Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting

List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 8 December 2015)

	Proposed timing for discussion
1. Issues relating to the policy on digital audio broadcasting	
The Administration will brief the Panel on issues relating to the policy on digital audio broadcasting.	11 January 2016
2. Progress report on the work of Hong Kong Design Centre	
The Administration will update the Panel on the progress of the work of the Hong Kong Design Centre and the relevant initiatives taken to promote design since December 2014.	11 January 2016
3. Update on the work of the Create Hong Kong	
The Administration will update the Panel on the latest work of Create Hong Kong in promoting the development of creative industries since February 2015.	16 February 2016
4. Review on regulation of person-to-person telemarketing calls	
The Administration will brief the Panel on the result of the Consultancy Study on person-to-person telemarketing calls and the way forward.	1st quarter 2016
5. Smart City Pilot Scheme in Kowloon East	
The Administration will brief the Panel on the implementation of the pilot smart city digital initiatives in Kai Tak Development and Kowloon East area.	1st quarter 2016

6.   Arrangements for the frequency spectrum in the 900 MHz and 1800 MHz bands upon expiry of the existing frequency assignments

The Administration will brief the Panel on the first consultation to be launched by the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau and the Communications Authority concerning the arrangements for the frequency spectrum in the 900 MHz and 1800 MHz bands upon expiry of the existing frequency assignments.

1st quarter/ 2nd quarter 2016

7.   Wi-Fi Connected City

The Administration will brief the Panel on the promotion of Wi-Fi Connected City through collaboration with public and private sectors to provide free Wi-Fi services in more premises throughout the territory.

11 April 2016

8.   Annual report on Cyberport

The Administration and the Cyberport management will update the Panel on the progress of the Cyberport Project since May 2015.

9 May 2016

9.   Progress report on digital inclusion

The Administration will update the Panel on the latest progress of digital inclusion, including the progress of implementation of the Internet Learning Support Programme since April 2015.

13 June 2016

10.   Progress update on the e-Government development

The Administration will update the Panel on the latest progress of e-Government development since June 2015.

13 June 2016

11.   Progress update on digital economy

The Administration will brief the Panel on the progress of the initiatives that facilitate a digital economy under the Digital 21 Strategy since July 2015.

11 July 2016

12. Information security

The Administration will update the Panel on the latest progress of Government's information security programmes since July 2015.

11 July 2016

13. Digital terrestrial television update

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

To be confirmed

14. 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 CA to deal with increasing market convergence as soon as possible. Upon establishment, CA would take over the existing functions of the TA and the BA under the TO, the BO and other relevant ordinances applicable to the broadcasting and telecommunications sectors. The Administration and 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

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.

| | **Proposed timing**
for discussion |

15.   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.

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