

LegCo Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting

List of Follow-up Actions (as at December 1999)

Subject	Date(s) of relevant meeting(s)	Follow-up Actions Required	Outcome
1. Progress of the Year 2000 compliance exercise	8.3.99, 10.5.99 2.8.99	Panel members agreed that all LegCo Panels should follow up the Y2K progress and contingency planning in the major sectors under their respective purviews.	All LegCo Panels have examined the Y2K compliance progress and contingency planning within their policy areas and a consolidated report will be submitted to the House Committee for consideration at its meeting on 17 December 1999.
	13.9.99	The Administration to consider spreading out testings of mission-critical systems during the roll-over to 1 January 2000.	Proposal being followed up by the Administration.

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2. The Cyberport Project	13.9.99	<p>The Administration to include in the programme chart the progress of the Project agreement and to report to the Panel details of the agreement with PCG when it is finalised.</p> <p>The Administration to report to the Panel the board membership of the Cyberport Company upon its appointment.</p>	<p>The relevant legal documents are being finalised. The Panel will be briefed on the main provisions in due course.</p> <p>Reply awaited</p>

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3. 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) To refer to overseas experience and examine the introduction of a jury system in the Obscene Articles Tribunal (OAT) when formulating policy proposals for public consultation in 1999. b) To gear up publicity and enforcement of the classification systems under the COIAO and the Film Censorship Ordinance. c) To consider the proposal to merge into one the classification systems under the COIAO and the Film Censorship Ordinance. d) To examine in future surveys the role of NGOs in preventing juveniles from accessing obscene and indecent articles. 	The Administration will follow up.
	12.10.99	The Administration to conduct regular opinion surveys on the OAT's performance having regard to resources available.	Request noted by the Administration.

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<p>4. Measures to promote the development of the film industry and to enhance Hong Kong's position as a film production centre</p> <p>4.1 Location shooting</p> <p>4.2 Fight against piracy</p> <p>4.3 Encouraging creativity</p>	<p>14.6.99</p>	<p>The Administration to follow up with the Airport Authority on the criteria for setting the level of fees they charge for location shooting at the airport.</p> <p>ITBB to liaise with the Trade and Industry Bureau regarding additional legal tools against piracy, and to gear up public education to educate the community on the importance of intellectual property protection.</p> <p>ITBB to relay members' concern to the Education and Manpower Bureau to urge tertiary institutions to ensure that their programmes on film production could respond to present needs.</p>	<p>Issue being followed up by the Administration.</p> <p>Issue being followed up by the Trade and Industry Bureau. The Trade and Industry Panel will monitor.</p> <p>Request noted by the Administration.</p>

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5. Insallation and use of software in Government - the problem about the use of unlicensed software	12.7.99	<p>Housing Department (HD) to provide more information on the extent of the use of pirated software in the Finance Unit of its Commercial & Services Branch</p> <p>HD to submit to the Panel the final report on the investigation and information on the action taken by the Department on offending staff.</p> <p>ITBB to provide before June 2000 a comprehensive report on the internal software audits by individual bureaux/departments and the follow-up actions.</p>	<p>Reply awaited</p> <p>Reply awaited</p> <p>Reply awaited</p>
6. Competition issues related to the telecommunications industry	12.10.99	ITBB to relay to the Trade and Industry Bureau some members' proposal to set up a cross-sector fair competition commission to conduct arbitration in the event of disputes among different sectors on competition issues.	Request noted by the Administration.