## **Panel on Commerce and Industry**

## List of follow-up actions

(position as at 19 June 2017)

	Subject	Date of Meeting	Follow-up action required	Administration's response
1.	Promotion of inward investment	16.2.2016	The Administration was requested to provide more information on the employment opportunities brought about by companies which have set up or expanded their business operations in Hong Kong, such as the number and types of jobs created, in the next report of the work of InvestHK to the Panel.	The requested information has been included in paragraph 23 of the Administration's paper on "Promotion of Inward Investment" (LC Paper No. CB(1)1144/16-17(05)) to be discussed at the Panel meeting on 20 June 2017.
2.	Legislative proposal to expand the scope of tax deduction for capital expenditure incurred for the purchase of intellectual property rights ("IPRs")	15.11.2016	The Administration was requested to provide information on the evaluation of the economic benefits expected to be generated by the proposed addition of three types of IPRs, namely layout-design (topography) of integrated circuits, plant varieties and rights in performances, to the scope of tax deduction for purchases of IPRs under the Inland Revenue Ordinance (Cap.112) for consideration by the Panel.	The Administration to follow up.

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3.	Technology Start-up Support Scheme for Universities ("TSSSU")	20.12.2016	The Administration was requested to provide information on —  (a) the application statistics of TSSSU since its launch in 2014-2015, including the number of applications approved and rejected, amount of funding approved for each application and name of the TSSSU-funded start-ups, with a tabulated breakdown of the relevant information by the six eligible local universities;  (b) the details of the products/services rolled out in the market by the 65 start-ups as referred to in Annex B to the Administration's paper (LC Paper No. CB(1)311/16-17(07)); and  (c) in respect of the 336 applications rejected since the inception of TSSSU, the cases, if any, where the start-ups involved, without the funding support of TSSSU, had their research and development results commercialized eventually.	The information provided by the Administration was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)979/16-17(01) on 22 May 2017.

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4.	Policy on reindustrialization and the latest development of the industrial estates and Hong Kong Science Park	21.3.2017	<ul> <li>(a) provide information on the Administration's plan for promoting research and development ("R&amp;D") outcome of Hong Kong at the international level to help explore and develop overseas markets for new technologies and technology products developed locally;</li> <li>(b) provide, in tabular form, a list of sites that have currently been reserved for developments related to innovation and technology ("I&amp;T"), and the sites concerned of which the usage is subject to review in the light of the development of the Hong Kong-Shenzhen Innovation and Technology Park at the Lok Ma Chau Loop;</li> <li>(c) inform the Panel, by way of an information paper before the end of the 2016-2017 legislative session, of the progress of the review on the uses of the sites currently reserved for I&amp;T-related developments; and</li> <li>(d) advise the Panel of the measures to</li> </ul>	The Administration to follow up.

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			facilitate procurement of local information and communications technology products by government bureaux and departments with no violation of the Agreement on Government Procurement of the World Trade Organization.	
5.	Way forward for the Trade Single Window ("SW") project	18.4.2017	The Administration was requested to update the Panel of the progress of the business process review of the existing business workflows of 51 Business-to-Government trade documents covered by the SW project which involved the policy areas of over ten Government bureaux and departments with a view to streamlining the existing arrangements and identifying room for improvements and efficiency savings.	The Administration to follow up.
6.	Extension and progress report of the Dedicated Fund on Branding, Upgrading and Domestic Sales ("BUD Fund") and the special concessionary measures under SME Financing Guarantee Scheme ("SFGS")	18.4.2017	The Administration was requested to —  (a) provide the respective number of applications submitted by travel agencies and the applications approved thereof under the Enterprise Support Programme ("ESP") of the BUD Fund since its launch;  (b) provide the respective breakdowns of	The information provided by the Administration was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)1019/16-17(01) on 26 May 2017.

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		the applications approved by type of —  (i) the industry of "Professional Services" of the Nonmanufacturing industries under ESP of the BUD Fund; and  (ii) the sector of "Construction" of the	
		Non-manufacturing sectors under the special concessionary measures of SFGS, as set out in Annexes 2 and 4 respectively to LC Paper No. CB(1)779/16-17(05);	
		(c) provide information on the number of approved projects each enterprise had obtained funding for under ESP of the BUD Fund, so as to reflect the distribution of ESP funding among the successful applicant enterprises; and	
		(d) in respect of ESP and the Organization Support Programme under the BUD Fund and the special concessionary measures under SFGS, provide information on the approved and rejected applications under the various industries/sectors, with details on the kinds of projects which were granted	

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			approval and the justifications for rejecting the applications, so that the interested enterprises would be able to better understand the requirements of and vetting procedure for such programmes and stand a better chance of approval for applications.	
7.	Progress on the recent implementation of various new schemes under the Innovation and Technology Fund ("ITF")	16.5.2017	The Administration was requested to include in its next report to be submitted to the Panel information on —  (a) the achievements of the Enterprise Support Scheme to facilitate assessment of its effectiveness; and  (b) the complementary measures to be put in place to enrich the research and development ("R&D") talent pool in Hong Kong to support the development of the innovation and technology industry and retain R&D talents in the face of severe competition from the neighbouring region, and the effectiveness of relevant schemes under the ITF for nurturing more R&D talents in Hong Kong.	The Administration to follow up.

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8.	Progress on the updating of the copyright regime: Copyright exceptions for people with a print disability under the "Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired or Otherwise Print Disabled"		The Administration was requested to provide the list of key stakeholders, including users' groups and copyright owners, which were to be consulted during the three-month consultation exercise on review of copyright exceptions for persons with a print disability.	

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