

Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting
List of follow-up actions
(position as at 2 April 2012)

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| 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. Issues relating to the editorial independence of Radio Television Hong Kong and the yardsticks of the Broadcasting Authority (BA) in imposing sanctions | 12.3.2007 | The Administration was requested to review: (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 (b) the yardsticks of BA in imposing sanctions. | The Administration to take note and follow up. |
| 3. 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. |

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| 4. 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. |
| 5. Briefing by the Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development on relevant policy initiatives featuring in the Chief Executive's 2009-2010 Policy Address | 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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| 6. 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 was requested to provide information on the examples of successful commercialization of design deliverables of Hong Kong. | The information provided by the Administration was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)1453/11-12(01) on 29 March 2012. |
| 7. 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. |
| 8. Provision of funding for extension of the Design Incubation Programme (DIP) | 13.2.2012 | The Administration was requested to provide a breakdown of the respective amounts of funding to be used for rentals paid to the Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation and the operating expenses to be incurred by HKDC in the second phase DIP. | The information provided by the Administration was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)1448/11-12(01) on 29 March 2012. |