

Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting

List of follow-up actions

(position as at 14 October 2008)

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up action required	Administration's response
1. Domestic/private pirated viewing of subscription television programmes	11.7.05	The Administration was requested to monitor the global trend of regulatory practices against pirated viewing of pay TV programmes and update the Panel where necessary.	The Administration will provide an information paper to update the Panel on developments.
2. Implementation on Digital 21 Strategy and the e-procurement programme	11.12.06	<p>The Administration 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>

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3. 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 was 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; and</p> <p>(b) the yardsticks of BA in imposing sanctions.</p>	The Administration to take note and follow up.
4. Progress in the implementation of digital terrestrial television broadcasting in Hong Kong	11.6.07	The Administration was 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.
5. 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 information provided by the Administration was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)1955/07-08(01) on 18 June 2008.
6. 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.

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7. Provision of radio frequency spectrum for the introduction of broadband wireless access (BWA)	10.12.07	The Administration was requested to keep the Panel posted of the outcome of frequency coordination with the Guangdong authorities.	The Administration to follow up.
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 information provided by the Administration was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)1955/07-08(01) on 18 June 2008.
9. Report on the Cyberport project	10.3.08	<p>The Administration was 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 information provided by the Administration was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)2300/07-08(01) on 17 September 2008.

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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 mechanism, if any, to ensure that the</p>	

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		expenditure incurred in the Cyberport Project was fair, just and reasonable.	
10. Progress update on the E-government Programme	13.5.08	<p>The Administration/OGCIO was requested to:</p> <p>(a) advise the Panel when the Government departments/bureaux concerned would complete their investigations on the recent data leakage incidents;</p> <p>(b) co-ordinate and submit a report on the findings and recommendations of the investigations undertaken at (a);</p> <p>(c) provide information/statistics on the ICT penetration rate of SMEs in Hong Kong; and</p> <p>(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.</p>	<p>The Administration to provide the information in due course.</p> <p>The information provided by the Administration was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)1830/07-08(01) on 10 June 2008.</p> <p>The relevant information as set out in paragraphs 54 to 56 of the Administration's paper for the Panel meeting on 10 June 2008 was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)1755/07-08(03) on 3 June 2008.</p>
11. Review of the broadcasting regulatory regime	--	In the light of technological and market convergence in the electronic communications sector, the boundaries between telecommunications, broadcasting and information technology are blurring. Some old	The Administration will provide an information paper to update the Panel on developments.

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		concepts adopted for the regulation of broadcasting may become obsolete in the converging environment. Just like other jurisdictions, Hong Kong needs to update the regulatory regime in the light of latest technological and market developments to ensure that its framework remains conducive to the further development of the broadcasting industry in particular and the electronic communications industry in general.	

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