

## Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting

### List of outstanding items for discussion

(position as at 11 October 2010)

#### Proposed timing for discussion

#### 1. Capital Works Reserve Fund Head 710 Computerization Subhead A007GX – New Administrative Computer Systems

The Administration will brief the Panel and seek members' support on the funding requirement for 2011-2012 for the implementation of computerization projects under Capital Works Reserve Fund Head 710 Computerization Subhead A007GX (Block Allocation).

November 2010

#### 2. Chargeable mobile content services

At the Panel meeting held on 11 January 2010, the Administration briefed members on the billing disputes in connection with chargeable mobile content services (MCS) provided through Short Messaging Services, and the action that had been taken by the Office of Telecommunications Authority (OFTA) to address the problem and the voluntary industry Code of Practice (CoP) promulgated by the Communications Association of Hong Kong for improving transparency of charging information of chargeable MCS. The Administration will report the progress of implementation and the effectiveness of the CoP after the CoP has operated for some time.

November 2010

#### 3. Mid-term review of sound broadcasting licences

The current sound broadcasting licences of Hong Kong Commercial Broadcasting Company Limited and Metro Broadcast Corporation Limited run from 26 August 2004 to 25 August 2016. The Telecommunications Ordinance and the licences provide that the licences concerned shall be subject to review by the Chief Executive (CE) in Council in 2010. Broadcasting Authority will take into account public feedback on the radio services provided by the two licensees before making recommendations to the CE in Council. The Administration will brief the LegCo Panel on the conduct of the mid-term review exercise.

November 2010

#### 4. Spectrum Utilization Fee

For the more efficient use of spectrum, OFTA has commenced a consultancy study to develop a charging scheme for the use of spectrum which is administratively assigned. The Administration plans to consult the public in the fourth quarter of 2010 on the relevant proposals and brief the Panel accordingly.

December 2010

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for discussion**

**5. Annual report on Cyberport**

The Administration and the Cyberport management will report to the Panel the progress of the Cyberport Project.

March 2011

**6. Progress report on Film Development Fund**

The Administration will update members on the progress of implementation of the Film Development Fund since its last report in December 2009.

May 2011

**7. Progress report on the work of Hong Kong Design Centre**

The Administration will report to the Panel the progress of the work of the Hong Kong Design Centre and the relevant initiatives taken to promote design and innovation.

May 2011

**8. Progress update on the E-Government development**

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

June 2011

**9. Information security**

The Administration will brief the Panel on the progress of Government's information security enhancement initiatives since the last update on 12 July 2010.

July 2011

**10. Consumer Complaint Settlement Scheme**

At the Panel meeting held on 14 June 2010, the Panel was briefed on the progress of the 18-month pilot programme for the Consumer Complaint Settlement Scheme (CCSS) administered by OFTA. The Administration will update the Panel on the proposed way forward following the end of the six-month consultation on the future implementation of the CCSS.

To be confirmed

**11. Digital terrestrial television update**

The Administration will update the Panel on the latest progress of implementation of the digital terrestrial television (DTT) services, including progress on network roll-out, supply of receiver products in the consumer electronic market, public response and the latest publicity.

To be confirmed

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**12. Market survey about auctioning special telecommunications numbers**

OFTA conducted a survey on the general public and companies on their views of getting special telecommunications numbers through auctions. The Telecommunications Authority is examining the result of the survey. If it is considered justifiable to pursue the initiative, the Administration will draw up an implementation framework and consult the public. The Administration will brief the Panel on the subject when necessary.

To be confirmed

**13. New initiatives of Radio Television Hong Kong (RTHK)**

The Administration will update the Panel on the new initiatives to be undertaken by RTHK, including the provision of digital audio broadcasting services and the RTHK new headquarters.

To be confirmed

**14. Progress update on digital inclusion**

The Administration will update members on the latest progress on digital inclusion.

To be confirmed

**15. Progress update on digital economy**

The Administration will update members on the latest progress of digital economy.

To be confirmed

**16. 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

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

The Administration will brief the Panel on the progress of the review of Control of Obscene and Indecent Articles Ordinance.

To be confirmed

**18. Review of Local Access Charge**

At the Panel meeting held on 14 June 2010, the Panel was briefed on the outcome of the public consultation conducted by the OFTA on the review of the local access charge in Hong Kong. The Administration plans to launch the second round of consultation by the end of 2010 based on a recommended approach. The Administration will brief the Panel on the outcome of the consultation and the way forward when

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necessary.

**19. Review on regulation of person-to-person telemarketing calls**

At the Panel meeting on 9 November 2009, the Administration briefed members on the findings of the two opinion surveys commissioned by the OFTA in respect of person-to-person (P2P) telemarketing calls and the actions to be taken in the light of the information collected from the surveys. Some members doubted whether voluntary self-regulation by the industry by way of the Code of Practice (CoP) would be effective in tackling the problems caused by P2P telemarketing calls and considered it necessary to introduce legislation to regulate such calls.

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After consultation with the industry, a benchmark CoP was finalized and circulated to industry associations and major telecommunications operators in February 2010. Up to end August 2010, three major telecommunications operators and one telemarketing industry association have confirmed implementation of their own CoP, based on the benchmark CoP of OFTA. They have posted their commitments and CoP on their websites for public information and scrutiny. Also, another telemarketing industry association, one telecommunications industry association and three industry associations in the financial and insurance services sectors have indicated their support for the scheme. The Administration will update the Panel on the progress of the implementation of the voluntary CoP after it has operated for some time.

**20. Spectrum trading**

OFTA has appointed a consultant to study the feasibility of introducing radio spectrum trading in Hong Kong for facilitating economic and technically efficient use of this scarce public resource. The Administration is examining the recommendations made by the consultant. If it is considered justifiable to pursue the initiative, the Administration will draw up an implementation framework and consult the public. The Administration will brief the Panel on the subject when necessary.

To be confirmed

**21. Sponsored programme and advertising of a political nature on radio**

At the Panel meeting held on 14 June 2010, the Panel was briefed on the current regulatory regime governing advertisement of a political nature and sponsoring of programmes on radio. Subsequent to the Broadcasting Authority's ruling on the sponsorship of a radio programme by a certain political party and a paid radio announcement by a Legislative Member, Hon Emily LAU requested that a Panel meeting be held with the Administration, relevant statutory bodies and

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deputations to discuss the matter.

**22. Study on private sector involvement in the operation of the Hongkong Post Certification Authority e-Cert services**

The Administration will brief the Panel on the progress of the Study on Private Sector Involvement in the Operation of the Hongkong Post Certification Authority e-Cert Services.

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