## Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting List of follow-up actions (position as at 11 January 2008)

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1.	Implementation on Digital 21 Strategy and the e-procurement programme	11.12.06	The Administration has agreed to:  (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	(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.
		9.7.07	<ul> <li>(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.</li> <li>The Administration undertook to:</li> </ul>	(b) The Administration will assess the actual benefits of the e-Procurement pilot programme at the review stage.
			(a) revert to the Panel prior to the roll out of the secure personal identification number (Secure PIN) embedded in the Smart ID	

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		Card; and	October 2004 to help departments conduct the necessary risk assessment and choose an appropriate authentication method for their online services. Should any government departments have plan to roll out the Secure PIN, the Administration will revert to the Panel prior to the roll out.
		(b) update members in November 2007 on the initiatives in bridging the digital divide and the progress of implementation of measures to enhance ICT adoption of the six disadvantaged groups, namely the elderly, children of low-income families, female homemakers, new arrivals, single parents and persons with disabilities and/or chronic illness.	paper on the various measures and programmes undertaken to build a digitally inclusive society for Hong Kong has been circulated to members vide LC Paper No.
	16.10.07	The Administration undertook to:  (a) provide information in writing on Internet access services at the Hong Kong Airport and payphone kiosks as well as the availability of free Internet access services within the Government buildings or in the vicinity after office hours; and	(b) has been circulated to members
		(b) expedite the uploading of Government forms on web as far as practicable and to update the Panel on developments.	

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2.	Information Security	9.7.07	The Administration undertook to provide information in writing on:  (a) the need or otherwise for legislative amendments on information security governance of public organizations and regulated sectors; and	to assess whether legislative amendments would be required to help them tighten their regulatory regimes for information security. In response, they considered that amendment to the existing
				legislations was not necessary because most of them either had information security already addressed by their respective regulatory regime, or sufficient security measures had been put in place.
			(b) the outstanding security improvement work of public organization, reasons of slippage, and target completion date, as well as the compliance difficulties/problems identified, assistance requested by the organizations and the assistance provided by OGCIO to help tackle the problems.	(b) All the public organisations have confirmed that they will complete their outstanding security improvement work within 2007.
			The Administration has agreed to:  (a) include "security audit" in the summary of implementation progress in future reporting, in addition to the six categories, namely security management, security governance,	(a) The Administration has taken note.

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			adoption of security technologies, handling restricted/classified information, staff awareness and training, and the Information Technology services outsourcing; and	
			(b) follow-up with and provide support to Independent Police Complaints Council on enhancing information security.	(b) SB and OGCIO had followed up with Independent Police Complaints Council. The latter would complete their outstanding security improvement work within 2007.
3.	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.
4.	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	The Administration has been requested to provide detailed information relating to:	
			(a) OFTA's contingency plan in response to emergency and its mechanism for disseminating information to consumers in	(a) The Administration to provide the information when ready.

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		the event of disruptions in IDD and Internet services;  (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  (c) specific measures to help SMEs impacted by the Internet outage during the Incident and in future.	<ul> <li>(b) The Administration to provide the information when ready.</li> <li>(c) The SME Booklet on Information Security had been published to include a new section on disaster recovery and business continuity planning for SMEs' reference in planning for adverse conditions in future. The related information was also available on the</li> </ul>
			Government one-stop information security portal for public access.
5. Issues relating to the editorial independence of Radio Television Hong Kong and the yardsticks of the Broadcasting Authority in imposing sanctions	12.3.07	The Administration has been requested to review:  (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;	(a) The Administration to take note and follow up.
		(b) the complaints handling mechanism of BA (or the future CA) with a view to enhancing	(b) The Administration provided the requested information for

