

**Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting**

**List of follow-up actions**

(position as at 11 January 2008)

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up action required	Administration's response
1. Implementation on Digital 21 Strategy and the e-procurement programme	11.12.06	<p>The Administration has agreed to :</p> <p>(a) consider members' suggestions that e-invoice be considered for the pilot programme to drive supplier adoption, and assess and apprise the Panel of the increase in percentage, if any, of SME suppliers having Internet connection as a result of the implementation of e-Procurement, and SMEs' response to and their degree of participation in the e-Procurement programme; and</p> <p>(b) assess the actual benefits of the e-Procurement pilot programme against the benefits listed in paragraph 12 of the Administration's paper (LC Paper No. CB(1)435/06-07(03)) and the extent to which green procurement is adopted.</p>	<p>(a) The Administration considers that the proposed scope for the pilot programme encompassing four e-Procurement initiatives with an estimated non-recurrent expenditure of \$49.2 million is a prudent and pragmatic way to proceed. However, the Administration will keep in view opportunities for trying out the e-invoice function when circumstances are conducive.</p> <p>(b) The Administration will assess the actual benefits of the e-Procurement pilot programme at the review stage.</p>
	9.7.07	<p>The Administration undertook to:</p> <p>(a) revert to the Panel prior to the roll out of the secure personal identification number (Secure PIN) embedded in the Smart ID</p>	<p>(a) The Administration issued a Risk Assessment Reference Framework for Electronic Authentication in</p>

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	16.10.07	<p>Card; and</p> <p>(b) update members in November 2007 on the initiatives in bridging the digital divide and the progress of implementation of measures to enhance ICT adoption of the six disadvantaged groups, namely the elderly, children of low-income families, female homemakers, new arrivals, single parents and persons with disabilities and/or chronic illness.</p> <p>The Administration undertook to:</p> <p>(a) provide information in writing on Internet access services at the Hong Kong Airport and payphone kiosks as well as the availability of free Internet access services within the Government buildings or in the vicinity after office hours; and</p> <p>(b) expedite the uploading of Government forms on web as far as practicable and to update the Panel on developments.</p>	<p>October 2004 to help departments conduct the necessary risk assessment and choose an appropriate authentication method for their online services. Should any government departments have plan to roll out the Secure PIN, the Administration will revert to the Panel prior to the roll out.</p> <p>(b) The Administration's information paper on the various measures and programmes undertaken to build a digitally inclusive society for Hong Kong has been circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)441/07-08 issued on 13 December 2007.</p> <p>The Administration's reply to (a) and (b) has been circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)430/07-08 issued on 12 December 2007.</p>

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2. Information Security	9.7.07	<p>The Administration undertook to provide information in writing on:</p> <p>(a) the need or otherwise for legislative amendments on information security governance of public organizations and regulated sectors; and</p> <p>(b) the outstanding security improvement work of public organization, reasons of slippage, and target completion date, as well as the compliance difficulties/problems identified, assistance requested by the organizations and the assistance provided by OGCIO to help tackle the problems.</p> <p>The Administration has agreed to:</p> <p>(a) include "security audit" in the summary of implementation progress in future reporting, in addition to the six categories, namely security management, security governance,</p>	<p>(a) Regulatory bodies had been asked to assess whether legislative amendments would be required to help them tighten their regulatory regimes for information security. In response, they considered that amendment to the existing legislations was not necessary because most of them either had information security already addressed by their respective regulatory regime, or sufficient security measures had been put in place.</p> <p>(b) All the public organisations have confirmed that they will complete their outstanding security improvement work within 2007.</p> <p>(a) The Administration has taken note.</p>



