

Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting

List of outstanding items for discussion

(position as at 8 February 2017)

**Proposed timing
for discussion**

1. Review on the development of Digital Audio Broadcasting

The Administration will brief the Panel on the review on the development of digital audio broadcasting.

13 March 2017

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

The existing assignments of spectrum in the 900 MHz and 1800 MHz bands will expire between November 2020 and September 2021. Following the first consultation on the arrangements for re-assignment conducted in early 2016, the Administration will brief the Panel on the second consultation scheduled to be launched in February 2017.

13 March 2017

3. Implementation of a Centrally Managed Messaging Platform

The Administration will seek the Panel's support on the implementation of a Centrally Managed Messaging Platform.

13 March 2017

4. Review on the regulation of person-to-person telemarketing calls

At the Panel meeting on 11 April 2016, the Administration briefed the Panel on the findings of the survey on person-to-person telemarketing calls.

10 April 2017

The Administration will brief the Panel on the conduct of the public consultation on the regulation of person-to-person telemarketing calls.

**Proposed timing
for discussion**

5. Wi-Fi Connected City Programme

The Administration will brief the Panel on the latest work progress of the Wi-Fi Connected City Programme.

10 April 2017

6. Internet access service in rural areas

The Administration will brief the Panel on the Internet access service in rural areas.

8 May 2017

7. Review of the Broadcasting Ordinance and the Telecommunications Ordinance

The Administration is committed to reviewing the existing regulatory regimes and introducing legislative changes to the Telecommunications Ordinance (Cap. 106) and the Broadcasting Ordinance (Cap. 562) ("the Ordinances") following the establishment of the Communications Authority on 1 April 2012.

12 June 2017

The Administration will brief the Panel on the latest development regarding the review of the Ordinances.

8. Smart City development

The Administration will brief the Panel on the latest work progress of Smart City development.

12 June 2017

9. Enhancement of e-Government services

The Administration will brief the Panel on the measures for the enhancement of e-Government services.

2nd quarter of 2017

10. Progress report on Innovation and Technology Fund for Better Living and Digital Inclusion

The Administration will brief the Panel on the latest work progress of Innovation and Technology Fund for Better Living and Digital Inclusion.

10 July 2017

**Proposed timing
for discussion**

11. 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. In June 2016, the Administration indicated that it would conduct a study on the latest overseas experience including the updated market situation to chart the way forward. The Administration will brief the Panel on the progress of this matter.

To be confirmed

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