

Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting

List of follow-up actions

(position as at 9 July 2012)

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up action required	Administration's response
1. Domestic/private pirated viewing of subscription television programmes	11.7.2005	The Administration was requested to monitor the global trend of regulatory practices against pirated viewing of pay TV programmes and update the Panel where necessary.	The information provided by the Administration was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)2333/11-12 on 9 July 2012.
2. Issues relating to the editorial independence of Radio Television Hong Kong and the yardsticks of the former Broadcasting Authority in imposing sanctions	12.3.2007	The Administration was requested to review: (a) the mechanism for appointing members to the former Broadcasting Authority (BA) (or the new unified regulator, i.e. the Communications Authority), including the criteria for appointment and composition of membership, with a view to bringing in more talents with different backgrounds to enhance representativeness; and (b) the yardsticks of the former BA in imposing sanctions.	The information provided by the Administration was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)2333/11-12 on 9 July 2012.
3. Progress in the implementation of digital terrestrial television broadcasting in Hong Kong	11.6.2007	The Administration was requested to provide an estimate on the economic benefits arising from the analogue switch-off in due course.	The information provided by the Administration was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)2333/11-12 on 9 July 2012. The

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			Administration will update members on the related developments and provide an estimate of the economic benefits involved when it is in a position to do so.
4. Review of the broadcasting regulatory regime	19.2.2008 10.6.2008	In the light of technological and market convergence in the electronic communications sector, the boundaries between telecommunications, broadcasting and information technology are blurring. Some old concepts adopted for the regulation of broadcasting may become obsolete in the converging environment. Just like other jurisdictions, Hong Kong needs to update the regulatory regime in the light of the latest technological and market developments to ensure that its framework remains conducive to the further development of the broadcasting industry in particular and the electronic communications industry in general.	The Administration will update the Panel on developments in due course.
5. Briefing by the Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development on relevant policy initiatives featuring in the Chief Executive's	20.10.2009	The Administration undertook to provide an update report on the progress made in providing more business opportunities for local small and medium enterprises in the information technology sector under the overall Government procurement policy and the Government Procurement Agreement under the World Trade Organization.	The information provided by the Administration was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)2297/11-12 on 3 July 2012.

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2009-2010 Policy Address			
6. Progress report on the manpower arrangement of Radio Television Hong Kong	9.1.2012	The Administration was requested to report progress of Radio Television Hong Kong's on-going promotion and recruitment exercises for the Programme Officer grade to the Panel at an appropriate time.	The information provided by the Administration was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)2333/11-12 on 9 July 2012.
7. Progress update on the introduction of Customer Complaint Settlement Scheme	11.6.2012	The Administration was requested to provide a breakdown by categories and percentages of consumer complaints about telecommunications services during the period 2009 to 2011.	The Administration to take note and follow up.
8. Applications for domestic free television programme service licences	11.6.2012	The Administration was requested to provide information on the time taken previously by the Chief Executive in Council to consider applications for the grant or renewal of domestic free television programme service licences following the recommendations submitted by the former Broadcasting Authority.	The Administration to take note and follow up.