

Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting

List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 9 July 2015)

**Proposed timing
for discussion**

1. Review of certain conditions of carrier licences issued under the Telecommunications Ordinance (Cap. 106)

The Administration will brief the Panel on the results of the consultation on the review of conditions in carrier licences (other than exclusive licences) issued under the Telecommunications Ordinance ("TO") and the way forward.

To be confirmed

2. Digital terrestrial television ("DTT") update

The Administration will update the Panel on the latest progress of implementation of the DTT services since February 2013.

To be confirmed

3. Review of the Broadcasting Ordinance and the Telecommunications Ordinance

During the deliberation of the Bills Committee on Communications Authority Bill, the Administration advised that a staged approach would be adopted in modernizing the regulatory regime for the broadcasting and telecommunications sectors. The Administration would first establish the Communications Authority ("CA") through the structural merger of the former Telecommunications Authority ("TA") and the Broadcasting Authority ("BA") to enable the CA to deal with increasing market convergence as soon as possible. Upon establishment, the CA would take over the existing functions of the TA and the BA under the TO, the Broadcasting Ordinance ("BO") and other relevant ordinances applicable to the broadcasting and telecommunications sectors. The Administration and the CA would then carry out a review of the existing regulatory regimes and introduce legislative changes to update and rationalize the TO and the BO.

To be confirmed

**Proposed timing
for discussion**

At the Panel meeting on 16 October 2012, Hon Charles Peter MOK requested that the Administration should brief the Panel on the progress of the matter.

4. Proposed creation of two supernumerary directorate posts in the Communications and Technology Branch of the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau

The Administration will consult the Panel on the proposed creation of one supernumerary Administrative Officer Staff Grade B post and one supernumerary Administrative Officer Staff Grade C post to lead a team in reviewing the TO and the BO.

To be confirmed

5. Spectrum trading

The former Office of the Telecommunications Authority (replaced by the Office of the Communications Authority since 1 April 2012) 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, together with the latest international trend and the market situation in Hong Kong in detail to map out the way forward.

To be confirmed

On 24 January 2013, the Administration requested that discussion on the issue, originally scheduled for the meeting on 4 February 2013, be deferred. The Administration will brief the Panel on the next step of the work plan once ready.