

LegCo to consider Extension of Government Leases Bill

The following is issued on behalf of the Legislative Council Secretariat:

The Legislative Council (LegCo) will hold a meeting on Wednesday (June 26) at 11am in the Chamber of the LegCo Complex. During the meeting, the Second Reading debates on the Extension of Government Leases Bill, Marine Safety (Alcohol and Drugs) Bill, Shipping Legislation (Electronic Certificates and Electronic Documents) (Amendment) Bill 2024 and Inland Revenue (Amendment) (Tax Concessions for Intellectual Property Income) Bill 2024 will resume. If the Bills are supported by Members and receive their Second Reading, they will stand committed to the committee of the whole Council. After the committee of the whole Council has completed consideration of the Bills and their reports are adopted by the Council, the Bills will be set down for the Third Reading.

On Members' motions, Mr Chan Chun-ying will move a motion on enacting dedicated laws and regulations to regulate greenwashing. The motion is set out in Appendix 1. Mr Luk Chung-hung and Dr Hoey Simon Lee will move separate amendments to Mr Chan Chun-ying's motion.

Mr Martin Liao will move a motion on establishing sound industry and supply chains and related services and developing Hong Kong into a multinational supply chain management centre. The motion is set out in Appendix 2. Dr Johnny Ng, Dr Kennedy Wong, Dr Wendy Hong and Dr Hoey Simon Lee will move separate amendments to Mr Martin Liao's motion.

Members will also ask the Government 22 questions on various policy areas, six of which require oral replies.

The agenda of the above meeting can be obtained via the LegCo Website (www.legco.gov.hk). Members of the public can watch or listen to the meeting via the "Webcast" system on the LegCo Website. To observe the proceedings of the meeting at the LegCo Complex, members of the public may call 3919 3399 during office hours to reserve seats.

Public urged to strengthen anti-mosquito efforts

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) today (June 24) announced that the monthly gravidtrap index for *Aedes albopictus* mosquitoes

in May was 13 per cent, at Level 2, indicating that the distribution of *Aedes albopictus* mosquitoes in the areas surveyed was fairly extensive. Relevant government departments have stepped up mosquito prevention and control actions.

In May, among the 64 survey areas, the area gravidtrap index in 10 areas exceeded the alert level of 20 per cent. The gravidtraps were mostly located in the vicinity of private residential areas, public housing estates, schools, recreational and sports facilities and public places. The FEHD has collaborated with relevant government departments by taking immediate action to strengthen mosquito prevention and control work in the area concerned.

Moreover, the monthly density index for *Aedes albopictus* in May was 1.3, which represented that an average of 1.3 *Aedes albopictus* adults were found in the *Aedes*-positive gravidtraps, indicating that the number of adult *Aedes albopictus* was not abundant in the survey areas. The gravidtrap and density indices for *Aedes albopictus* in different survey areas as well as information on mosquito prevention and control measures are available on the department website at www.fehd.gov.hk.

A spokesman for the FEHD said, "There is a significant relationship between local mosquito infestation and seasonal changes. The gravidtrap indices in various survey areas would be relatively higher during hot and rainy spring and summer months (i.e. from May to September) as mosquitoes breed quickly. Members of the public are reminded to continue the routine mosquito prevention and control work, especially the repair and maintenance of structures. Cracks and dents which may accumulate water and become potential breeding grounds should be filled and levelled to reduce the chance of mosquito breeding.

"The Government is concerned about the mosquito infestation in May. The increase in the monthly gravidtrap index for *Aedes albopictus* for May might be related to the continuously hot and rainy days in the month. The interdepartmental Pest Control Steering Committee held a meeting on June 3 to review the latest situation of mosquito infestation and the anti-mosquito work taken by departments. The FEHD has continued to intensify the mosquito prevention and control work with relevant government departments in areas under their purview, including eliminating mosquito breeding places, applying larvicides, conducting fogging operations to eradicate adult mosquitoes, and placing mosquito trapping devices at suitable locations. The FEHD has also conducted site inspections with relevant departments, and provided them with professional advice and technical support to assist them in formulating and implementing effective anti-mosquito measures swiftly. At the same time, the FEHD has strengthened publicity and education. The FEHD will continue to monitor the mosquito infestation in all districts, and will conduct prompt and effective mosquito prevention and control work," the spokesman continued.

