

LegCo Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting

List of Follow-up Actions

(as at June 1999)

Subject	Date(s) of relevant meeting(s)	Follow-up Actions Required	Outcome
<p>1. 1998 Review of Fixed Telecommunications</p> <p>1.1 Issue of further FTNS licences</p> <p>1.2 Issue of interception</p>	<p>10.5.99</p> <p>8.2.99</p>	<p>Decision to extend the moratorium on the issue of further local FTNS licences until 31 December 2002 was made subject to satisfactory commitments from the three new FTNS licensees on further network rollout during the moratorium.</p> <p>The Administration would give the three new FTNS licensees about four weeks to consider the above proposal.</p> <p>S/ITB to examine the issue of interception in conjunction with the Security Bureau.</p>	<p>The Administration would brief the Panel further on 12 July 1999.</p> <p>Concerns noted by the Administration.</p>

2. Review of Television Policy	14.12.98	The Administration was urged to expedite introduction of the Broadcasting Bill and to report further progress to the Panel.	Reply awaited.
3. Progress of the Year 2000 compliance exercise	8.3.99	Panel members agreed that all LegCo Panels should follow up the Y2K progress in the major sectors under their respective purviews.	All LegCo Panels have held at least one meeting to examine the Y2K progress within their policy areas. A consolidated report would be made to the House Committee in late June.
	10.5.99	The Administration to update the Panel on the latest position of Y2K compliance within Government as well as in non-government organisations which provide essential services, and the related contingency and publicity plans.	The issue would be followed up at a meeting in August.

4. The Cyberport Project	5.5.99	<p>That a copy of the agreement with PCG be provided</p> <p>The Administration to draw lessons from the project in devising the policy and future mechanism in handling similar development proposals from potential proponents.</p>	<p>The relevant legal documents are being finalised. The Panel would be briefed on the main provisions in due course.</p> <p>Request noted. The subject matter is under review.</p>
5. Public Opinion Survey on the Operation of the Control of Obscene and Indecent Articles Ordinance (COIAO)	10.5.99	<p>The Administration to take the following actions –</p> <p>a) To refer to overseas experience and examine the introduction of a jury system in the Obscene Articles Tribunal when formulating policy proposals for public consultation in 1999.</p> <p>b) To gear up publicity and enforcement of the classification systems under the COIAO and the Film Censorship Ordinance.</p>	Reply awaited.