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			transparency and credibility; and	discussion at the Panel meeting on 10 December 2007.
			(c) the yardsticks of BA in imposing sanctions.	
6.	Progress in the implementation of digital terrestrial television broadcasting in Hong Kong	11.6.07	The Administration has been 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.
		16.10.07	The Administration undertook to update the Panel on the progress of the rural works programme to improve television reception in Yuen Long area and to report to the Panel on the outcome of follow-up with Asia Television Limited on reception in Tung Chung area.	The Administration's response regarding TV reception in Tung Chung area has been circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)217/07-08 on 7 November 2007.
		12.11.07	The Administration was requested to provide information on the possible health risks of DTT with reference to international study, if any.	The Administration to take note and follow up.
7.	Release of spectrum for broadband wireless access services	18.7.07	The Administration has been requested to:  (a) update members in writing on the findings and the conclusion of the two-month consultation scheduled to end on 18 July 2007.	(a) The Administration briefed members at the ITB Panel meeting to be held on 10 December. The spectrum in 2.3GHz and 2.5GHz bands for BWA services is scheduled for release by auction in the fourth quarter of 2008.

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		(b) consider making quality of service and past performance record as pre-qualification criteria for service providers bidding in the auction for BWA spectrum.	(b) As highlighted in the Panel Paper, OFTA will address the issue in a forward-looking manner by imposing a special condition in the BWA licences to require the licensees to comply with any code of practice or guideline which the Telecommunications Authority may issue for the purpose of providing practical guidance in respect of the protection and promotion of the interests of consumers of telecommunications goods and services.
8. Radio reception	16.10.07	The Administration undertook to further study the issue of poor radio reception and to furnish the Panel with supplementary information setting out its plan and time-table for improving AM and FM broadcasting transmission and reception.	The Administration to take note and follow up.
9. Review of regulatory framework for universal service arrangements	18.7.07	The Administration has been requested to provide information and statistics on the decline or otherwise of the profit margin of service providers providing external communications services (ETS) and the ETS traffic volume (i.e. IDD minutes), as well as the amount of compensation to PCCW following the implementation of the new Universal Service Contribution Scheme.	The Administration's response has been circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)281/07-08 on 19 November 2007.

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10. Capital Works Reserve Fund (CWRF) Head 710 Computerization Subhead A007GX – New administrative computer systems	12.11.07	The Administration agreed to provide information on:  (a) the allocation under CWRF Head 710 Computerization for the past seven years, showing the amount of allocation and expenditure by Government bureaux and departments; and  (b) the present in-house IT manpower resources within the Government, and make an analysis of the present IT manpower situation in the Government in comparison with other	<ul> <li>(a) The Administration's response has been circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)404/07-08 issued on 10 December 2007.</li> <li>(b) The requisite information is not readily available on public resources. The Administration will continue to look for relevant</li> </ul>
11 Drawisian of madia	10 12 07	governments and advanced countries.	sources and will update the Panel on the outcome in due course.
11. Provision of radio frequency spectrum for the introduction of broadband wireless access (BWA)	10.12.07	The Administration has been requested to:  (a) provide supplementary details on the BWA licensing conditions and the regulatory regime;	(a) The Administration to provide the information in due course.
		(b) keep the Panel posted of the outcome of frequency coordination with the Guangdong authorities; and	(b) The Administration will keep the ITB Panel informed of the outcome of frequency coordination with the Guangdong authorities.
		(c) provide statistics on service-related complaints received by TA with breakdowns including the number received, investigated and/or satisfactorily resolved etc.	(c) The Administration will provide the information in due course.

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12. Survey results on broadcasting services and complaint handling mechanism of Television and Entertainment Licensing Authority	10.12.07	The Broadcasting Authority (BA) has been requested to:  (a) consider consulting the broadcasting industry on discouraging the use of lazy pronunciation in BA's code of practice;	(a) BA to note and follow-up.
		(b) consider surveying on respondents' listening habits for and before 2004 in the 2009 broadcasting services survey;	(b) BA to note and follow-up.
		(c) provide the relevant statistics in the 2007 broadcasting services survey in support of the survey observation that BA was considered as "effective, fair, independent and reliable" in dealing with broadcasting complaints.	_
		(d) provide detailed information on the complaint cases and the sanctions imposed by BA during the period 1 September 2006 to 31 August 2007. [Note: Paragraph 12 of the LC Paper No. CB(1) 383/07-08(05) refers.]	* *

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