

Panel on Commerce and Industry

List of follow-up actions (position as at 11 May 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's investigation of the complaint received has been held up pending the complainant's and other concerned parties' consent to disclose certain information to the party being complained against. The Administration 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 15 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), 589/04-05(01) and 1128/04-05(01)) on the operation of ARF since January 2001. The next report will be due for May 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. Progress report on the four funding schemes for Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs)	19.4.2005	Members have suggested that funds in the SME funding schemes should best be used to strengthen the overall competitiveness of SMEs in general or those in specific sectors, instead of targeting at individual SMEs. Members have also suggested that funds in SME Development Fund could be deployed to facilitate SMEs' compliance of the new requirements such as the new green manufacturing legislation and recyclable requirements of the European Union. The Chairman of SME Committee (SMEC) undertook to follow up the issue for the consideration of SMEC.	The Administration/SMEC to note and follow-up.
7. Impact of economic restructuring	19.4.2005	The Chairman has advised that many issues considered/discussed at the meeting could be further studied by the Panel in future.	The Administration to note.

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8. Consultancy study on the supply and demand for exhibition facilities in Hong Kong	19.4.2005	The Administration has indicated that it will make a decision on the atrium link extension at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre proposed by the Trade Development Council. The Administration has undertaken to keep the Panel in picture.	The Administration to inform the Panel when a decision is made.

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