

Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting

List of follow-up actions

(position as at 10 June 2011)

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	The Administration agreed to : (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	(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.

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		<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>(b) The Administration will assess the actual benefits of the e-procurement pilot programme at the review stage.</p> <p>With the progressive rollout of the pilot e-procurement system, the Administration has recently started a post pilot review of the programme and will update the Panel in due course on the outcome of the review, including (a), (b) and the way forward.</p>
<p>3. Issues relating to the editorial independence of Radio Television Hong Kong and the yardsticks of the Broadcasting Authority (BA) in imposing sanctions</p>	<p>12.3.2007</p>	<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>	<p>The Administration to take note and follow up.</p>

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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. 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.
6. Briefing by the Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development on relevant policy initiatives featuring in the Chief Executive's	20.10.2009	The Administration undertook to 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.	The Administration will continue to explore room for flexibility and provide an update to the Panel when there is new development.

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2009-2010 Policy Address			
7. Progress update on E-Government development	13.5.2010	The Administration was requested to report to the Panel the findings of the study on overseas practices on e-engagement in countries such as the United States, United Kingdom, Australia and Singapore.	The Administration will submit the report to the ITB Panel once it is ready.
8. Media Asset Management of Radio Television Hong Kong (RTHK)	10.12.2010	RTHK was requested to provide details of its submission to the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau on the funding requirements for the Media Asset Management project.	The information provided by the Administration was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)2135/10-11(01) on 9 May 2011.
9. Update on digital terrestrial television	10.1.2011	<p>The Administration was requested to:</p> <p>(a) provide information on covered areas of digital terrestrial television (DTT) services and the locations of all fill-in stations (with the nine fill-in stations to be set up by end 2011), and the areas which were yet to be covered by such services;</p> <p>(b) provide information on the programme content and development plan of Asia Television Limited, Television Broadcast Limited and Radio Television of Hong Kong on increasing the production of High Definition television programme; and</p>	The Administration will submit the information to the ITB Panel in due course.

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		(c) provide information on the audience ratings of channel 13 (TVS), channel 14 (CTI-Asia), channel 15 (CCTV4) and channel 17 (Shenzhen Satellite Channel) in the past six months.	
10. Radio Television Hong Kong - new developments in public service broadcasting	14.2.2011	The Administration was requested to provide more information on the initiative of community involvement in broadcasting and to brief Panel members before its commencement.	The Administration to take note and follow up.
11. Annual report on Cyberport	14.3.2011	The Administration was requested to provide a detailed breakdown by the type of jobs created under the Cyberport IncuTrain programme, including the academic/professional qualifications of the employees and their salary levels.	The Administration to take note and follow up.
12. Progress report on digital inclusion	14.3.2011	The Administration was requested to formulate a long term plan with reasonable and attainable targets on digital inclusion in respect of different underprivileged groups.	The Administration to take note and follow up.
13. Manpower arrangement of Radio Television Hong Kong (RTHK)	14.3.2011	In connection with the recruitment of staff for RTHK, a motion urging the Administration to accord priority to serving non-civil service contract staff (NCSC) and formulate a comprehensive plan to retain quality serving staff was passed at the meeting. The Administration was requested to provide:	The Administration will submit the information to the ITB Panel in due course.

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		(a) a written response to the motion; and (b) information on the progress of the RTHK promotion and recruitment exercises of civil servants for the 80 vacancies in the Programme Officer Grade, including the number of NCSC staff recruited and the number of NCSC staff who had to accept a lower pay upon recruitment as civil servants.	

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