

Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting

List of follow-up actions

(position as at 2 February 2010)

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up action required	Administration's response
1. Domestic/private pirated viewing of subscription television programmes	11.7.2005	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 update the Panel on developments where necessary.
2. Implementation on Digital 21 Strategy and the e-procurement programme	11.12.2006	<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	12.3.2007	<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	11.6.2007	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	12.11.2007	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 in public domain. The Administration will continue to look for relevant sources and will update the Panel on the outcome in due course.
6. 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	The Administration will update the Panel on developments in due course.

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		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.	
7. Information security	13.7.2009	<p>The Administration was requested to:</p> <p>(a) provide, in a table form, detailed information on the number of data leakage incidents, the nature of leakage, follow-up action including whether the incident had been reported to the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data (PCPD) and disciplinary action taken at the next update to the Panel on the progress of the security initiatives; and</p> <p>(b) urge bureaux and departments to notify PCPD all personal data leaks, either in paper or electronic form, to cooperate with PCPD upon its enquiry and investigation into the cases which had not been reported to it.</p>	The Administration to take note and follow up.
8. Briefing by the Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development on relevant policy initiatives featuring in the Chief Executive's 2009-2010 Policy Address	20.10.2009	<p>The Administration undertook to:</p> <p>(a) provide an update report on the progress made in providing more business opportunities for local small and medium enterprises in the information technology sector under the overall Government procurement policy and the Government Procurement Agreement under the World Trade Organization; and</p> <p>(b) provide information (e.g. survey findings) in support</p>	<p>(a) The Administration will continue to explore room for flexibility and provide an update to the Panel when there is new development.</p> <p>(b) The Administration to take</p>

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		of Radio Television Hong Kong remaining as a Government department while performing the role of a public service broadcaster.	note and follow up.
9. Capital Works Reserve Fund Head 710 Computerization Subhead A007GX – New administrative computer systems	9.11.2009	<p>The Administration was requested to:</p> <p>(a) provide information on the criteria/guiding principles for awarding contracts for outsourced Government information technology (IT) projects;</p> <p>(b) provide information and statistics on the number of Government IT projects awarded to local small and medium-sized enterprises in the IT sector under the Capital Works Reserve Fund Head 710 Subhead A007GX last year; and</p> <p>(c) consider publishing tender-related, statistics and information on the website for transparency.</p>	<p>The information provided by the Administration was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)1049/09-10(01) on 1 February 2010.</p> <p>The Administration will publish relevant tender-related statistics and information on its website.</p>
10. Review on regulation of person-to-person telemarketing calls	9.11.2009	The Administration was requested to provide statistics on the number of local telemarketing companies/call centres in Hong Kong, and the number of local employees hired by such establishments.	The Administration has commenced preparation work for studying the employment situation in the telemarketing industry to obtain the necessary information and will report to the Panel in due course.

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<p>11. Progress update of the review of the Administration of Internet domain names in Hong Kong</p>	<p>14.12.2009</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) provide a paper on measures to be put in place in the event of a termination of the Designation Agreement (the Agreement) to safeguard privacy and protect personal data in the handing over of such data to the new designee, and the mechanism for registrants to opt out of the service of the new designee and retrieve their personal data; (b) provide a definition of the "competent authority" in Clause 10.1 of the draft Agreement, as well as a written response to the comments raised by the Legal Services Division of the Legislative Council Secretariat as contained in LC Paper No. CB(1)656/09-10(01) before finalizing and executing the Agreement and the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU); and (c) convey to the Board of Directors of the Hong Kong Internet Registration Corporation Limited members' concern about the level of subscription fees and charges, and the use of the company's income/surplus. 	<p>The information provided by the Administration was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)1029/09-10(01) on 28 January 2010.</p>
<p>12. Making available radio spectrum in the 850 MHz, 900 MHz and 2 GHz bands for public mobile services</p>	<p>11.1.2010</p>	<p>The Administration undertook to provide detailed information on the study in the United Kingdom in which Hong Kong was ranked third in the world in respect of broadband access, as well as the parameters for measurement deployed in the study.</p>	<p>The Administration to take note and follow up.</p>

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13. Chargeable mobile content services delivered via Short Messaging Services	11.1.2010	The Consumer Council (CC) undertook to provide: (a) an analysis of the settlement arrangements in respect of the complaints received by CC about billing disputes in connection with chargeable content services provided through Short Messaging Services; and (b) a written submission on CC's views on the industry Code of Practice and suggestions on ways to enhance the effectiveness of enforcement.	The CC to take note and follow up.

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