

Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting

List of outstanding items for discussion

(position as at 10 October 2011)

Proposed timing for discussion

1. Capital Works Reserve Fund Head 710 Computerization Subhead A007GX (Block Allocation) – New administrative computer systems

The Administration will brief the Panel and seek members' support on the funding requirement for 2012-2013 for the implementation of computerization projects under Capital Works Reserve Fund Head 710 Computerization Subhead A007GX (Block Allocation).

20 October 2011

2. Issues relating to the appointment of the Director of Broadcasting

At the special meeting held on 19 September 2011, members agreed to hold a special meeting to discuss the item "Issues relating to the appointment of the Director of Broadcasting".

21 October 2011

3. Establishment of the Office of the Communications Authority

The Administration will brief the Panel on the setting up of the Office of the Communications Authority by merging the Office of the Telecommunications Authority and the Broadcasting Division of the Television and Entertainment Licensing Authority. Approval will be sought from Establishment Subcommittee/Finance Committee afterwards.

November 2011

4. Progress report on the work of Hong Kong Design Centre

The Administration will update the Panel the progress of the work of the Hong Kong Design Centre and the relevant initiatives taken to promote design and innovation since its last report in April 2011.

November 2011

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for discussion**

5. Manpower arrangement of Radio Television Hong Kong

At the Panel meeting on 14 March 2011, the Panel met with the Administration and representatives of the Radio Television Hong Kong (RTHK) Programme Staff Union to discuss the manpower arrangement of RTHK. A motion urging the Administration to accord priority to serving non-civil service contract staff and formulate a comprehensive plan to retain quality serving staff for RTHK was passed at the meeting. The Administration was requested to report progress of the recruitment and promotion exercises to the Panel.

December 2011

6. Community involvement in broadcasting

At the Panel meeting held on 14 February 2011, the Panel was briefed on the comprehensive package to support the development in the next few years of Radio Television Hong Kong (RTHK) as the public service broadcaster. The Panel noted that RTHK was working on the framework and possible ground rules for the initiative of community involvement in broadcasting taking into account public opinion. The Administration was requested to provide more information on the initiative and to brief Panel members before its commencement.

December 2011

At the Panel meeting held on 13 June 2011, the Panel requested the Administration to provide an update on the initiative of community involvement in broadcasting should there be any preliminary findings. The Administration aims to provide an update in about the 4th quarter of 2011

7. Update on the work of the 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 since its last update in January 2011.

February 2012

8. Digital terrestrial television update

The Administration will update the Panel on the latest progress of implementation of the digital terrestrial television services since its last update in July 2011.

March 2012

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for discussion**

9. Annual report on Cyberport

The Administration and the Cyberport management will update the Panel the progress of the Cyberport Project since its last report in March 2011.

April 2012

10. Progress report on digital inclusion

At the Panel meeting held on 14 March 2011, the Panel was briefed on the progress of the Government's digital inclusion initiatives, including the Internet Learning Support Programme (ILSP). The Administration will periodically report progress on the implementation of ILSP to the Panel.

May 2012

At the same meeting, the Administration advised that statistics on ICT usage in the community would be available in mid-2011. In addition, the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer would commission a further study on ICT take-up of people with disabilities and the elderly later in 2011. At members' request, the Administration will report the findings of the above studies to the Panel when such findings are available, and will formulate a long term plan with reasonable and attainable targets on digital inclusion in respect of different underprivileged groups.

11. Progress update on the E-Government development

The Administration will update the Panel on the latest progress of E-government development since its last report in June 2011.

June 2012

12. 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.

June 2012

13. Information security

The Administration will brief the Panel on the progress of Government's information security enhancement initiatives since the last update in June 2011.

July 2012

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14. Facilitating a digital economy under the Digital 21 Strategy

The Administration will brief the Panel on the progress of the initiatives that facilitate a digital economy, and promote technological innovation, cooperation and trade since its last update in July 2011.

July 2012

15. 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 May 2011.

To be confirmed

16. Development of the New Broadcasting House in Tseung Kwan O

At the Panel meeting held on 14 February 2011, the Panel was briefed on the comprehensive package to support the development in the next few years of Radio Television Hong Kong (RTHK) as the public service broadcaster. The Panel agreed that the development of the New Broadcasting House in Tseung Kwan O should be discussed after completion of the relevant feasibility study.

To be confirmed

17. 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, OFTA has finalized a benchmark CoP and circulated it to industry associations and major telecommunications operators in February 2010. The benchmark CoP includes guidelines requesting telemarketers to disclose identity and calling line identification information when

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making such calls. Telemarketers are also requested to maintain an in-house unsubscribe list for the public to make unsubscribe request.

According to the Administration, industry associations of four business sectors, namely finance, insurance, telecommunications service and call centre, have pledged support for the voluntary self-regulation scheme. Up to mid March 2011, the industry associations of insurance companies, banks, restricted licence banks and deposit-taking companies, three major telecommunications operators, two telemarketing industry associations, and a major telecommunications industry association have implemented their own CoP. The Administration will update the Panel on the progress of the implementation of the voluntary CoP after it has operated for some time.

18. 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

19. 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. At the Panel's request, the Research Division undertook to provide an information note on the preventive measures of mobile bill shock implemented in the European Union. The information note was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)1195/10-11 on 31 January 2011.

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20. 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

21. 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

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