

Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting
List of follow-up actions
(position as at 3 December 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	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. 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 the study on the employment situation in the telemarketing industry to obtain the necessary information and will report to the Panel in due course.
8. Development of digital audio broadcasting (DAB)	8.3.2010	The Administration undertook to provide an update after the Chief Executive in Council had considered the recommendations made by the BA in relation to licensing applications for commercial DAB services.	Legislative Council Brief (File Ref: CTB(CR)9/1/7) on the decision of the Chief Executive in Council to grant approval-in-principle to the three applications for DAB licences was issued to all Members on 5 November 2010.
9. Progress report on the work of Hong Kong Design Centre	13.5.2010	The Administration undertook to provide information on the practices in overseas jurisdictions and the facilitating measures adopted to promote the development of creative industries.	The Administration to take note and follow up.

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10. Promoting the development of local creative industries	13.5.2010	The Administration undertook to provide information on the follow-up action taken by the Government in relation to the consultancy study commissioned by the Home Affairs Bureau whereby a set of some 40 indicators were identified to review the adequacy and effectiveness of the existing provision of public arts education in Hong Kong, and the indicators that have been adopted/not adopted and the reasons thereof.	The Administration to take note and follow up.
11. 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 study will be completed by early 2011.