

Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting

List of outstanding items for discussion (position as at 6 January 2004)

<u>IT-related issues</u>	<u>Proposed timing for discussion*</u>
1. 2004 Digital 21 Strategy	March 2004
Last discussed on 23 October 2003. The Administration would brief the Panel on the 2004 Digital 21 Strategy, formulated after considering the submissions received during the public consultation in late 2003.	
2. Review on IT Easy Link services	April 2004
Last discussed on 14 April 2003. The Administration was requested to revert to the Panel on the progress development of the services in about one year's time.	
<u>Broadcasting and film services</u>	
3. Measures to facilitate the development of film industry	March 2004
At the Panel meeting held on 4 March 2003, the Administration was requested to brief the Panel on issues relating to the development of the film industry in about a year's time.	
<u>Telecommunications</u>	
4. Review of the policy and regulatory regime for Type II Interconnection	End February 2004
The Administration has briefed the Panel on issues set out in the consultation paper on the review of the regulatory policy for Type II interconnection on 9 June 2003. The Administration has issued a second consultation paper on 16 December 2003. The consultation period will end on 24 February 2004.	

* The meeting where the item will be discussed will be subject to confirmation nearer the time.

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5. Labelling Scheme for hand-held mobile phones

April 2004

To ensure that mobile telephone being marketed in Hong Kong meet the international standards on radiation safety, the Administration has implemented a voluntary labelling Scheme from 1 April 2003 to facilitate consumers' choice on mobile phone. Hon Fred LI has raised a question on the subject at the Council meeting held on 14 May 2003. It has been proposed that the Administration should review the implementation of the scheme with the Panel, preferably in about six months' time.

The Administration has advised in October 2003 that OFTA would require more time to see the effect of the scheme and to gauge the market response. Hence, it proposes to review the scheme with the panel in April 2004.

6. Licensing of mobile services on expiry of existing licences for second generation mobile services

To be confirmed

The Administration has issued the first consultation paper in August 2003 to solicit views from the industry and interested parties on the future licensing arrangements after the licences for second generation mobile services (2G licences) expire. The first consultation ended on 2 October 2003. The Administration is studying the submissions and will revert to the Panel in due course.

7. Reduction of Licence Fee for the Carrier Licences

End February 2004

The Administration will issue a consultation paper in January 2004 proposing a reduction of licence fee for the Carrier Licences. After considering the comments received, the Administration will brief the Panel on its proposals before initiating amendments to the relevant regulations.

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