Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting

List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 16 April 2004)

Proposed timing for discussion*

IT-related issues

1.   Review on IT Easy Link services   May 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.

2.   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.

3.   Development of the Global Positioning System and postcode system

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 (GPS) and postcode system with the Administration in April/May 2004.

The Administration has recently proposed that it will provide a technical paper on GPS for circulation to members and forward the paper on postcode system to the Panel on Economic Services for follow-up. The Chairman has agreed with the proposed course of actions.

4.   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.

Proposed timing for discussion*

Telecommunications

5.   **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.   A second consultation paper has been issued by the Administration on 19 March 2004 vide LC Paper No. CB(1)1349/03-04.   At the request of the telecommunications operators, the Office of the Telecommunications Authority has extended the deadline of consultation from 30 April 2004 to 19 June 2004.

6.   **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.

7.   **Issues related to the regulation of pornographic and violent materials transmitted through the mass media**

To be confirmed

In response to the letter from the "Anti-Pornographic & Violence Media Campaign" requesting to discuss the subject with the Panel, members agreed that the Panel should post a general notice on the website of the Council to invite written views on the subject. The Panel will consider the subject at a Panel meeting in due course.

Film Development

8.   **Operation of Film Guarantee Fund**

2005

At the meeting on 25 March 2004, the Administration has undertaken to brief the Panel on the way forward for the Film Guarantee Fund in 2005, after reviewing its operation.

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