

Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting

List of outstanding items for discussion (position as at 2 March 2004)

Proposed timing for discussion*

IT-related issues

1. 2004 Digital 21 Strategy

25 March 2004

Last discussed on 23 October 2003. The Administration would brief the Panel on the 2004 Digital 21 Strategy, formulated after considering the submissions received during the public consultation in late 2003.

2. Review on IT Easy Link services

April 2004

Last discussed on 14 April 2003. The Administration was requested to revert to the Panel on the progress development of the services in about one year's time.

3. Progress update on E-government programme

July 2004

Last discussed on 12 January 2004. The next progress report will be submitted to the Panel in about July 2004.

4. Development of the Global Positioning System and postcode system

April/May 2004

When considering the progress on E-government programme on 12 January 2004, the Panel agreed to review the progress on the development of the Global Positioning System and postcode system with the Administration in April/May 2004.

5. Progress of Cyberport Project

To be considered

Last discussed on 12 January 2004. The Administration was requested to report as much further information as practicable on the Cyberport project before the end of the current LegCo term in July 2004 and to provide a comprehensive report on the project by end 2004/early 2005. The Panel will pay a visit to the Cyberport in June/July 2004.

* The meeting where the item will be discussed will be subject to confirmation nearer the time.

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Broadcasting and film services

6. Measures to facilitate the development of film industry

25 March 2004

At the Panel meeting held on 4 March 2003, the Administration was requested to brief the Panel on issues relating to the development of the film industry in about a year's time.

7. Issues relating to the development of Radio Television Hong Kong (RTHK)

April/May 2004

During the Panel's visit to RTHK on 13 January 2004, it was agreed that the Panel would consider various issues relating to the development of RTHK as a public service broadcaster at a future meeting. The Chairman has agreed that the Panel will follow up issues relating to the accommodation needs of RTHK, including the proposed new Broadcasting House; development of ETV service; and the possibility of making available RTHK's popular productions for sale.

Telecommunications

8. Labelling Scheme for hand-held mobile phones

April 2004

To ensure that mobile telephone being marketed in Hong Kong meet the international standards on radiation safety, the Administration has implemented a voluntary labelling Scheme from 1 April 2003 to facilitate consumers' choice on mobile phone. Hon Fred LI has raised a question on the subject at the Council meeting held on 14 May 2003. It has been proposed that the Administration should review the implementation of the scheme with the Panel, preferably in about six months' time.

The Administration has advised in October 2003 that OFTA would require more time to see the effect of the scheme and to gauge the market response. Hence, it proposes to review the scheme with the panel in April 2004.

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Proposed timing for discussion*

9. Licensing of mobile services on expiry of existing licences for second generation mobile services

To be confirmed

The Administration has issued the first consultation paper in August 2003 to solicit views from the industry and interested parties on the future licensing arrangements after the licences for second generation mobile services (2G licences) expire. The first consultation ended on 2 October 2003. The Administration is studying the submissions and will revert to the Panel in due course.

10. Second consultation paper on the review of the regulatory policy for Type II interconnection

To be confirmed

Last discussed on 25 February 2004. The Administration was requested to brief the Panel on the way forward after it has studied submissions in detail and made a decision in the first half of 2004.

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