

Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting

List of follow-up actions

(position as at 28 November 2003)

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up action required	Administration's response
1. The Cyberport Project	<p>9.7.01, 8.2.02 & 8.4.02</p> <p>8.2.02</p> <p>8.4.02 28.7.03</p> <p>8.7.02</p> <p>28.1.03</p>	<p>The Administration to provide information on :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the tenancy position and profiles of the Cyberport tenants in due course; - the funding arrangements for the Cyberport Institute; and - the financing arrangements of the Cyberport and changes, if any; - the selection arrangements for the supermarket in the Cyberport; - the number of tenancy applications for each of Phases CIA, CIB, CII and CIII; - existing/past office space occupied by the tenant companies vis-à-vis space in Cyberport on an aggregate basis; and - the number of employees employed by the tenant companies in an aggregate basis. <p>- the Administration to provide further information on the proposed Digital Media Centre, including the charging schedule of the services to be provided by it.</p>	<p>The Administration will continue to update the Panel in future progress reports.</p> <p>The Administration has included the information, except for the charging schedule, at its July 2003 progress report. Information on the billing system will be submitted to the Panel in the next progress report.</p>

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<p>2. Consultation paper on draft merger guidelines for Hong Kong telecommunication markets (the Guidelines)</p>	<p>23.10.03</p>	<p>The Consumer Council was requested to forward their considered views to the Panel regarding the industry's concern on safe harbours and failing firms provisions in the Guidelines.</p>	<p>The information provided by the Consumer Council has been circulated to members on 28 November 2003 vide LC Paper No. CB(1)475/03-04(01).</p>
		<p>The Administration to:</p> <p>(a) provide a detailed response to the views of members and deputations raised at the meeting and in the submissions, in particular industry's concerns on safe harbours, failing firms and public benefits provisions in the Guidelines.</p> <p>(b) confirm whether there would be a second-round consultation on the Guidelines.</p>	<p>The Administration to provide the information when ready.</p>
<p>3. International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Telecom World 2006 (World 2006)</p>	<p>23.10.03</p>	<p>The Administration to include the following information in the paper to be submitted to the Finance Committee in seeking funding approval:</p> <p>(a) the number of participants and actual expenditures of ITU Telecom Asia 2000 and ITU Telecom Asia 2002 (Asia 2000 and Asia 2002), the economic benefits brought to Hong Kong by each of the past two regional events, whether it was possible to advise on the cost-effectiveness of the events, as well as</p>	<p>The Administration to provide the relevant information in its submission to the Finance Committee.</p>

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		<p>further details of the estimated direct economic benefits of some \$1.2 billion brought to Hong Kong by World 2006.</p> <p>(b) details of the project teams for assisting the ITU in hosting Asia 2000, Asia 2002 and World 2006 (if the bid was successful) in Hong Kong.</p>	
4. 2004 Digital 21 Strategy	23.10.03	<p>The Administration to take note of members' views for consideration:</p> <p>(a) setting up a dedicated working group for the purpose of consulting the telecommunications sector in connection with access to the Mainland market in the ensuing Phases of CEPA.</p> <p>(b) Computers for public use should preferably be made available in districts where the residents were less well-off.</p> <p>The Administration to include a comparison between Hong Kong and other advanced economies in respect of the rate of adoption of information and communication technologies when reporting to members the results of the annual thematic surveys on IT usage and penetration in household and business sectors.</p>	<p>The Administration to note.</p> <p>The Administration to include the information accordingly.</p>

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5. Telecommunications market	10.11.03	The Administration to provide information on the amount of investment on telecommunications infrastructure in the past 10 years or so.	The information provided by the Administration has been issued to member on 28 November 2003 vide LC Paper No. CB(1)469/03-04.
6. Building a digitally inclusive society and related issues	10.11.03	The Administration to provide a detailed response to the views of members and deputations raised at the meeting and in the submissions on issues relating to the building of a digitally inclusive society.	Reply awaited

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