

Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting

List of follow-up actions

(position as at 5 December 2007)

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</p>	<p>(a) The Administration issued a Risk Assessment Reference Framework</p>

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	16.10.07	<p>(Secure PIN) embedded in the Smart ID 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</p>	<p>for Electronic Authentication in 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) An information paper will be circulated to update Members on building a digitally inclusive society for Hong Kong in early December.</p> <p>(a) The Administration to provide the information in due course.</p> <p>(b) There are already more than 95%</p>

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		<p>on web as far as practicable and to update the Panel on developments.</p>	<p>of Government forms made available online. The Administration encourage bureaux/departments to make forms available online wherever feasible. For the remaining forms, there are still legal, procedural or business related problems to tackle with. The Administration will continue to liaise with the concerned bureaux/departments to review the feasibility of further improvement beyond the 95% rate. It should nevertheless be recognized that there would always be a small proportion of forms which may not be available through the Internet for good reasons.</p>
<p>2. Information Security</p>	<p>9.7.07</p>	<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>(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</p>

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		<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, adoption of security technologies, handling restricted/classified information, staff awareness and training, and the Information Technology services outsourcing; and</p> <p>(b) follow-up with and provide support to Independent Police Complaints Council on enhancing information security.</p>	<p>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> <p>(b) SB and OGCIO had followed up with Independent Police Complaints Council. The latter would complete their outstanding security improvement work within</p>

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3. Further discussion on issues relating to change in shareholding in PCCW Limited and cross-media ownership	11.1.07	The Administration has been requested to provide an explanation for members' information if the BA decides not to take any action after the investigation.	The Administration to revert to the Panel for detailed explanation where necessary.
4. Issues relating to Internet disruptions caused by earthquake damage to undersea cables	15.1.07 17.4.07	The Administration has been requested to provide a copy of the survey study report to be available at a later stage. The Administration has been requested to provide detailed information relating to: (a) OFTA's contingency plan in response to emergency and its mechanism for disseminating information to consumers in the event of disruptions in IDD and Internet services; (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	The survey on residential broadband use has recently been completed. A report on the way forward has been published on 2 May 2007 following discussion by a working group with representatives from the four broadband internet service providers. (a) The Administration to provide the information when ready. (b) The Administration to provide the information when ready.

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		(c) specific measures to help SMEs impacted by the Internet outage during the Incident and in future.	(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.
5. Issues relating to the editorial independence of Radio Television Hong Kong and the yardsticks of the Broadcasting Authority in imposing sanctions	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 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 transparency and credibility; and</p> <p>(c) the yardsticks of BA in imposing sanctions.</p>	<p>The Administration to take note and follow up.</p> <p>The Administration will provide information on the complaint handling mechanism of TELA, the executive arm of BA, for the Panel meeting on 10 December 2007.</p>

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<p>6. Progress in the implementation of digital terrestrial television broadcasting in Hong Kong</p>	<p>11.6.07</p>	<p>The Administration has been requested to provide an estimate on the economic benefits arising from the analogue switch-off in due course.</p>	<p>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.</p>
	<p>16.10.07</p>	<p>The Administration undertook to update the Panel on the progress of the rural works programme to improve television reception in Yuen Long area and to report to the Panel on the outcome of follow-up with Asia Television Limited on reception in Tung Chung area.</p>	<p>The Administration's response regarding TV reception in Tung Chung area has been circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)217/07-08 on 7 November 2007.</p>
	<p>12.11.07</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) target the completion of the five transmission stations under Phase II to achieve 75% digital coverage before the 2008 Beijing Olympics in August 2008; (b) consider using part of the \$150 million allocated for the publicity and promotion of 2008 Olympic Games to expedite the roll-out of transmission network to achieve close to 99% digital coverage by the 2008 Beijing Olympics; (c) consider relaxing regulatory restrictions on the use of commercial programmes for DTT soft launch; and 	<p>The Administration to take note and follow up.</p> <p>Concerning parts (a) to (c), the Administration announced on 26 November that –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the two broadcasters would advance the target of 75% digital coverage to early August 2008, before 2008 Beijing Olympics; (b) the roll-out of transmission network to achieve digital coverage comparable to analogue (i.e. over 99%) would be carried out as soon as practical; and

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		(d) provide information on the possible health risks of DTT with reference to international study, if any.	(c) the two broadcasters were allowed to carry out DTT soft launch with commercial programmes.
7. Release of spectrum for broadband wireless access services	18.7.07	<p>The Administration has been requested to:</p> <p>(a) update members in writing on the findings and the conclusion of the two-month consultation scheduled to end on 18 July 2007.</p> <p>(b) consider making quality of service and past performance record as pre-qualification criteria for service providers bidding in the auction for BWA spectrum.</p>	<p>(a) The Administration will brief members at the ITB Panel meeting to be held on 10 December.</p> <p>(b) The Administration to take note and follow up.</p>
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	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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		implementation of the new Universal Service Contribution Scheme.	
10. Capital Works Reserve Fund (CWRP) Head 710 Computerization Subhead A007GX – New administrative computer systems	12.11.07	The Administration agreed to provide information on: (i) 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 (ii) 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 Administration to provide the information in due course.