Panel on Commerce and Industry

List of follow-up actions

(position as at 15 January 2018)

	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.	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.

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3.	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.
4.	Promotion of inward investment	20.6.2017	The Administration was requested to 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	The Administration to follow up.

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			companies which are keen to set up or expand their businesses in Hong Kong.	
5.	Briefings by the Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development, the Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs and the Secretary for Innovation and Technology on the Chief Executive's 2017 Policy Address	17.10.2017	 In respect of the 2017 Policy Address, the Administration was requested to provide information on – (a) the division of work between the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau and the Innovation and Technology Bureau in relation to the various policy initiatives under the 2017 Policy Address; (b) the details of measures to facilitate the flow of capital between Hong Kong and other cities in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Bay Area; and (c) the updated policies and directions for the promotion of re-industrialization, particularly the promotion of the related midstream and downstream sectors, in addition to upstream research and development. 	The Administration to follow up.

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6.	Development of the InnoCell adjacent to Hong Kong Science Park	21.11.2017	 The Administration was requested to – (a) provide details on the compliance of the InnoCell's accommodation arrangements with the Hotel and Guesthouse Accommodation Ordinance (Cap. 349), in particular the requirement which provides that any premises providing sleeping accommodation at a fee with a tenancy term of less than 28 consecutive days shall obtain a licence before commencing operation; and (b) provide a tabular breakdown of the components of the average annual operating costs and each type of other costs as set out in footnote 5 of the Administration's paper (LC Paper No. CB(1)212/17-18(03)), with elaboration on: (i) whether there will be any overlapping between property management costs and staff costs; and (ii) the impact of depreciation on the cash flow situation of the InnoCell. 	CB(1)477 on 15 January 2018.
/.	Report on the work of the overseas Hong Kong Economic and Trade	21.11.2017	The Administration was requested to cover the following areas in its next report by the overseas Economic and Trade Offices	According to the Administration, the requested information was included in the relevant paper for discussion at the Panel meeting
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the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region in the Mainland and Taiwan in 2016-2017		 (a) clear and concrete work objectives and strategies of the ETOs to deal with issues relating to the political and economic developments in the countries under their purviews that might affect Hong Kong, such as the Brexit and the new trade policies of the US Administration; (b) strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats analysis of the countries under the purviews of the various ETOs; and (c) a set of standardized key performance indicators for ETOs to evaluate their work effectiveness. 	continue to be aligned with the focuses and priorities of the Government. The ETOs would continue to support various policy bureaux in promoting their initiatives overseas, adopt appropriate strategies in carrying out their external relations work having regard to the changes in the political and economic situations of the countries under their purview, etc. These efforts would be sustained in the year

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