Panel on Commerce and Industry

List of follow-up actions (position as at 9 October 2006)

	Subject	Date of Meeting	Follow-up action required	Administration's response
1	. Government Electronic Trading Services (GETS) market		The Administration was requested to report to the Panel the outcome of the complaint received and dealt with by the Administration.	Having investigated the complaints, the Administration has come up with some initial findings, subject to the outcome of a study of the impact that certain conduct of a service provider may have on competition in the GETS market. The study is being conducted with expert advice. The Administration will revert to the Panel upon its completion.
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	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: (a) the Management and Operating Agreement entered between Hong Kong IEC Ltd and AWE Management Ltd; and (b) the preferred rate of return for IEC Investments Ltd. A member suggested that the Panel should explore the subject further with the Administration in the 2005-06 legislative session.	The Administration's responses have been issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)2419/03-04 and CB(1)2155/05-06 on 20 July 2004 and 29 August 2006 respectively.
4.	Implementation of the third phase of the Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement (CEPA III)		The Administration has been requested to: (a) monitor the impact of CEPA on job creation for the local workforce and report development to the Panel; and	* *
			(b) reflect members' suggestion on developing the frontier closed area in the light of CEPA to the relevant bureaux and departments for their consideration.	been issued to members vide LC Paper
		18.7.2006	The Administration has been requested to provide a paper on how goods and service tax (GST), if introduced, might impact on the liberalization measures under CEPA and the benefits brought	information paper in due course.

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			about by such measures.	
5.	Establishment of new Economic and Trade Office (ETO) in Europe	21.2.2006	The Administration has been requested to consider the suggestion for the ETOs to play a more active role in disseminating information on business environment and investment opportunities in European countries, such as assisting the Trade Development Council to set up dedicated websites for this purpose.	been issued to members vide LC paper No. CB(1)2005/05-06 on 18 July
6.	"No Fakes Pledge" Scheme	18.4.2006	The Administration has been requested to make reference to the Quality Tourism Services Scheme with a view to enhancing the effectiveness of the "No Fakes Pledge" Scheme.	Panel after considering if experience
7.	Reports on the work of ETOs and Beijing Office	20.6.2006	The Administration has been requested to provide information on the number of job losses in the manufacturing sector of the United States attributable to outsourcing and other factors.	Washington ETO has been issued to
8.	Copyright register	18.7.2006	The Administration has been requested to review the operation of section 121 of the Copyright Ordinance and the efficacy of the administrative measures, say in three years' time, and report any findings to the Panel. (Proposed to follow up the matter with the Administration in July 2009.)	issued to members vide LC Paper No.

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9.	Review of the effectiveness of	18.7.2006	The Administration has been requested to provide	The Administration will provide the
	the Professional Services		information on the number of applications received	relevant information for the Panel's
	Development Assistance		under the Scheme and the amount of funding	consideration at an appropriate time.
	Scheme		granted (by nature of the applicant organizations)	
			and a comparison between the applications before	
			and after the changes to the application procedures	
			were introduced.	

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