

Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting

List of outstanding items for discussion

(position as at 12 October 2009)

Proposed timing for discussion

1. **Public service broadcasting and the future of Radio Television Hong Kong**

At the special meeting on 5 October 2009, the Administration briefed the Panel on the Government's decision on the way forward in respect of public service broadcasting and the future of the Radio Television Hong Kong (RTHK) as announced on 22 September 2009. Panel members were also briefed on the public consultation exercise on how the new RTHK should operate to fulfil its mission as a public service broadcaster in Hong Kong. The Panel will hold a further meeting in November 2009 to receive views from deputations and members of the public on the subject.

Special meeting in
November 2009

2. **Capital Works Reserve Fund Head 710 Computerization Subhead A007GX – New administration computer systems**

The Administration will brief the Panel and seek members' support on the funding requirement for 2010-2011 for the implementation of computerization projects under Capital Works Reserve Fund Head 710 Computerization Subhead A007GX (Block Allocation).

November 2009

3. **Progress update on the review of the Administration of Internet Domain Names in Hong Kong**

At the Panel meetings held on 11 December 2008, 7 April and 8 June 2009, the Panel followed up the progress of the review on administration of Internet domain names in Hong Kong, including the changes to the governance structure and the accountability of the Hong Kong Internet Registration Corporation Limited (HKIRC), and the proposed enhancement of HKIRC's public accountability through a new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to be signed with the Government. The Consultative and Advisory Panel established under the HKIRC was consulted in June 2009 on the draft outline of the MOU. The administration was preparing the text of the MOU and will seek HKIRC's comments. The Administration will provide a further update to the Panel when the new MOU is ready.

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4. Review of the Unsolicited Electronic Messages Ordinance

As person-to-person telemarketing calls are currently not regulated by the Unsolicited Electronic Messages Ordinance, some Legislative Council Members have urged the Government to consider introducing legislation to regulate such calls. According to the Administration, the Office of the Telecommunications Authority (OFTA) has commissioned a public opinion survey and collected views from the industry. The Government is now analysing the views collected and will soon release the results of the two surveys, with the Government's views on what, if any, further action may be required in respect of person-to-person calls. At members' request, the Panel will follow up the issue in the 2009-2010 legislative session.

November 2009

5. Promoting the development of local creative industries

The Administration will brief the Panel on the progress of the work of Create Hong Kong and the relevant initiatives undertaken to support creative industries and develop the creative economy in Hong Kong.

To be confirmed

6. Annual report on Cyberport

The Administration and the Cyberport management will give an annual briefing to the Panel on the progress of the Cyberport Project.

To be confirmed

7. Progress report on the Digital 21 Strategy

At the Panel meeting held on 9 February 2009, the Panel was briefed on the finalized Statements of Desired Outcomes (SDOs) for the five actions areas under the Digital 21 Strategy that formed the blueprint for the development of information and communication technology in Hong Kong. The Administration will update members on the implementation of the Key Performance Indicators for measuring progress towards SDOs and the results achieved.

To be confirmed

8. Update on Film Development Fund

At the Panel meeting held on 7 April 2009, the Panel was updated on the progress of the implementation of the Film Development Fund (FDF). The Panel called on the Administration to consider the suggestions put forward by members and deputations to streamline the application and vetting procedures, and to further improve the operation of the FDF to meet the needs of the film industry. The Administration will formulate improvement measures based on the feedback received and report the matter to the Panel in due course.

To be confirmed

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9. Digital terrestrial television update

The Administration will brief the Panel on the latest development of digital terrestrial television (DTT) services, including progress on network roll-out, status of DTT take-up by the viewing public and the latest publicity.

To be confirmed

10. Review of Control of Obscene and Indecent Articles Ordinance – second round of public consultation

The Administration will brief the Panel on proposals for the second round of public consultation on the review of Control of Obscene and Indecent Articles Ordinance.

To be confirmed

11. Progress update on the E-Government development

The Administration will update the Panel on the latest progress on E-government development.

To be confirmed

12. Review of telephone directory enquiry service

In accordance with the current licence condition, fixed carrier licensees are required to provide directory information services (including printed directory and directory enquiry service) free of charge to the customers. No such licensing requirement is imposed on mobile carrier licensees. The OFTA has recently commissioned an independent consultant to conduct a market survey to find out the public's perception and expectation on the directory information services. Subject to the findings of the survey, the OFTA will conduct a public consultation to solicit the views and comments from the general public and the industry on the proposed way forward.

To be confirmed

13. Progress report on the pilot run of Consumer Complaint Settlement Scheme

At the Panel meeting held on 30 June 2009, the Panel was briefed on the progress of a pilot programme for the Consumer Complaint Settlement Scheme (CCSS Pilot Programme) administered by the OFTA. The pilot programme will run for a further 8 months, after which OFTA will conduct a comprehensive review, and engage the industry in the discussion of the viability of setting up a CCSS in the long run. The Administration will report to the Panel the results of the review in due course.

To be confirmed

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14. Mid-term review of the domestic free television programme service licences

At the Panel meeting held on 30 June 2009, the Administration updated members on the progress of the mid-term review of the domestic free television programme service licences of Asia Television Limited and Television Broadcasts Limited. The Broadcasting Authority (BA) would review the performance of the licensees, including assessing their compliance with various regulatory requirements, their financial commitments for 2010 to 2015 and public views on their performance. BA will make recommendations to the CE in Council after completion of the review. The Administration will report the latest development of the matter to the Panel in due course.

To be confirmed

15. Information security

The Administration will brief the Panel on the progress of Government's information security enhancement programmes since the last update on 13 July 2009.

To be confirmed