

Panel on Commerce and Industry

List of follow-up actions

(position as at 11 March 2005)

Subject	Date of Meeting	Follow-up action required	Administration's response
1. Government Electronic Trading Services (GETS) market	14.6.2004	The Administration was requested to report to the Panel the outcome of the complaint received and dealt with by the Administration.	The Administration is investigating the complaint and will revert to the Panel upon completion of the investigation.
2. Issues related to Television Broadcasts Limited (TVB)'s acquisition of a site in the Tseung Kwan O Estate	6.7.2004	The Administration was requested to consider conducting a review on the policy and procedures concerning the admission of industries into the industrial estates and the measures to ensure a level playing field and equitable treatment for interested parties seeking entry into the industrial estates; and to provide a paper on the outcome of the review to the Panel in due course.	The Administration will revisit relevant issues and provide a paper in due course.

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<p>3. Measures for monitoring the operation of the AsiaWorld-Expo (AWE)</p>	<p>12.7.2004</p>	<p>Members were concerned about the measures in place for monitoring the operation of AWE and requested the Administration to provide the following information for reference:</p> <p>(a) the Management and Operating Agreement entered between Hong Kong IEC Ltd and AWE Management Ltd; and</p> <p>(b) the preferred rate of return for IEC Investments Ltd.</p> <p>A member suggested that the Panel should explore the subject further with the Administration in the next legislative session.</p>	<p>The Administration's preliminary reply has been issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)2419/03-04 on 20 July 2004. The Administration will revert to the Panel in due course on its request after obtaining the views from the companies concerned and the advice from the Department of Justice.</p>
<p>4. Update on the operation of the Applied Research Fund (ARF)</p>	<p>11.12.2000</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>The Administration has issued 14 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), 1381/03-04(01) 2431/03-04(01) and 589/04-05(01)) on the operation of ARF since January 2001. The next report will be due for March 2005</p> <p>At the Panel meeting on 18 January 2005, members noted that the ARF would cease making new investment after March 2005 and be wound down in due course.</p>

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5. Consultation Document on review of certain provisions of Copyright Ordinance	18.1.2005	<p>(a) The Administration was requested to provide a report in writing on the views received during the current consultation exercise and the Administration's responses to facilitate members' consideration.</p> <p>(b) Members have agreed to invite public views when the Administration's specific proposals are known.</p>	The Administration will provide the report and its specific proposals to the Panel around mid-2005.
6. Preliminary report on the impact of the Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement (CEPA)	15.2.2005	<p>(a) The Administration was requested to provide the following information in connection with its full report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the number and categories of staff which have been increased in 2004 or planned to be increased in 2005 in the companies which have benefited or intend to benefit from CEPA; (ii) proposed concrete policy measures to assist Hong Kong manufacturers and the responses to these proposed measures; (iii) the impact of trade and investment facilitation measures; (iv) breakdown on the number and nature of Mainland enterprises with regional headquarters and regional offices in Hong Kong and their business plans in Hong Kong; and (v) reasons why some 1.18 million IVS visitors have left Hong Kong on the same day. 	(a) The Administration will provide the information in its full CEPA assessment report to the Panel at the April 2005 meeting.

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		(b) The Administration was requested to expedite the processing of application for the Factory Registration.	(b) The Administration has taken note of the concern.
7. Hosting of the Sixth Ministerial Conference (MC6) of the World Trade Organization (WTO) – proposed subsidiary legislation relating to privileges and immunities for the WTO	15.2.2005	In drafting the WTO Order, the Administration was requested to: (a) ensure that its scope would not be too excessive; and (b) make reference to similar past cases.	The Administration has taken note of the concern.