

**Panel on Commerce and Industry**

CB(1)1191/03-04(02)

**List of follow-up actions**  
(position as at 5 March 2004)

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>Follow-up action required</b>	<b>Administration's response</b>
1. Liberalization of Trade in Services under the Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement (CEPA)	13.10.2003	Under Annex 4 of the main text of CEPA, Hong Kong residents after obtaining the Mainland's insurance qualification and being employed or appointed by a Mainland insurance institution would be allowed to engage in the relevant insurance business. A member was concerned on why there was no similar requirement for Hong Kong securities practitioners in the Mainland. The Commerce, Industry and Technology Bureau (CITB) undertook to follow up with the Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau (FSTB) on the practising requirement of the services in question.	CITB has conveyed the member's concern to FSTB for consideration and follow-up. The Administration's response was circulated for members' reference vide LC Paper No. CB(1)1221/03-04(01) on 5 March 2004.
2. Scope of the Individual Visit Scheme	13.10.2003 14.1.2004	In addressing a member's concern on the possibility of allowing Mainland residents from more provinces to visit Hong Kong individually, CITB undertook to convey his concern to the Economic Development and Labour Bureau (EDLB) for consideration and follow-up.	CITB has conveyed the member's concern to EDLB and the Security Bureau for consideration and follow-up action and will revert to the Panel in due course.
3. Core Industries in Hong Kong	14.1.2004	A member enquired about the percentage of Gross Domestic Product accounted for by the four core industries stated in the Chief Executive's 2004 Policy Address, namely financial services, producer services, logistics and tourism and expressed concern on the impact of their development on Hong Kong's employment	The Administration's response was circulated for members' reference vide LC Paper No. CB(1)978/03-04(01) on 12 February 2004.

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		situation. CITB will convey his concern to FSTB for follow-up and revert to the Panel after obtaining the requested information from FSTB.	
4. Review of the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Offices (ETOs)	9.2.2004	<p>The Administration was requested to provide the following information:</p> <p>(a) the current establishment including both directorate and non-directorate posts and operational expenditure of individual ETOs;</p> <p>(b) the number of regional offices and headquarters established by foreign companies in Hong Kong and trade statistics between Hong Kong and overseas countries.</p>	The Administration's response was circulated for members' reference vide LC Paper No. CB(1)1098/03-04(01) on 24 February 2004.
5. Role of the Office of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) in Beijing	9.2.2004	A member suggested that consideration should be given to strengthen the role of the Office of the Government of HKSAR in promoting Hong Kong's economic and trade relationship with the Mainland and providing support to Hong Kong's commercial and industrial sectors for business expansion into the Mainland, especially in Beijing. CITB undertook to convey the member's suggestion to the Constitutional Affairs Bureau (CAB) for consideration.	CITB has conveyed the member's suggestion to CAB for consideration on 2 March 2004.

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6. The post of the Head of the Hong Kong Guangdong Cooperation Coordination Unit (HKGCCU)	9.2.2004	On the Administration's earlier proposal of converting the supernumerary post of the Head of HKGCCU into a permanent one, the Panel Chairman opined that the Administration might consider in due course or in any future review the feasibility of using the directorate posts proposed for deletion under the current review of the ETOs or those to be deleted subsequently for offsetting purpose. CITB undertook to convey the Chairman's view to the Civil Service Bureau (CSB) for consideration.	CITB has conveyed the Chairman's view to CSB for consideration on 2 March 2004.
7. Update on the operation of the Applied Research Fund (ARF)	11.12.2000	Members were briefed on the operation of ARF. It was agreed that the Administration would submit quarterly reports to the Panel to keep members informed of the latest development of ARF.	The Administration has issued 11 updates (LC Paper Nos. CB(1) 989/00-01, 1834/00-01, 939/01-02, 1232/01-02(04), 2185/01-02, 24/02-03, 582/02-03, 1415/02-03, 2008/02-03, 2522/02-03(01) and 616/03-04(01)) on the operation of ARF since January 2001. The next report will be due for March/April 2004.