

Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting**List of follow-up actions**

(position as at 6 July 2007)

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up action required	Administration's response
1. Issues relating to the management and control of Asia Television Limited (ATV)	5.6.06	In relation to the proposed acquisition of ATV's shares by Citic Guoan Group (the Group), the Broadcasting Authority (BA) has been requested to revert to the Panel before it makes a decision on the proposed acquisition.	The BA's initial reply and the detailed information provided by the Administration have been circulated to all Members on 16 June and 7 August 2006 respectively vide LC Paper Nos. CB(1)1776/05-06 and CB(1)2102/05-06. The BA has undertaken to provide a substantive response to the Panel in due course.
	14.5.07	The Administration and BA were requested to revert to the Panel before a decision is made on the proposed acquisitions of ATV's shares by the Group and Mingly Corporation.	On 5 June 2007, the Administration issued a Legislative Council Brief, explaining the details of the decisions of the Chief Executive in Council and BA on the case.
2. Public Consultation Document on Digital 21 Strategy	13.11.06	The Administration has undertaken to provide the on-line services currently provided by departments on GovHK portal and departments which have yet to ride on the GovHK platform for provision of services to the public on a department-by-department basis.	The required information will be provided in the Administration's paper to brief the Panel on the update on the implementation of Digital 21 Strategy and the E-government Programme at the Panel meeting on 9 July 2007.

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3. Implementation of pilot e-procurement programme	11.12.06	<p>The Administration has agreed to :</p> <p>(a) consider members' suggestions that e-invoice be considered for the pilot programme to drive supplier adoption, and assess and apprise the Panel of the increase in percentage, if any, of SME suppliers having Internet connection as a result of the implementation of e-Procurement, and SMEs' response to and their degree of participation in the e-Procurement programme; and</p> <p>(b) assess the actual benefits of the e-Procurement pilot programme against the benefits listed in paragraph 12 of the Administration's paper (LC Paper No. CB(1)435/06-07(03)) and the extent to which green procurement is adopted.</p>	<p>(a) The Administration considers that the proposed scope for the pilot programme encompassing four e-Procurement initiatives with an estimated non-recurrent expenditure of \$49.2 million is a prudent and pragmatic way to proceed. However, the Administration will keep in view opportunities for trying out the e-invoice function when circumstances are conducive.</p> <p>(b) The Administration will assess the actual benefits of the e-Procurement pilot programme at the review stage.</p>
4. Information Security	11.12.06	<p>The Administration has undertaken to submit to the Panel in three months' time a report outlining the progress of follow-up actions taken by regulatory bodies and public organizations to improve their information security status pursuant to the findings of the survey conducted on them in August 2006. The Administration has been requested to relay a member's concern to the regulatory bodies that effective mechanism such as the regular security audit arrangement as adopted by the Government be put in place by regulatory bodies or their regulated</p>	<p>On 27 December 2006, the Government Chief Information Officer wrote to Heads of B/Ds advising them of the observations by the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer (OGCIO) on the areas of improvement required based on the survey results. For B/Ds who are regulatory bodies or have purview over public organizations, OGCIO has requested them to coordinate the information security improvement programmes of</p>

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		bodies/sectors for enhancement of information security.	<p>those regulated sectors and public organizations, and to contribute to the updates to the Panel in due course. To facilitate enhancement of information security of the relevant organizations, OGCIO has also advised the B/Ds to make reference to Government's Baseline Information Technology (IT) Security Policy and the IT Security Guidelines which include, amongst other materials, the security risk assessment and audit mechanism.</p> <p>An interim progress report on information security improvements made by the public organizations and regulatory bodies provided by the Administration has been circulated to members on 12 April 2007 vide LC Paper No. CB(1)1329/06-07(01).</p> <p>On 21 May 2007, OGCIO wrote to the B/Ds requesting for the latest updates of the information security enhancement programme of the public organizations and regulated sectors under their purview by 1 June. A paper has been prepared by the Administration with reference to the information collected. The subject will be discussed at the Panel meeting</p>

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5. Further discussion on issues relating to change in shareholding in PCCW Limited and cross-media ownership	11.1.07	The Administration has been requested to provide an explanation for members' information if the BA decides not to take any action after the investigation	The Administration to revert to the Panel for detailed explanation where necessary.
6. Issues relating to Internet disruptions caused by earthquake damage to undersea cables	15.1.07	The Administration has been requested to provide a copy of the survey study report to be available at a later stage.	The survey on residential broadband use has recently been completed. A report on the way forward has been published on 2 May 2007 following discussion by a working group with representatives from the four broadband internet service providers.
	17.4.07	<p>The Administration was requested to provide detailed information relating to:</p> <p>(a) OFTA's contingency plan in response to emergency and its mechanism for disseminating information to consumers in the event of disruptions in IDD and Internet services;</p> <p>(b) the damage and losses suffered by SMEs as a result of the Internet disruptions caused by earthquake damage to undersea cables on 26 and 27 December 2006 (the Incident); and</p> <p>(c) specific measures to help SMEs impacted by the Internet outage during the Incident and in</p>	The Administration to provide the information when ready.

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7. Issues relating to the editorial independence of Radio Television Hong Kong and the yardsticks of the Broadcasting Authority in imposing sanctions	12.3.07	<p>The Administration has been requested to review:</p> <p>(a) the mechanism for appointing members to BA (or the new unified regulator, i.e. the Communications Authority (CA)), including the criteria for appointment and composition of membership, with a view to bringing in more talents with different backgrounds to enhance representativeness;</p> <p>(b) the complaints handling mechanism of BA (or the future CA) with a view to enhancing transparency and credibility; and</p> <p>(c) the yardsticks of BA in imposing sanctions.</p>	The Administration to take note and follow up.
8. Review on public service broadcasting	17.5.07	<p>(a) In relation to the proposed creation of a supernumerary post of Administrative Officer Staff Grade C (D2) for a period of 12 months to follow up on the Review Committee's Report, the Administration was requested to resubmit the staffing proposal including the review of RTHK's future in the job description of the proposed post.</p> <p>(b) The Administration was also requested to include the feasibility of transformation of RTHK into a public broadcaster in the public consultation to be conducted in the second</p>	<p>The Administration to liaise with the Secretariat at a later stage on the need and timing for resubmission of the proposal to the Panel for deliberation.</p> <p>The Administration to take note and follow up.</p>

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9. Progress in the implementation of digital terrestrial television broadcasting in Hong Kong	11.6.07	The Administration was requested to provide an estimate on the economic benefits arising from the analogue switch-off in due course.	The Administration to provide the information at a later stage when it has conducted further market and technical studies to plan for the analogue switch-off.

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