

Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting

List of outstanding items for discussion

(position as at 14 March 2006)

Proposed timing for discussion

IT-related issues

1. 2005 surveys on IT usage and penetration in the household and business sector

Proposed by the Administration. The Panel considered the 2004 surveys on IT usage and penetration in the household and business sector on 4 February 2005. The item has been deferred from the Panel's February meeting.

10 April 2006

2. Progress report on transformation of the IT Easy Link services

Proposed by the Administration to brief the Panel on the way forward for the project. The Panel has discussed the item on 8 April 2005.

10 April 2006

3. Progress report on the implementation of computer information system integration qualification certification under CEPA II

Proposed by the Administration. The Panel last discussed the item on 8 April 2005.

10 April 2006

4. Report on the Cyberport Project (2005)

The Panel received an overall report on the progress of the Cyberport Project on 10 January 2005 and held a special meeting on 2 February 2005 to follow up certain issues of concern. The Administration has been requested to report further progress to the Panel on an annual basis. The Administration now propose to submit to the Panel the annual progress report for 2005 and the business plan of Cyberport for 2006-07 in May 2006.

8 May 2006

5. Progress report on promoting the development of the digital entertainment industry in Hong Kong – strategy and measures

Proposed by the Administration. The Panel last discussed the item on 13 June 2005.

8 May 2006

**Proposed timing
for discussion**

6. Progress update on the E-government programme

Proposed by the Administration to report on the overall progress of various e-government initiatives. The Panel has considered the new strategy for e-government services delivery on 9 January 2006 and 13 February 2006.

12 June 2006

Telecommunications

7. Commencement of section 8(1)(aa) of the Telecommunications Ordinance and creation of a class licence to regulate telecommunications services

Proposals of the Telecommunications Authority (TA) and the progress of the public consultation were discussed on 9 May 2005. Having reviewed the issue and taken into account the views of Panel members, the TA has revised his proposals and launched a new round of public consultation on 3 March 2006.

12 June 2006

8. Regulatory issues pertinent to the convergence of fixed and mobile communications services

To prepare for the convergence of fixed and mobile telecommunications services, the Administration launched a consultation exercise on 21 September 2005 on the proposed changes to the licensing framework and the unified carrier licence for the provision of both fixed and mobile services. Deadline for submissions was 21 November 2005. The Administration is now studying the submissions. Reviews on fixed/mobile interconnection charge and fixed/mobile number portability commenced in December 2005. The Administration will brief the Panel on the outcome of the reviews and also the proposed way forward.

10 July 2006
(tentative)

9. Consultancy study on spectrum policy review

With a view to formulating a responsive, transparent and market-led spectrum policy to enable the community to reap the maximum benefit from the deployment of radio spectrum as a scarce public resource as technology advances, the Administration has engaged a consultant to assist in reviewing spectrum policy and management issues. The Administration will launch a public consultation and seek the views of the Panel on the proposed spectrum policy framework.

10 July 2006
(tentative)

10. Licensing of broadband wireless access (BWA) services

Last discussed on 14 March 2005. The second public consultation paper was issued on 31 August 2005. Deadline for submissions was 21 November 2005. The Administration is now reviewing the submissions and will brief the Panel on the proposed way forward in due course.

To be confirmed

11. Issues related to the protection of personal information of e-mail account subscribers

Arising from the recently reported incident in which it was alleged that Yahoo! Holdings (Hong Kong) had provided the Mainland authorities information regarding the personal emails of Mr SHI Tao, the Panel discussed the protection of personal information of e-mail account subscribers on 1 November 2005. Members agreed to re-visit the issues after relevant information has been received from the Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Personal Data (PCO), the Hong Kong Internet Services Providers Association and the Assistant Legal Adviser of the Secretariat.

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The paper prepared by the Assistant Legal Adviser 3 on the legal aspects of the subject has been circulated to all Members on 23 January 2006 vide LC Paper No. CB(1)771/05-06. An interim reply provided by PCO has been issued to all Members on 2 December 2005 vide LC Paper No. CB(1)445/05-06. PCO has also been reminded on 27 February 2006 to provide further information to the Panel.

Broadcasting

12. Revision of broadcasting licence fees

The Television and Entertainment Licensing Authority has conducted a costing exercise for the fees payable under the Broadcasting (Licence Fees) Regulation. It proposes to revise the fees according to the cost recovery principle. The Administration has proposed to brief the Panel in April 2006 on the revision of broadcasting licence fees after consulting the industry. The revision will be effected by way of subsidiary legislation subject to negative vetting.

