

Panel on Commerce and Industry

List of follow-up actions

(position as at 8 October 2007)

Subject	Date of Meeting	Follow-up action required	Administration's response
1. 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.
2. Review of the effectiveness of the Professional Services Development Assistance Scheme	18.7.2006	The Administration was requested to provide information on the number of applications received under the Scheme and the amount of funding granted (by nature of the applicant organizations) and a comparison between the applications before and after the changes to the application procedures were introduced.	The Administration's response has been issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)2382/06-07 on 24 September 2007.
3. Promotion of inward investment	13.2.2007	The Administration has undertaken to provide the Panel with the cost of the consultancy study on the review of the current strategy for inward investment promotion after completion of the tendering exercise.	The information provided by the Administration has been circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)2406/06-07 on 27 September 2007.

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4. Economic Summit – Action Agenda of the Focus Group on Trade and Business	13.3.2007	The Administration has undertaken to provide a progress report in six months' time concerning the implementation of strategic proposals and proposed measures drawn up by the Focus Group, in particular the Central Government's stance and its response on the Action Agenda as well as the area in which support will be rendered.	The information provided by the Administration has been circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)2420/06-07 on 4 October 2007.
5. Issues relating to online data leakage by the Intellectual Property Department (IPD)	17.4.2007	<p>The Administration has undertaken to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) apprise the Panel of the investigation result on the causes leading to the online data leakage and whether anyone should be held responsible for the case; (b) simplify Form T6 (the notice of opposition) and Form T7 (the counter-statement) relating to trade marks opposition process so that members of the public could easily ascertain the information required when filling in those forms to avoid providing unsolicited information to the Trade Mark Registry in future, and to provide the Panel with copies of the duly revised forms for reference; and (c) apprise the Panel of the result after IPD had contacted and notified all the affected individuals of the disclosure of their data 	<p>The Administration's response has been issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)2230/06-07 on 1 August 2007.</p>

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		and their rights, etc, such as the responses of those individuals.	
6. Provision of assistance to Hong Kong-owned factories in the Mainland	17.7.2007	The Administration was requested to apprise the Panel of the vacancy rate of factory premises in Hong Kong.	The information will be provided in due course.
7. Provision of assistance to ice cream vendors	17.7.2007	The Administration was requested to actively review the concerned licensing policy through inter-departmental collaboration with a view to relaxing the relevant requirements so as to provide more business opportunities for ice cream vendors, thereby creating more employment opportunities for local workers.	The Administration to follow up and provide a response for the Panel's information.
8. Strategic framework for Innovation and Technology Development	17.7.2007	The Administration was requested to provide further information on the 79 projects being undertaken by the five R&D Centres, such as the total cost of each project, the actual level of industry contribution secured by the Centre for each project, and the administrative cost involved for each project.	The information provided by the Administration has been circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)2383/06-07 on 24 September 2007.
9. Improvements to the Small Entrepreneur Research Assistance Programme (SERAP) and the University-Industry Collaboration Programme	17.7.2007	The Administration was requested to: (a) provide an information paper detailing the objective of SERAP and the rationale of introducing a six-year cut off period for the recoupment of SERAP funding, etc.	(a) The Administration has decided to implement other improvements to SERAP first and further consider the

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(UICP) under the Innovation and Technology Fund		(b) provide a written reply on whether approval from the Finance Committee (FC) should be sought on the current proposed relaxation of geographical requirement of UICP. If the Administration arrived at a conclusion that there was no need to seek FC's approval on the proposed relaxation, relevant justifications had to be provided.	recoupment proposal. The Administration will issue a written reply to confirm that the recoupment proposal has been put on hold and will further consult the Panel if there is any change. (b) The Administration's response has been issued to member vide LC Paper No. CB(1)2384/06-07 on 24 September 2007.