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		<p>the event of disruptions in IDD and Internet services;</p> <p>(b) the damage and losses suffered by SMEs as a result of the Internet disruptions caused by earthquake damage to undersea cables on 26 and 27 December 2006 (the Incident); and</p> <p>(c) specific measures to help SMEs impacted by the Internet outage during the Incident and in future.</p>	<p>(b) The Administration to provide the information when ready.</p> <p>(c) The SME Booklet on Information Security had been published to include a new section on disaster recovery and business continuity planning for SMEs' reference in planning for adverse conditions in future. The related information was also available on the Government one-stop information security portal for public access.</p>
<p>5. Issues relating to the editorial independence of Radio Television Hong Kong and the yardsticks of the Broadcasting Authority in imposing sanctions</p>	<p>12.3.07</p>	<p>The Administration has been requested to review:</p> <p>(a) the mechanism for appointing members to BA (or the new unified regulator, i.e. the Communications Authority (CA)), including the criteria for appointment and composition of membership, with a view to bringing in more talents with different backgrounds to enhance representativeness;</p> <p>(b) the complaints handling mechanism of BA (or the future CA) with a view to enhancing</p>	<p>(a) The Administration to take note and follow up.</p> <p>(b) The Administration provided the requested information for</p>



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		(b) consider making quality of service and past performance record as pre-qualification criteria for service providers bidding in the auction for BWA spectrum.	(b) As highlighted in the Panel Paper, OFTA will address the issue in a forward-looking manner by imposing a special condition in the BWA licences to require the licensees to comply with any code of practice or guideline which the Telecommunications Authority may issue for the purpose of providing practical guidance in respect of the protection and promotion of the interests of consumers of telecommunications goods and services.
8. Radio reception	16.10.07	The Administration undertook to further study the issue of poor radio reception and to furnish the Panel with supplementary information setting out its plan and time-table for improving AM and FM broadcasting transmission and reception.	The Administration to take note and follow up.
9. Review of regulatory framework for universal service arrangements	18.7.07	The Administration has been requested to provide information and statistics on the decline or otherwise of the profit margin of service providers providing external communications services (ETS) and the ETS traffic volume (i.e. IDD minutes), as well as the amount of compensation to PCCW following the implementation of the new Universal Service Contribution Scheme.	The Administration's response has been circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)281/07-08 on 19 November 2007.

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<p>10. Capital Works Reserve Fund (CWRP) Head 710 Computerization Subhead A007GX – New administrative computer systems</p>	<p>12.11.07</p>	<p>The Administration agreed to provide information on:</p> <p>(a) the allocation under CWRP Head 710 Computerization for the past seven years, showing the amount of allocation and expenditure by Government bureaux and departments; and</p> <p>(b) the present in-house IT manpower resources within the Government, and make an analysis of the present IT manpower situation in the Government in comparison with other governments and advanced countries.</p>	<p>(a) The Administration's response has been circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)404/07-08 issued on 10 December 2007.</p> <p>(b) The requisite information is not readily available on public resources. The Administration will continue to look for relevant sources and will update the Panel on the outcome in due course.</p>
<p>11. Provision of radio frequency spectrum for the introduction of broadband wireless access (BWA)</p>	<p>10.12.07</p>	<p>The Administration has been requested to:</p> <p>(a) provide supplementary details on the BWA licensing conditions and the regulatory regime;</p> <p>(b) keep the Panel posted of the outcome of frequency coordination with the Guangdong authorities; and</p> <p>(c) provide statistics on service-related complaints received by TA with breakdowns including the number received, investigated and/or satisfactorily resolved etc.</p>	<p>(a) The Administration to provide the information in due course.</p> <p>(b) The Administration will keep the ITB Panel informed of the outcome of frequency coordination with the Guangdong authorities.</p> <p>(c) The Administration will provide the information in due course.</p>



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12. Survey results on broadcasting services and complaint handling mechanism of Television and Entertainment Licensing Authority	10.12.07	<p>The Broadcasting Authority (BA) has been requested to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) consider consulting the broadcasting industry on discouraging the use of lazy pronunciation in BA's code of practice;</li><li>(b) consider surveying on respondents' listening habits for and before 2004 in the 2009 broadcasting services survey;</li><li>(c) provide the relevant statistics in the 2007 broadcasting services survey in support of the survey observation that BA was considered as "effective, fair, independent and reliable" in dealing with broadcasting complaints.</li><li>(d) provide detailed information on the complaint cases and the sanctions imposed by BA during the period 1 September 2006 to 31 August 2007. [Note: Paragraph 12 of the LC Paper No. CB(1) 383/07-08(05) refers.]</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) BA to note and follow-up.</li><li>(b) BA to note and follow-up.</li><li>(c) BA to provide the information in due course.</li><li>(d) BA to provide the information in due course.</li></ul>