

**Panel on Commerce and Industry**

**List of follow-up actions**  
(position as at 15 November 2004)

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>Follow-up action required</b>	<b>Administration's response</b>
1. Government Electronic Trading Services (GETS) market	14.6.2004	The Administration was requested to report to the Panel the outcome of the complaint received and dealt with by the Administration.	The Administration is investigating the complaint and will revert to the Panel upon completion of the investigation.
2. Issues related to Television Broadcasts Limited (TVB)'s acquisition of a site in the Tseung Kwan O Estate	6.7.2004	The Administration was requested to consider conducting a review on the policy and procedures concerning the admission of industries into the industrial estates and the measures to ensure a level playing field and equitable treatment for interested parties seeking entry into the industrial estates; and to provide a paper on the outcome of the review to the Panel in due course.	The Administration will revisit relevant issues and provide a paper in due course.

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3. Measures for monitoring the operation of the AsiaWorld-Expo (AWE)	12.7.2004	<p>Members were concerned about the measures in place for monitoring the operation of AWE and requested the Administration to provide the following information for reference:</p> <p>(a) the Management and Operating Agreement entered between Hong Kong IEC Ltd and AWE Management Ltd; and</p> <p>(b) the preferred rate of return for IEC Investments Ltd.</p> <p>A member suggested that the Panel should explore the subject further with the Administration in the next legislative session.</p>	<p>The Administration's preliminary reply issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)2419/03-04 on 20 July 2004. The Administration will revert to the Panel in due course on its request after obtaining the views from the companies concerned and the advice from the Department of Justice.</p>
4. Update on the operation of the Applied Research Fund (ARF)	11.12.2000	<p>Members were briefed on the operation of ARF. It was agreed that the Administration would submit quarterly reports to the Panel to keep members informed of the latest development of ARF.</p>	<p>The Administration has issued 13 updates (LC Paper Nos. CB(1) 989/00-01, 1834/00-01, 939/01-02, 1232/01-02(04), 2185/01-02, 24/02-03, 582/02-03, 1415/02-03, 2008/02-03, 2522/02-03(01), 616/03-04(01), 1381/03-04(01) and 2431/03-04(01)) on the operation of ARF since January 2001. The next report will be due for December 2004.</p>
5. Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement (CEPA)	19.10.2004	<p>In response to Hon Jeffrey LAM's concern about the existing arrangements under CEPA for updating the list of products eligible for zero tariff, the Administration undertook to convey the concern to the Mainland Ministry of</p>	<p>The Administration had sounded out to the Ministry of Commerce in this regard and had been advised that it would not be feasible to implement this suggestion.</p>

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		Commerce for consideration and revert to the Panel in due course.	
<p>6. Hong Kong Trade Development Council (TDC)'s application for the Tamar Site for temporary exhibition use and proposal of atrium link extension to the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre (HKCEC)</p>	<p>19.10.2004</p>	<p>The Administration undertook:</p> <p>(a) To take into consideration the views of Hon CHIM Pui-chung about the need of granting the management agreement of the proposed atrium link extension to HKCEC through open and fair procedures when discussing the details with TDC if the proposal is subsequently approved; and</p> <p>(b) To conduct a consultancy study over the next six months to ascertain, amongst other things, the overall supply and demand for exhibition facilities in Hong Kong in the coming five to ten years, the supply and demand for such facilities in neighbouring cities and the demand for such facilities in the region etc., and to revert to the Panel on the findings of the consultancy study in due course.</p>	<p>(a) The Administration took note of the suggestion for consideration.</p> <p>(b) This subject will be included in the Panel's "list of outstanding items for discussion".</p>