

Hon Mrs Selina CHOW to ask on 24/01/07:

Regarding operation of the Hong Kong Wetland Park ("HKWP") since its opening in May 2006, will the Government inform this Council:

- of the respective monthly attendance of HKWP since its opening; how these figures compare to the original forecasts; and whether the HKWP authority can cope with the above attendance in terms of venue management and crowd control;
- whether it has systematically sought visitors' views on HKWP; if it has, of their overall comments; and
- given that there were complaints during the initial period following HKWP's opening that some visitors smoked in the open area of HKWP and left behind cigarette butts, whether the situation has improved so far; and of the measures adopted by the HKWP authority to comply with the no-smoking requirements of the Smoking (Public Health) (Amendment) Ordinance 2006, which has come into operation since 1 January 2007?

Public Officer to reply : **Secretary for Economic Development and Labour**