

**Panel on Commerce and Industry**

CB(1)1710/03-04(02)

**List of follow-up actions**  
(position as at 6 May 2004)

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>Follow-up action required</b>	<b>Administration's response</b>
1. The work of Invest Hong Kong (InvestHK)	8.3.2004	The Administration undertook to provide the Panel with information on the investment projects agreed or under discussion with foreign investors arising from InvestHK's joint investment promotion activities with major cities in the Pearl River Delta region since 2002.	The Administration's reply issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)1735/03-04 on 6 May 2004.
2. Foreign companies established in Hong Kong	8.3.2004	The Administration was requested to:  (a) obtain information on the staffing position of those foreign companies which were assisted by InvestHK to set up offices in Hong Kong but unwilling to reveal such information;  (b) consider expanding the scope of analysis in Enclosure 7 of the paper (LC Paper No. CB(1)1191/03-04(03)) so that a more detailed breakdown could be provided on companies with more than 100 jobs created; and  (c) consider the feasibility of developing an appropriate mechanism to keep track of the expansion or otherwise of foreign companies established in Hong Kong.	The Administration's reply issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)1735/03-04 on 6 May 2004.

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3. Financial resources for investment promotion	8.3.2004	The Administration undertook to provide the Panel with details on the amount allocated from the \$1 billion-commitment for relaunching Hong Kong's economy for the purpose of investment promotion by InvestHK.	The Administration's reply issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)1735/03-04 on 6 May 2004.
4. Proposed creation of 3 supernumerary directorate posts in the Trade and Industry Department (TID) for hosting the Sixth World Trade Organization (WTO) Ministerial Conference in Hong Kong in 2005	13.4.2004	The Commerce, Industry and Technology Bureau undertook to liaise with other policy bureaux/departments to identify directorate posts which could be deleted to offset the proposed supernumerary directorate posts.	An information note has been provided by the Administration to the Establishment Subcommittee (ESC) (ECI(2004-05)1 issued vide ESC74/03-04 on 26 April 2004) indicating that further savings to the overall directorate establishments could be achieved pending the ESC's endorsement of the seven establishment proposals at its meeting on 28 April 2004. The seven proposals including the one for creation of 3 supernumerary directorate posts in TID for hosting the Sixth WTO Ministerial Conference were endorsed by ESC.
5. Sponsorship for international conferences	13.4.2004	In connection with the discussion on "Financial implications for hosting the Sixth WTO Ministerial Conference", the Administration was requested to provide information on sponsorship obtained by the Government for organizing large-scale international conferences in the past.	The Administration's reply issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)1736/03-04 on 6 May 2004.

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6. Research & development (R&D) projects in other countries	13.4.2004	The Administration was requested to provide information on the resources allocated by governments in other countries on R&D projects contributing to industrial development and the effectiveness of such projects.	The Administration to provide the information when ready.
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 12 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), 616/03-04(01) and 1381/03-04(01)) on the operation of ARF since January 2001. The next report will be due for June/July 2004.