

Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting

List of follow-up actions

(position as at 3 January 2006)

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up action required	Administration's response
1. The Cyberport Project	<p align="center">8.2.02</p> <p align="center">8.7.02</p> <p align="center">12.1.04</p>	<p>The Administration/Cyberport Management to provide information on :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the funding arrangements for the Cyberport Institute. - the selection arrangements for the supermarket in the Cyberport; - the number of tenancy applications for each of Phases CIA, CIB, CII and CIII; - existing/past office space occupied by the tenant companies vis-à-vis space in Cyberport on an aggregate basis; and - the number of employees employed by the tenant companies on an aggregate basis. <p>- provide information on the rate of business growth and the volume of new business activities generated in the Cyberport.</p>	<p>The Administration to provide the information when ready.</p> <p>Relevant information has been provided in past progress reports issued to members in June and December 2004. The information will be updated in further progress reports.</p>

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2. Broadcasting Services of Radio Television Hong Kong (RTHK)	21.7.05 14.11.05	Regarding some members' enquiry about the availability and use of additional radio frequency spectrum, the Administration has undertaken to provide a paper on the spectrum policy review for the discussion of the Panel in due course. The Administration has undertaken to announce the details of the review on public service broadcasting in Hong Kong and brief the Panel accordingly if there is a concrete plan for a review.	The Administration to provide the paper when ready. The subject of "Consultancy study on spectrum policy review" has been included in the Panel's "List of outstanding items for discussion", and it will be discussed on 10 July 2006. The Administration to take note and follow up.
3. Spamming arising from the use of Interactive Voice Response System (IVRS) technology	13.6.05	The Administration undertook to explore if there were any means to encourage the calling parties of unsolicited calls to pay the airtime/roaming charges thus incurred pending the enactment of any anti-spam legislation.	CITB will consider whether to adopt a "calling party pays" charging regime in the context of the review of convergence of fixed and mobile telecommunications services.
4. Proposed anti-spam legislation	11.7.05	The Administration was requested to consider members' concern on the need to include express provisions safeguarding freedom of speech and expression in the proposed legislation.	The Administration to consider members' concern when drafting the proposed legislation.

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<p>5. Issues related to the protection of personal information of e-mail account subscribers</p>	<p>1.11.05</p>	<p>(a) The Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data (the Privacy Commissioner) was requested to provide further information to address members' concerns and questions raised at the meeting, including:</p> <p>(i) With reference to paragraph (c) of Yahoo! (Hong Kong) Limited's letter dated 28 October 2005 (LC Paper No CB(1)186/05-06(03)), whether and to what extent Yahoo! Holdings (Hong Kong) Limited was bound by the requirements under the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance (PD(P)O) (Cap 486) for the disclosure of information of email account subscribers, including that relating to Mr SHI Tao, to the Mainland authorities by the Yahoo! China operation;</p> <p>(ii) Arising from the case in question, whether the Privacy Commissioner should take a liberal or restrictive approach when considering what information would amount to "personal data" as defined under PD(P)O; and whether the Privacy Commissioner would re-consider whether there was sufficient evidence to trigger off section 38(b) of PD(P)O; and whether there was a need to review PD(P)O.</p>	<p>(a) An interim reply provided by the Privacy Commissioner has been issued to all Members on 2 December 2005 vide LC Paper No. CB(1)445/05-06. The Privacy Commissioner has subsequently advised on 21 December 2005 that it will provide further updated information in early January 2006.</p>

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		(b) At the request of a member, the Hong Kong Internet Service Providers Association (HKISPA) agreed to consider possible actions, if any, which HKISPA may take to follow up the case in question.	(b) The Secretariat has reminded HKISPA on 2 December 2005 to revert to the Panel in due course.
6. CWRF Head 710 Computerization Subhead A007GX – New Administrative Computer Systems	12.12.05	The Administration has been requested to provide information on the total expenditure on procuring open source software and Linux products for the past five years and a written response to the letter of Hong Kong Linux Industry Association well in advance of the PWSC meeting to be held on 21 December 2005.	The information provided by the Administration has been circulated to all Members on 19 December 2005 vide LC Paper No CB(1)568/05-06(01).
7. Business Review of the Hongkong Post Certification Authority	12.12.05	The Administration has been requested to report the outcome of the Request for Proposal exercise and the way forward of the operation of the Hong Kong Post Certification Authority to the Panel in due course	The Administration to note and follow-up.