

Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting

List of follow-up actions

(position as at 6 June 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>
2. Issues relating to the editorial independence of Radio Television Hong Kong and the yardsticks of the Broadcasting	12.3.07	<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</p>	The Administration to take note and follow up.

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Authority in imposing sanctions		<p>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; and</p> <p>(b) the yardsticks of BA in imposing sanctions.</p>	
3. Progress in the implementation of digital terrestrial television broadcasting in Hong Kong	11.6.07	The Administration has been requested to provide an estimate on the economic benefits arising from the analogue switch-off in due course.	The Administration to provide the information at a later stage when it has conducted further market and technical studies to plan for the analogue switch-off.
4. 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.
5. Capital Works Reserve Fund (CWRP) Head 710 Computerization Subhead A007GX – New administrative computer systems	12.11.07	The Administration agreed to provide information on 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.	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.
6. Provision of radio frequency spectrum for the introduction of broadband wireless access (BWA)	10.12.07	The Administration has been requested to keep the Panel posted of the outcome of frequency coordination with the Guangdong authorities.	The Administration will keep the ITB Panel informed of the outcome of frequency coordination with the Guangdong authorities.

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7. Consultation on the implementation framework of mobile television services and development of digital audio broadcasting in Hong Kong	29.1.08	The Administration was requested to consider putting in an additional paper for public consultation on the development of community radio/public access channels for non-commercial minority/community groups and non-profit making organizations.	The Administration to note for consideration.
8. Policies relating to the regulation of radio broadcasting and the use of radiocommunications apparatus for the purpose of radio broadcasting	19.2.08	<p>The Administration was requested to provide information on:</p> <p>(a) the criteria and related policies for approving applications for temporary/short-term and locality-specific sound broadcasting licences; and</p> <p>(b) details of the frequency band approved for the use of Hong Kong Franklin Graham Festival in December 2007.</p>	The Administration to provide the information in due course.
9. Report on the Cyberport project	10.3.08	<p>The Administration has been requested to provide the following information:</p> <p>(a) in relation to the seminar on 12 March 2008 in which Mrs Regina Yip was the speaker:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the seminar topic and the number of attendees; - the advertising and publicity expenses of the seminar and the comparison with the expenses of other similar seminars organized in the past; 	The Administration to provide the information in due course.

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		<p>(b) ranking of Cyberport among world's leading information and technology set-ups or similar projects;</p> <p>(c) details of delegations from overseas and the Mainland visiting Cyberport since March 2007, and the breakdown of the number of persons/delegations who visited Cyberport at the invitation of the Government;</p> <p>(d) reasons for the great discrepancy between the management fee income and the operating expenditure for managing the Cyberport Project;</p> <p>(e) the marketing and promotion costs (including the inventory list of assets acquired in relation to sales and marketing) for the sale of the ancillary Residential Portion (residential flats at Bel Aire), the ownership of the assets, and details of the mechanism for approval and scrutiny of related expenditure, if any;</p> <p>(f) details of the policy on management fee under the tenancy of the Cyberport Portion;</p> <p>(g) the upper ceilings set for the construction costs of the Cyberport Portion and the ancillary Residential Portion; and</p> <p>(h) details of the financial control and auditing</p>	

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		<p>mechanism, if any, to ensure that the expenditure incurred in the Cyberport Project was fair, just and reasonable.</p>	
<p>10. Progress update on the implementation of Film Development Fund</p>	<p>14.4.08</p>	<p>In relation to the local film industry's concern about the difficulty in obtaining the approval of the State Administration of Radio, Film and Television for the release, distribution and shooting of Hong Kong films in the Mainland following the film "Lust Caution", the Administration was requested to provide a written report on the matter and account for the measures/initiatives taken/to be taken to reduce market barriers and facilitate Hong Kong film industry's access to the Mainland market.</p>	<p>The information provided by the Administration has been circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)1660/07-08(01) on 26 May 2008.</p>
<p>11. Progress update on the E-government Programme</p>	<p>13.5.08</p>	<p>The Administration/OGCIO has been requested to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) advise the Panel at the special meeting to be held on 30 May 2008 when the Government departments/bureaux concerned would complete their investigations on the recent data leakage incidents; (b) co-ordinate and submit a report on the findings and recommendations of the investigations undertaken at (a) above as early as practicable before the end of the current legislative session; (c) provide information/statistics on the ICT 	<p>The Administration to provide the information in due course.</p>

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		penetration rate of SMEs in Hong Kong; and (d) report to the Panel in due course the task force's findings and recommendations in respect of barriers to ICT adoption and measures on promoting wider use of ICT among SMEs.	
12. Progress update on the implementation of the Unsolicited Electronic Messages Ordinance (Cap. 593)	13.5.08	The Administration has been requested to provide statistics and breakdown on complaints/reports of contraventions received by the OFTA and service providers prior to and after the commencement of the UEMO.	The information provided by the Administration has been circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)1705/07-08(01) on 29 May 2008.

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