

Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting

List of follow-up actions

(position as at 17 November 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 Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) 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 (BA) 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), 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. Capital Works Reserve Fund 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	10.12.07	The Administration was requested to keep the Panel posted of the outcome of frequency coordination with the Guangdong authorities.	The information provided by the Administration was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)147/08-09(01) on 30 October 2008.

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7. Progress update on the E-government Programme	13.5.08	<p>The Administration/Office of the Government Chief Information Officer 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; and</p> <p>(b) co-ordinate and submit a report on the findings and recommendations of the investigations undertaken at (a).</p>	The Administration to provide the information in due course.
8. Review of the broadcasting regulatory regime	19.2.2008 10.6.2008	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 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 the 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.	The Administration will update the Panel on developments in due course.
9. Technology development	21.10.2008	The Administration was requested to provide information on cases of technology transfer to the industry through applied research and development during the past 5 years.	The information provided by the Administration was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)164/08-09(01) on 5 November 2008.

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10. Information security	21.10.2008	The Administration undertook to provide a paper on the review of security regulations and policies as well as security enhancement programmes and measures in place to promote information security.	A brief account on the progress of security enhancement programmes and measures implemented was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)205/08-09(01) on 13 November 2008. A comprehensive update would be provided at the Panel's meeting in December 2008.

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