In view of the second local dengue fever (DF) case reported recently, the FEHD has immediately conducted surveys of mosquito infestation and has carried out additional targeted mosquito prevention and control work (including conducting fogging operations, applying larvicides and placing mosquito trapping devices) in areas within a 250-metre radius of the

residence and workplace of the patient, as well as places the patient had visited during the incubation and infectious period. The FEHD has also stepped up inspections and taken enforcement actions where necessary.

The FEHD will conduct a three-phase Anti-mosquito Campaign this year. The second phase of the territory-wide campaign was launched on April 15 and ended on June 16. During the period, the district offices of the FEHD will target areas that have drawn particular concern, such as public markets, cooked food centres and hawker bazaars, single-block buildings, streets and back lanes, common parts of buildings, village houses, construction sites, vacant sites and road works sites, to remove accumulated water and carry out mosquito prevention and control work. After the second phase of the campaign, the FEHD has conducted territory-wide thematic special operations on mosquito prevention and control, such as strengthening mosquito control at individual construction sites, for three weeks starting from June 24. To further enhance the effectiveness of mosquito control, the FEHD and relevant government departments have carried out the second phase of the All-out Anti-mosquito Operations since May 2 to focus on eliminating potential mosquito breeding places, and called on property managements to arrange necessary repairs to their premises to minimise mosquito breeding places. Furthermore, intense adult control has been conducted by means of regular ultra-low volume fogging operations after the onset of the rainy season.

The FEHD appeals to members of the public to work together to carry out mosquito prevention and control measures early, including inspecting their homes and surroundings to remove potential breeding grounds, changing water in vases and scrubbing their inner surfaces, removing water in saucers under potted plants at least once a week, properly disposing of containers such as soft drink cans and lunch boxes, and drilling large holes in unused tyres. The FEHD also advises members of the public and estate management bodies to keep drains free of blockage and level all defective ground surfaces to prevent the accumulation of water. They should also scrub all drains and surface sewers with an alkaline detergent at least once a week to remove any mosquito eggs.

â€‹*Aedes albopictus* is a kind of mosquito that can transmit DF. DF is commonly found in tropical and subtropical regions of the world, and has become endemic in many countries in Southeast Asia. Based on the latest surveillance data from the Centre for Health Protection of the Department of Health, there has been an increase in DF cases in some places in Asia thus far, compared with the corresponding period of last year. The Americas (including Brazil, Argentina and Peru) have even recorded over 8 million cases, which is a record number, since the beginning of 2024. The dengue activity in neighbouring areas is high and Hong Kong has recorded 28 imported DF cases and two local DF cases so far this year. Members of the public should carry out effective mosquito prevention and control measures proactively.

DSJ departs for Xinjiang to attend 8th China-Eurasia Expo

The Deputy Secretary for Justice, Mr Cheung Kwok-kwan, will depart for Urumqi, Xinjiang, tomorrow (June 25) to attend the 8th China-Eurasia Expo on behalf of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government.

Mr Cheung said that, with the Belt and Road Initiative entering its second decade, Hong Kong's participation in the Expo under the country's support fully demonstrates that Hong Kong, as the only common law jurisdiction within the country, can contribute to the development of the Belt and Road Initiative.

Mr Cheung will return to Hong Kong on June 26.

Refurbishment and upgrading works of North Lantau Transfer Station and Outlying Islands Transfer Facilities commence smoothly (with photos)

The Environmental Protection Department (EPD) said that the North Lantau Transfer Station (NLTS) and Outlying Islands Transfer Facilities (OITF) Second Follow-On Contract has been implemented, with the refurbishment and upgrading works of the transfer station and transfer facilities commencing smoothly.

The EPD today (June 24) held a ceremony for the North Lantau Transfer Station and Outlying Islands Transfer Facilities Second Follow-On Contract. The contract was won by Canvest – Paul Y. Joint Venture (CPJV). The lead joint venture participant is Canvest Environmental Protection Group Company Limited, which is a renowned waste management company and is also participating in cleaning and waste collection services in Hong Kong.

Addressing the ceremony, the Director of Environmental Protection, Dr Samuel Chui, said, "The NLTS and the OITF have been smoothly handed over to CPJV for operation. Upgrading works will be carried out progressively in the coming years. So far, the operation and construction works have been implemented smoothly. The EPD will work together with the contractor to provide safer and more reliable refuse transfer services to the public, so that the NLTS and the OITF can become exemplary refuse transfer facilities

with new technology and excellent operational performance."

