendment of Schedule 2) Order 2018

List of follow-up actions arising from the discussion at the meeting on 5 June 2018

The Government's response to the items raised by Members is set out as follows.

Provision of cigarette butt containers and/or litter bins with ashtray

2. After the Subcommittee meeting on 5 June, the Tobacco Control Office ("TCO") of the Department of Health has requested the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department and the operator of the Tsing Ma Control Area to relocate the litter bins with ashtray to areas outside the boundary of the designated no smoking areas ("NSAs") for the proper disposal of cigarette butts before entering the NSAs. TCO will follow up with the venue managers on the actual arrangement.

Publicity of the smoking ban

- 3. TCO will arrange to broadcast television and radio Announcements in the Public Interest to publicise the new smoking ban at the three bus interchanges ("BIs") before it takes effect. TCO will also arrange to display the no smoking signs, including banners and various forms of no smoking signs at conspicuous locations within the NSAs, and other demarcations including markings on the ground as appropriate to indicate clearly and visibly the boundaries of the NSA at each BI, having regard to their physical settings. The plans showing the boundaries of the NSAs will be posted at prominent locations such as main entrances and exits before the statutory smoking ban takes effect.
- 4. TCO will deploy smoke-free ambassadors to distribute pamphlets at the BIs to inform the public about the smoking ban within four weeks prior to its taking effect. However, due to technical difficulties, mobile broadcast of television/radio announcement will not be included in the present publicity campaign.

Enforcement plan at the three BIs

5. With reference to the experience in designating NSAs at the eight BIs in 2016, TCO will step up its enforcement action by conducting surprise inspections at the newly designated NSAs of the three BIs after the Smoking (Public Health) Ordinance (Amendment of Schedule 2) Order 2018 ("Order") has come into operation on 31 August 2018. To enhance the deterrent effect, TCO will arrange proactive inspection of the newly designated NSAs on a daily basis during the initial stage after the Order has come into operation. TCO will review and adjust its inspection plan having regard to the actual situation.

Park adjoining Aberdeen Toll Plaza (Aberdeen bound)

6. Since the park adjoining the Aberdeen Toll Plaza (Aberdeen bound) is not a public pleasure ground within the meaning of section 2(1) of the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Cap. 132), it is not an NSA according to Schedule 2 Part 1 of Smoking (Public Health) Ordinance (Cap. 371).

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