10 April 2006

13. Review on public service broadcasting

On 17 January 2006, the Administration announced the appointment by the Chief Executive of an independent committee to review public service broadcasting (PSB) in Hong Kong. The Panel has met with the Administration, the Committee on Review of Public Service Broadcasting, RTHK Programme Staff Union on 25 January 2006 to

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discuss issues related to the review. Mr Raymond WONG, Chairman of the Committee has agreed to brief the Panel after the Committee has submitted a report on the review to the Chief Executive in October 2006.

The Panel has also received deputations' views on issues related to the review at the meeting on 11 March 2006.

14. Domestic/private pirated viewing of subscription television programmes

Last discussed on 11 July 2005. The Administration has been requested to, inter alia, monitor the global trend of regulatory practices against pirated viewing of pay TV programmes and update the Panel where necessary.

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15. Review of the broadcasting regulatory regime

In the light of technological and market convergence in the electronic communications sector, the boundaries between telecommunications, broadcasting and information technology are blurring. Some old concepts adopted for the regulation of broadcasting may become obsolete in the converging environment. Just like other jurisdictions, Hong Kong needs to update the regulatory regime in the light of latest technological and market developments to ensure that its framework remains conducive to the further development of the broadcasting industry in particular and the electronic communications industry in general.

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16. Opening up radio/TV channels for use of the community

Item proposed by the Deputy Chairman. The subject of public access channels has been considered in the context of the development of Digital Broadcasting in Hong Kong, licence renewal for television and sound broadcasters at the Panel meetings held on 27 June 2003, 5 December 2003, 12 January 2004, 8 March 2004 and 9 January 2006; and of review on public service broadcasting at the meeting on 25 January 2006 and 11 March 2006.

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On 18 February 2004, a motion on broadcasting policy moved by Hon SIN Chung-kai and as amended by Hon Howard YOUNG and Hon Andrew CHENG was passed by the Council urging the Government to, inter alia, establish public access television channels which may be operated by public organizations for the broadcast of programmes produced by community groups and the public. In its progress report, the Administration considered that given the vibrant broadcasting sector providing a variety of services to meet the communications needs of the public, there is no urgent need to set up a public channel.

The Panel received a letter from the Organizing Committee of the Citizens' Radio requesting the Panel to urge for the opening up of radio channels for the use of the community so as to safeguard the freedom of speech. The letter was circulated to Panel members on 19 October 2005 vide LC Paper No. CB(1)93/05-06(01). Representatives of the Citizens' Radio also attended the Panel's special meeting on 11 March 2006 and stated their position in support of the setting up of public access channels in Hong Kong.

The Administration has expressed its views on the provision of public access channels for sound broadcasting in its information paper entitled "Issues on Broadcasting" (CB(1)238/05-06(03)) which was considered by the Panel on 14 November 2005. At the same meeting, the Administration supplemented that there were other considerations in the provision of public access channels, such as the financial capability of the channel providers, channel governance and management as well as the accountability of these channels.

17. Issues related to the regulation of pornographic and violent materials transmitted through the mass media

In response to the letter from the "Anti-Pornographic & Violence Media Campaign" (vide LC Paper No. CB(1)519/05-06) requesting to discuss the subject with the Panel, the Chairman has agreed to include the item for the Panel to consider the subject at a Panel meeting in due course. Meanwhile, the Campaign has been invited to provide its submission, if any, for the Panel's consideration.

To be confirmed

18. Spectrum allocation for FM broadcasting

----- Proposed by the Deputy Chairman (his note (in Chinese only) is attached). The Administration has been invited to brief the Panel in due course.

