

Panel on Commerce and Industry

List of follow-up actions
(position as at 10 October 2005)

Subject	Date of Meeting	Follow-up action required	Administration's response
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 considering 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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<p>3. Measures for monitoring the operation of the AsiaWorld-Expo (AWE)</p>	<p>12.7.2004</p>	<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 2005-06 legislative session.</p>	<p>The Administration's preliminary reply has been 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>
<p>4. Update on the operation of the Applied Research Fund (ARF)</p>	<p>11.12.2000</p>	<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 17 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) 2431/03-04(01), 2521/03-04(01), 589/04-05(01), 1128/04-05(01)) and 1991/04-05(01) on the operation of ARF since January 2001.</p> <p>The Panel was briefed on the results of a review of the ARF on 18 January 2005. In accordance with the results of that review, the ARF has ceased</p>

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			making new investment since March 2005 and will be wound down in due course.
5. Impact of economic restructuring	19.4.2005	The Chairman has advised that many issues considered/discussed at the meeting could be further studied by the Panel in future.	Noted by the Administration.
6. New Strategic Framework for Innovation and Technology Development	17.5.2005	The Administration has been requested to provide a detailed breakdown on the five-year operating cost of Hong Kong Applied Science and Technology Research Institute in its funding proposal to be submitted to the Finance Committee.	The Administration has provided the requested information to Finance Committee, and the proposal was approved by the Finance Committee on 24 June 2005.
7. Briefing on the work of Invest Hong Kong	17.5.2005	The Administration undertook to clarify with FSTB on progress of efforts to promote the establishment of more off-shore investment funds in Hong Kong and advise the Panel as appropriate.	The information paper has been circulated to members on 23 June 2005 vide LC Paper No. CB(1)1890/04-05(01).
8. Proposal on various copyright-related issues	19.7.2005	The Administration has been requested to provide a detailed written response to the views and concerns of Members and deputations expressed at the meeting and in submissions.	The Administration will provide a written response in due course. It will brief the Panel on its proposals in November 2005.