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**Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting
Meeting on 19 February 2008**

Agenda Item I - Policies relating to the regulation of radio broadcasting and the use of radiocommunications apparatus for the purpose of radio broadcasting

Opening statement of DS(CT)

- The paper provided to Members covers the regulation of radio broadcasting in Hong Kong as stipulated under the Telecommunications Ordinance (Cap.106). The Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development (SCED) has also explained to Members the Government's sound broadcasting policy and related matters at recent meetings of the Legislative Council and this Panel.
- I will not repeat all the points here, but wish to reiterate that the provision of radio broadcasting service through airwave involves the use of frequency spectrum, and unregulated operation of broadcasting and telecommunications equipment will cause interference. Radio broadcasting is thus licensed under the Ordinance and unlicensed broadcasting is an offence.
- May I now invite Mrs Marion Lai, the Director-General of Telecommunications, to introduce the relevant legislative provisions and enforcement action taken by her office. Mr Ian Grenville Cross, the Director of Public Prosecutions of Department of Justice, will then explain the concerned prosecution policy.