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修訂調頻聲音廣播的頻譜編配

逕啓者：

按照現行「香港頻譜劃分表」87-108 MHz 廣闊的頻段是用作調頻廣播(FM)，但本港現時只有三個電台分別以十三條頻道進行類比聲音廣播，(未計前英軍電台頻段轉由駐港解放軍管理)，其中僅七個以調頻廣播，(另外六個以調幅廣播(AM))。但見各個電台以最大功率(3kW)作全港廣播的港島歌賦山發射站，各頻道之間間距由 2.1 至 4.3MHz 之多：

頻道	頻道(MHz)	間距(MHz)
--	87	1.1
商業一台	88.1	2.2
商業二台	90.3	2.3
香港電台第一台	92.6	2.2
香港電台第二台	94.8	2.8
香港電台第四台	97.6	2.1
新城娛樂台	99.7	4.3
新城財經台	104.0	4
--	108	--

當中，雖有頻段授予這七條頻道作為補充及區域性發射，但只以小功率(0.1-1kW)及少於 100W，不致覆蓋全港(見附件)。由於頻譜為珍貴資源，編配不周會引致浪費。

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爲此，本人謹此修函，懇請於資訊科技及廣播事務委員會其中一次會議上，開設議程討論，並請電訊管理局、廣播事務管理局(如有需要)及有關政府部門出席，講解現時用作調頻廣播的頻譜編配，並研究稍爲修改現行配予各頻道的超短波(特高頻)頻段，以容納更多全港或地區性電台，提高頻譜使用效益。

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此致

資訊科技及廣播事務委員會單仲偕主席及秘書

資訊科技及廣播事務委員會

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附上：香港聲音廣播服務的頻率表

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香港聲音廣播服務頻率表

電台名稱	頻道名稱	特高頻/調頻 頻率(MHz)							中頻/調幅 頻率(kHz)			
		歌賦山	九龍坑山	青山	金山	南丫	筆架山	飛鵬山	金山	坪洲		
商業電台	商業一台	88.1	88.3	88.6	88.9	89.1	89.2	89.5	—	—		
	商業二台	90.3	90.7	91.2	90.9	91.6	91.1	92.1	—	—		
	商業英文台	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
香港電台	香港電台第一台	92.6	93.2	93.4	92.9	93.6	93.5	94.4	—	864		
	香港電台第二台	94.8	95.3	96.4	95.6	96.0	96.3	96.9	—	—		
	香港電台第三台	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
	香港電台第四台	97.6	97.8	98.7	98.4	98.2	98.1	98.9	567	—		
	香港電台第五台	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
	香港電台第六台	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	783	—		
	香港電台普通話台	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	675		
新城電台	新城娛樂台	99.7	100.0	100.4	101.6	102.1	100.5	101.8	621	—		
	新城財經台	104.0	104.7	102.5	105.5	104.5	102.4	106.3	—	—		
	AM1044采訊台	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
有效發射功率(kW)		3	0.5	0.7	0.1	0.5	0.15	1	20	10		
隧道名稱	海底隧道	東區海隧	大老山隧道	西區海隧	大嶼隧道	獅子山隧道	香港仔隧道	機場隧道	柴門隧道	將軍澳隧道	長青隧道	愉景灣隧道
轉送頻率	調頻-歌賦山 調幅-金山 坪洲	調頻-飛鵬山 調幅-金山 坪洲	調頻-飛鵬山 調幅-金山 坪洲	調頻-歌賦山 調幅-金山 坪洲	調頻-金山 調幅-金山 坪洲	調頻-歌賦山 調幅-金山 坪洲	調頻-歌賦山 調幅-金山 坪洲	調頻-歌賦山 調幅-金山 坪洲	調頻-金山 調幅-金山 坪洲	調頻-飛鵬山 調幅-金山 坪洲	調頻-歌賦山 調幅-金山 坪洲	調頻-青山 調幅-金山 坪洲

註一：香港電台第三台其他區域性發射頻率：97.9 MHz (調頻，10 W 發射機功率，高信山)、106.8 MHz (調頻，60 W 發射機功率，春坎角)、1584 kHz (調幅，100 W 發射機功率，春坎角) 及 107.8 MHz (調頻，15 W 發射機功率，將軍澳)；調頻，37.5 W 發射機功率，天水圍。
 香港電台第五台其他區域性發射頻率：106.8 MHz (調頻，10 W 發射機功率，青山)、99.4 MHz (調頻，15 W 發射機功率，將軍澳) 及 92.3 MHz (調頻，37.5 W 發射機功率，天水圍)。
 香港電台普通話台其他區域性發射頻率：100.9 MHz (調頻，5 W 發射機功率，大坑道) 及 103.3 MHz (調頻，15 W 發射機功率，將軍澳)；調頻，37.5 W 發射機功率，天水圍。

註二：以上行車隧道均裝設轉播系統轉播所有商業電台、香港電台及新城電台的節目頻道。

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