

Panel on Commerce and Industry**List of follow-up actions**
(position as at 17 July 2017)

Subject		Date of Meeting	Follow-up action required	Administration's response
1.	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.
2.	Policy on re-industrialization and the latest development of the industrial estates and Hong Kong Science Park	21.3.2017	The Administration was requested to – (a) provide information on the Administration's plan for promoting research and development ("R&D") outcome of Hong Kong at the international level to help explore and develop overseas markets for new technologies and technology products developed locally; (b) provide, in tabular form, a list of sites that have currently been reserved for	The information provided by the Administration was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)1222/16-17(01) on 27 June 2017.

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			<p>developments related to innovation and technology ("I&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;</p> <p>(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&T-related developments; and</p> <p>(d) advise the Panel of the measures to 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.</p>	
3.	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	The Administration to follow up.

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			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.	
4.	Progress on the recent implementation of various new schemes under the Innovation and Technology Fund ("ITF")	16.5.2017	<p>The Administration was requested to include in its next report to be submitted to the Panel information on –</p> <p>(a) the achievements of the Enterprise Support Scheme to facilitate assessment of its effectiveness; and</p> <p>(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.</p>	The Administration to follow up.

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<p>5. 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"</p>	<p>16.5.2017</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>The information provided by the Administration was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)1212/16-17(01) on 27 June 2017.</p>
<p>6. Progress report on Research and Development Centres for 2016-2017</p>	<p>20.6.2017</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to provide information on –</p> <p>(a) the respective number of patents filed by the five R&D Centres in 2015-2016 and 2016-2017; and</p> <p>(b) details of the mechanism and criteria for vetting and approving R&D projects proposed by R&D Centres, monitoring of the approved projects and the post-project evaluation.</p>	<p>The Administration to follow up.</p>

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7.	Promotion of inward investment	20.6.2017	<p>The Administration was requested to –</p> <p>(a) provide information on the number of jobs created, the amount of investment and income generated by each of the foreign investment projects assisted by InvestHK in the tourism and hospitality industry over the past three years, and the number of unsuccessful project applications during the period of time, together with the reasons for rejection; and</p> <p>(b) include in its next annual report or a progress report the work directions for InvestHK to strengthen its role in providing ongoing support services (such as advice on and assistance in compliance with all the relevant legislation and regulations and liaison with other Government departments to help apply for necessary licences, etc.) to companies which are keen to set up or expand their businesses in Hong Kong.</p>	<p>Regarding item (a), the Administration advised that there were no cases of "unsuccessful project applications" as such because InvestHK provided assistance to all overseas and Mainland businesses approaching the department for assistance in setting up their operation in Hong Kong. The Administration undertook to follow up on the other requests.</p>