

Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting

List of outstanding items for discussion (position as at 28 November 2003)

<u>IT-related issues</u>	<u>Proposed timing for discussion*</u>
<p>1. Progress update on E-government development</p> <p>At the Panel meeting on 21 July 2003, the Administration was requested to review the progress in relation to e-utilization targets for E-government programme and include the information in its next progress report in January 2004.</p>	January 2004
<p>2. Half-yearly report on progress of Cyberport Project</p> <p>Last discussed on 21 July 2003. The Administration was requested to brief the Panel again on the progress of Cyberport Project in January 2004.</p>	January 2004
<p>3. 2003 Surveys on IT Usage and Penetration in the Household and Business Sectors</p> <p>Last discussed on 28 January 2003. The Administration would brief members on the results of the annual thematic surveys on IT usage and penetration in household and business sectors in January 2004.</p> <p>In response to members' concern raised at the meeting on 23 October 2003, the Administration would include a comparison between Hong Kong and other advanced economies in respect of the rate of adoption of information and communication technologies.</p>	January 2004
<p>4. Review on IT Easy Link services</p> <p>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.</p>	April 2004
<p>5. 2004 Digital 21 Strategy</p> <p>Last discussed on 23 October 2003. The Administration would brief the Panel on the outcome of the public consultation on 2004 Digital 21 Strategy and the progress of implementation, if any.</p>	March 2004

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

**Proposed timing
for discussion***

Broadcasting and film services

6. Measures to facilitate the development of film industry

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.

Telecommunications

7. Review of the policy and regulatory regime for Type II Interconnection

Early 2004

The Administration has briefed the Panel on issues set out in the consultation paper on the review of the regulatory policy for Type II interconnection on 9 June 2003. The Administration undertook to revert to the Panel on its proposals after first round consultation by late 2003.

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 just advised 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.

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 brief the Panel on its proposals when the Administration is ready to launch the second consultation.

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