

## **Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting**

### **List of outstanding items for discussion** (position as at 11 June 2004)

#### **Proposed timing for discussion\***

#### **IT-related issues**

#### **1. 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.

#### **2. Progress of Cyberport Project**

End 2004/early  
2005

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 on 15 June 2004.

The Administration has advised that they will provide an information paper on the progress of the Cyberport project by July 2005.

#### **3. IT Easy Link Services**

May 2005

Last discussed on 10 May 2004. The Administration was requested to brief the Panel on the way forward in about one year's time.

#### **Telecommunications**

#### **4. 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 circulated to members (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.

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

**Proposed timing for discussion\***

**5. 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.

**Film Development**

2005

**6. Operation of Film Guarantee Fund**

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.

**Broadcasting**

**7. Domestic/private pirated viewing of subscription television programmes**

2005

As undertaken at the Bills Committee meeting of the Broadcasting (Amendment) Bill 2003 on 2 April 2004, the Administration would review one year after the commencement of the Bill the effectiveness or otherwise of digitization, the implementation of the new provisions and enforcement actions in containing the problem of domestic/private pirated viewing of subscription television programmes. The Administration has also been requested to consider reviewing the level of penalty imposed by courts on decoder-related offences and take any follow-up action as appropriate. The Administration has agreed to report the outcome of its reviews to the Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting for its consideration of the way forward in dealing with the problem.

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