

Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting

List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 5 November 2003)

Proposed timing
for discussion*

IT-related issues

- 1. Capital Works Reserve Fund** December 2003
Head 710 Computerization Subhead A007GX -
new administrative computer systems

The Administration proposes to brief the Panel, as in previous years, on the funding requirement for the implementation of computerization projects under Capital Works Reserve Fund (CWRP) Head 710 Computerisation Subhead A007GX – New Administrative Computer Systems in the coming financial year. The funding proposal will then be submitted to the Public Works Subcommittee and Finance Committee for consideration.

- 2. Progress update on E-government development** January 2004

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.

- 3. Half-yearly report on progress of Cyberport Project** January 2004

Last discussed on 21 July 2003. The Administration was requested to brief the Panel again on the progress of Cyberport Project in January 2004.

- 4. 2003 Surveys on IT Usage and Penetration in the** January 2004
Household and Business Sectors

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.

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for discussion***

5. 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.

6. 2004 Digital 21 Strategy

March 2004

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.

Broadcasting and film services

7. Introducing Digital Terrestrial Broadcasting at the right time: a second consultation

December 2003

Last discussed on 11 December 2000. The consultation on digital terrestrial broadcasting in Hong Kong ended on 28 February 2001. Hon David CHU has suggested that the Administration should consider adopting the Mainland's standard having regard that many Hong Kong TV programmes are also broadcast there. The Administration has undertaken to brief Members on the way forward for digital terrestrial broadcasting and digital audio broadcasting.

The Administration's information paper on 'Progress of the Formulation of Digital Terrestrial Broadcasting Policy' was issued to members on 2 July 2002 vide LC Paper No. CB(1)2183/01-02.

When considering issues relating to sound broadcasting licence renewal at the Panel meeting on 27 June 2003, the Administration was requested to brief the Panel on the feasibility of opening up more radio channels, including a channel for the public. The Administration would cover the issue under this item.

The Administration intends to brief the Panel on the second consultation on Digital Terrestrial Broadcasting.

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8. 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

9. Broadband Internet services

December 2003

Item proposed by Hon SIN Chung-kai who would like the Administration to brief the Panel on the number and nature of complaints received on the provision of broadband Internet services, the relevant complaint handling procedures and the review of the related legislation regarding broadband Internet service.

10. 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.

11. 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.

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**12. 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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