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Follow-up to meeting on 17 September 2002

Employment statistics of the telecommunications industry

At the meeting on 17 September 2002, the Administration was requested to provide information on employment statistics of the telecommunications industry including the core sector and other related sectors.

The Administration has just provided the following employment statistics for the communications sector published by the Census and Statistics Department

<u>Year</u>	<u>No. of Employees in the telecommunications industry*</u>
December 1998	32,525
December 1999	36,146
December 2000	38,296
December 2001	38,104
December 2002	31,141

* the figure was aggregated with postal and courier services until late 2001

The Administration has further advised that the employment situation of the telecommunications industry is, generally speaking, affected by the prevailing economic environment as well as many other factors. The changing demands of the information society and advancement in technology will create new types of jobs, such as the content and application services brought by mobile commerce etc.. On the other hand, technology and efficiency enhancement will also make some old types of jobs obsolete.

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