

Panel on Commerce and Industry

List of follow-up actions (position as at 11 June 2004)

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| 1. 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 is now collecting the relevant information and will provide a response to the Panel in due course. |
| 2. Requests of Hong Kong's telecommunication services sector under the Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement (CEPA) | 10.5.2004 | The Administration was requested to convey to the Mainland authorities concerned the requests of Hong Kong's telecommunication services sector made under CEPA. Such requests included the feasibility of setting up a special telecommunication zone in the Pearl River Delta Region and lifting the percentage of Hong Kong service suppliers' shareholding in joint venture enterprises set up in the Mainland for provision of value-added telecommunication services. | The Administration will follow up with the Mainland authorities concerned during CEPA's second phase of discussion on further liberalization of services which have already been launched. |
| 3. Hong Kong employees of individually owned stores set up by Hong Kong businessmen in the Mainland under CEPA | 10.5.2004 | The Administration was requested to obtain information from the Guangdong authorities on Hong Kong residents employed by individually owned stores set up by Hong Kong businessmen in the Mainland in the capacity of a natural person under CEPA. | The Administration to follow up with the Guangdong authorities |

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| 4. Impact of CEPA on Hong Kong's economy | 10.5.2004 | The Administration undertook to conduct a quantitative survey and analysis of the economic impact of CEPA, including that on employment in Hong Kong, 9 to 12 months after CEPA's implementation and revert to the Panel the outcome in due course. | The Administration to revert to the Panel in due course |
| 5. Integration of training programmes / courses on product design | 10.5.2004 | A member suggested that the Administration should consider integrating the professional continuing training programmes under the DesignSmart Initiative with the training courses offered by the post-secondary institutions in Hong Kong on product design. | The Administration has taken note of member's suggestion. |
| 6. Legislative amendments for implementation of CEPA | 10.5.2004 | ALA2 suggested that the Administration should consider amending the term used to describe the origin of goods in ordinances other than the Trade Description Ordinance and relevant subsidiary legislation. | The Administration has taken note of ALA2's suggestion. |

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| 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. |

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