

## Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting

List of follow-up actions

(position as at 10 October 2005)

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up action required	Administration's response
1. The Cyberport Project	<p>8.2.02</p> <p>8.7.02</p> <p>12.1.04</p>	<p>The Administration/Cyberport Management to provide information on :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the funding arrangements for the Cyberport Institute.</li> <li>- the selection arrangements for the supermarket in the Cyberport;</li> <li>- the number of tenancy applications for each of Phases CIA, CIB, CII and CIII;</li> <li>- existing/past office space occupied by the tenant companies vis-à-vis space in Cyberport on an aggregate basis; and</li> <li>- the number of employees employed by the tenant companies on an aggregate basis.</li> </ul> <p>- provide information on the rate of business growth and the volume of new business activities generated in the Cyberport.</p>	<p>The Administration to provide the information when ready.</p> <p>Relevant information has been provided in past progress reports issued to members in June and December 2004. The information will be updated in further progress reports.</p>
2. IT Easy Link Services (the Services)	8.4.05	The Administration has been requested to consider extending the transition period for the Services to one to two years.	The information provided by the Administration has been circulated to members on 10 October 2005 vide LC Paper No. CB(1)2390/04-05(01).

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<p>3. Broadcasting Services of Radio Television Hong Kong (RTHK)</p>	<p>8.4.05</p> <p>21.7.05</p>	<p>(a) The Commerce, Industry and Technology Bureau (CITB) has been requested to:</p> <p>(i) examine RTHK's accommodation needs and revert to the Panel on the way forward for the proposed Broadcasting House by July 2005; and</p> <p>(ii) provide a comprehensive response to the issues discussed at the meeting.</p> <p>(b) RTHK has been requested to consider conducting public hearings to enhance its accountability.</p> <p>Regarding some members' enquiry about the availability and use of additional radio frequency spectrum, the Administration has undertaken to provide a paper on the spectrum policy review for the discussion of the Panel in due course.</p>	<p>The Administration to consider/note and revert to the Panel.</p> <p>The Administration to provide the paper when ready.</p>
<p>4. Partial commencement of section 8(1)(aa) of the Telecommunications Ordinance and creation of a class licence to regulate resale of telecommunications services on a prepaid basis</p>	<p>9.5.05</p>	<p>Members expressed concerns that the easy purchase and use of prepaid SIM cards had made the tracing of offenders through telephone use difficult. The Administration has been requested to provide information on measures, if any, taken by the Administration to facilitate law enforcement in this regard.</p>	<p>The Administration to provide the information.</p>

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<p>5. Promoting the Development of the Digital Entertainment Industry in Hong Kong – Strategy and Measures</p>	<p>13.6.05</p>	<p>(a) The Administration undertook to provide supplementary information on the profiles of the digital entertainment industries of Taiwan and South Korea.</p> <p>(b) The Administration was requested to take note of a member's suggestion that a standing arrangement should be put in place at the Digital Entertainment Incubation cum Training Centre to facilitate the developers to test the consumer markets of their newly designed games and to collect feedbacks from potential users before launching their games products in the market.</p>	<p>(a) The supplementary information provided by the Administration has been circulated to members on 3 October 2005 vide LC Paper No. CB(1)2354/04-05(01).</p> <p>(b) The suggestion has been conveyed to the Hong Kong Cyberport Management Company Limited, which is responsible for setting up and operating the Incubation cum Training Centre.</p>
<p>6. Spamming arising from the use of Interactive Voice Response System (IVRS) technology</p>	<p>13.6.05</p>	<p>(a) The Administration undertook to explore if there were any means to encourage the calling parties of unsolicited calls to pay the airtime/roaming charges thus incurred pending the enactment of any anti-spam legislation.</p> <p>(b) The Administration was requested to consider members' suggestion of devising additional regulatory measures on top of those under the “STEPS” campaign to address the problem of IVRS-generated spamming.</p>	<p>(a) CITB will consider whether to adopt a “calling party pays” charging regime in the context of the review of convergence of fixed and mobile telecommunications services.</p> <p>(b) Relevant information on measures to contain the problem of unsolicited promotional calls has been provided in the progress report for the motion debate on “Enhancing the regulation of commercial marketing practices” (issued on 6 September 2005 vide LC Paper No. CB(3)835/04-05).</p>

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7. Proposed anti-spam legislation	11.7.05	<p>(a) CITB undertook to obtain relevant information from the Bureau concerned on actions to curb cross-border gambling activities for members to consider whether these actions could shed light on tackling the problem of unsolicited electronic messages.</p> <p>(b) The Administration was requested to consider members' concern on the need to include express provisions safeguarding freedom of speech and expression in the proposed legislation.</p>	<p>(a) CITB to provide the information.</p> <p>(b) The Administration to consider members' concern when drafting the proposed legislation.</p>
8. Domestic/private pirated viewing of subscription television programmes	11.7.05	<p>The Administration has been requested to further step up enforcement actions against the illegal sale of unauthorized decoders, including increasing the number of raids, imposing heavier penalties, and seeking the assistance of Hong Kong/Guangdong Joint Cooperation Conference to crack down on illicit decoder trading at blackspots in Shenzhen and Huanggang.</p>	<p>The Administration to take actions as appropriate.</p>
9. Freedom of expression and other issues related to personal view programmes of sound broadcasting licensees	21.7.05	<p>In response to members' concern that the Broadcasting Authority (BA) should voice its concern about the unusual changes in phone-in programme hosts or the drastic drop in listenership, the Administration undertook to relay their concerns to the BA and to provide the findings of the surveys on the broadcasting services of licensees conducted by BA for members' reference.</p>	<p>The executive summary of the broadcasting services survey has been issued to all Members on 4 October 2005 vide LC Paper No. CB(1)2372/04-05(01).</p>

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