The NLTS is located at Sham Shui Kok Drive, Siu Ho Wan, on North Lantau, while the OITF comprises a network of seven small-scale waste transfer facilities located at Mui Wo, Cheung Chau, Peng Chau, Hei Ling Chau, Yung Shue Wan, Sok Kwu Wan and Ma Wan. The NLTS and the OITF have been in operation for over 20 years. During the refurbishment and upgrading works period, the daily waste transfer services at the above transfer station and transfer facilities will be maintained.

To achieve carbon neutrality, the EPD incorporated a number of measures in the new contract with a view to reducing carbon emissions during the waste transfer process. These include upgrading aged waste container vessels with new energy-saving and zero-emission electric propulsion models, using more energy-efficient waste treatment equipment, enhancing energy-saving management, improving energy efficiencies of buildings and conducting renewable energy projects. Renovation and upgrading works also include the provision of a Grease Trap Waste Treatment Facility, an upgraded odour control system, enhanced vehicle washing facilities, and improving the environment. The new design and landscaping measures for the transfer station and transfer facilities will also better integrate them into the surrounding environment, aiming to achieve harmonious coexistence with the community.



[HAD opens temporary heat shelters](#)

The Home Affairs Department will continue to open 19 community halls/community centres as temporary heat shelters today (June 24).

The temporary heat shelters will remain open for people to take refuge from the heat when the Very Hot Weather Warning is in force. From 10.30pm to 8am the next day, the temporary heat shelters will also provide bedding and a sleeping place for people in need. The shelters are manned by duty attendants.

For further information, please call the department's hotline before

midnight on 2572 8427.

The heat shelters are located at:

Hong Kong Island:

Central and Western –
Sai Ying Pun Community Complex Community Hall
3/F, Sai Ying Pun Community Complex
2 High Street, Sai Ying Pun

Eastern –
Causeway Bay Community Centre
3/F, 7 Fook Yum Road, Causeway Bay

Southern –
Lei Tung Community Hall
Lei Tung Estate, Ap Lei Chau

Wan Chai –
Wan Chai Activities Centre
LG/F, Wan Chai Market, 258 Queen's Road East, Wan Chai

Kowloon Districts:

Kowloon City –
Hung Hom Community Hall
1/F, Kowloon City Government Offices
42 Bailey Street, Hung Hom

Kwun Tong –
Lam Tin (West) Estate Community Centre
71 Kai Tin Road, Lam Tin

Sham Shui Po –
Shek Kip Mei Community Hall
G/F, Block 42, Shek Kip Mei Estate, Sham Shui Po

Wong Tai Sin –
Tsz Wan Shan (South) Estate Community Centre
45 Wan Wah Street, Tsz Wan Shan

Yau Tsim Mong –
Henry G Leong Yaumatei Community Centre
60 Public Square Street, Yau Ma Tei

New Territories Districts:

Islands –

Tung Chung Community Hall

G/F, Tung Chung Municipal Services Building, 39 Man Tung Road, Tung Chung

Kwai Tsing –

Kwai Shing Community Hall

Podium, Block 6, Kwai Shing West Estate, Kwai Chung

North –

Cheung Wah Community Hall

Cheung Wah Estate, Fanling

Sai Kung –

Hang Hau Community Hall

G/F, Sai Kung Tseung Kwan O Government Complex, 38 Pui Shing Road, Hang Hau, Tseung Kwan O

Sha Tin –

Lung Hang Estate Community Centre

Lung Hang Estate, Sha Tin

Tai Po –

Tai Po Community Centre

2 Heung Sze Wui Street, Tai Po

Tsuen Wan –

Lei Muk Shue Community Hall

G/F, Hong Shue House, Lei Muk Shue Estate, Tsuen Wan

Tuen Mun –

Butterfly Bay Community Centre

Butterfly Estate (near Tip Sum House), Tuen Mun

Yuen Long –

Long Ping Community Hall

Long Ping Estate, Yuen Long

Yuen Long –

Tin Yiu Community Centre

Tin Yiu Estate, Tin Shui Wai

In addition to the above heat shelters, a number of community halls/community centres can also be used for taking refuge from the heat during their operating hours. For their address details, please browse the following

document: www.had.gov.hk/file_manager/en/documents/public_services/emergency_services/List_CH_CC_Day_E.pdf.