

Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting

List of outstanding items for discussion

(position as at 3 December 2010)

**Proposed timing
for discussion**

1. Digital terrestrial television update

The Administration will update the Panel on the latest progress of implementation of the digital terrestrial television services, including progress on network rollout, supply of receiver products in the consumer electronics market, public response and latest publicity.

10 January 2011

2. Update on work of Create Hong Kong (CreateHK)

The Administration will update the Panel on the latest work of CreateHK in promoting the development of creative industries in Hong Kong.

10 January 2011

3. New hosting infrastructure for e-Government services

The Administration will brief the Panel and seek members' support on the funding requirement for developing a new infrastructure for hosting bureaux/departments' e-government online services. Funding approval will be sought from the Finance Committee afterwards.

10 January 2011

4. Update on the operation of the Hongkong Post Certification Authority e-Cert services

The Administration will brief the Panel on the planning relating to the operation of the Hongkong Post Certification Authority e-Cert Services.

14 February 2011

5. Result of Sound Broadcasting Mid-term Review

The Administration will brief the Panel on the result of the sound broadcasting licences mid-term review.

14 February 2011

6. Annual report on Cyberport

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

14 March 2011

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7. Proposed creation of new civil service grade in OFTA

The Administration will brief the Panel on OFTA's proposal to create a new civil service grade in order to meet the long term service needs for regulatory staff in the required professional fields to perform the multifarious regulatory work of the telecommunications sector.

14 March 2011

8. Progress report on digital inclusion

The Administration will report to the Panel the latest development of the various major digital inclusion initiatives undertaken by the Government since the last update on 12 April 2010.

11 April 2011

9. Next Generation Government Wi-Fi Programme

The Government Wi-Fi Programme was launched in 2007 to provide free Wi-Fi Internet services at about 390 Government premises of high public patronage. The current programme covers 5 years, and related service contract will expire by December 2012. The Administration is making preparations for the Next Generation Government Wi-Fi programme to succeed the present one. The new programme will adopt forward-looking technologies and enhance the delivery of government information and electronic services. The Administration will brief and seek the Panel's support on the proposed programme with a view to submitting a financial proposal to the Finance Committee in May 2011 for approval.

11 April 2011

10. Report on Film Development Fund and Retention of the Non-Civil Service Position of Secretary-General of the Film Development Council

The Administration will brief the Panel on the progress of the Film Development Fund and the proposal to retain the non-civil service position of Secretary-General of the Film Development Council for a period of two years after the expiry of the current term in November 2011.

9 May 2011

**Proposed timing
for discussion**

11. 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.

9 May 2011

12. Progress update on the E-Government development

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

13 June 2011

13. Extension of existing Digital Entertainment Incubation-cum-Training (Incu-Train) Programme

The Hong Kong Cyberport Management Company Limited (CML) proposes to extend its existing Incu-Train Programme. The Administration will brief the Panel on the proposed extension and plans for additional provision from the Innovation and Technology Fund to support the proposal of CML to extend its Incu-Train Programme into a third phase.

13 June 2011

14. 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.

11 July 2011

15. Facilitating a digital economy, and promoting technological innovation, cooperation and trade

The Administration will brief the Panel on the progress of the initiatives that facilitate a digital economy, and promote technological innovation, cooperation and trade.

11 July 2011

16. Customer Complaint Settlement Scheme

At the Panel meeting held on 14 June 2010, the Panel was briefed on the outcome of the 18-month pilot programme for the Customer Complaint Settlement Scheme (CCSS) administered by OFTA. The Administration will propose a way forward for the CCSS with reference to the views collected in the public consultation and brief the Panel in due course.

To be confirmed

**Proposed timing
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17. 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

18. 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

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.

To be confirmed

After consultation with the industry, a benchmark CoP was finalized and circulated to industry associations and major telecommunications operators in February 2010. Up to mid November 2010, three major telecommunications operators and one telemarketing industry association have implemented 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.

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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 Council Member, Hon Emily LAU requested that a Panel meeting be held with the Administration, relevant statutory bodies and deputations to discuss the matter.

To be confirmed

22. Mobile data charges

In view of the increasing public concern about the rising problem of exorbitant mobile data charges, and the cap on mobile data charges that came into force recently in the European Union to protect consumers from "bill shock", members suggested that a Panel meeting should be held with the Administration to discuss the matter with a view to drawing up a long-term policy and time-table to regulate mobile data charges. The Secretariat was requested to prepare an information note on Hong Kong and overseas practices in this regard to facilitate discussion.

To be confirmed