

Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting

List of follow-up actions

(position as at 7 February 2012)

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 completed a post pilot review of the programme. A study on e-invoice was also completed. The Administration will update the Panel in April 2012 on the outcome of the review and study on (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>The Administration to take note and follow up.</p>

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		(b) the yardsticks of BA in imposing sanctions.	
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	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	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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relevant policy initiatives featuring in the Chief Executive's 2009-2010 Policy Address		Government Procurement Agreement under the World Trade Organization.	
7. Provision of funding to enhance support to the Hong Kong Design Centre (HKDC) cum progress report of HKDC's work	14.11.2011	The Administration undertook to report progress of the possible transfer of the administration of the Design Incubation Programme from the Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation to HKDC.	The Administration will brief members on its proposal to transfer the administration of the Design Incubation Programme from the Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation to HKDC at the ITB Panel meeting on 13 February 2012.
8. Provision of funding to enhance support to the HKDC cum progress report of HKDC's work	14.11.2011	The Administration was requested to provide information on the examples of successful commercialization of design deliverables of Hong Kong.	The Administration to take note and follow up.
9. Progress report on the manpower arrangement of Radio Television Hong Kong (RTHK)	9.1.2012	The Administration was requested to report progress of RTHK's on-going promotion and recruitment exercises for the Programme Officer grade to the Panel at an appropriate time.	The Administration to take note and follow up.