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<p>2. Consultation paper on draft merger guidelines for Hong Kong telecommunication markets (the Guidelines)</p>	<p>23.10.03</p>	<p>The Administration to:</p> <p>(a) provide a detailed response to the views of members and deputations raised at the meeting and in the submissions, in particular industry's concerns on safe harbours, failing firms and public benefits provisions in the Guidelines.</p> <p>(b) confirm whether there would be a second-round consultation on the Guidelines.</p>	<p>(a) The detailed response provided by the Administration has been circulated to members on 29 December 2003 vide LC Paper No. CB(1)670/03-04.</p> <p>(b) The Administration has confirmed to conduct a second consultation on the Guidelines. The consultation paper (English only), issued on 23 December 2003, is available at: http://www.ofta.gov.hk. Members have been notified vide LC Paper No. CB(1)670/03-04 on 29 December 2003.</p>
<p>3. International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Telecom World 2006 (World 2006)</p>	<p>23.10.03</p>	<p>The Administration to include the following information in the paper to be submitted to the Finance Committee in seeking funding approval:</p> <p>(a) the number of participants and actual expenditures of ITU Telecom Asia 2000 and ITU Telecom Asia 2002 (Asia 2000 and Asia 2002), the economic benefits brought to Hong Kong by each of the past two regional events, whether it was possible to advise on the cost-</p>	<p>The funding request (FCR(2003-04)47) was considered and approved by the Finance Committee on 19 December 2003.</p>

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		<p>effectiveness of the events, as well as further details of the estimated direct economic benefits of some \$1.2 billion brought to Hong Kong by World 2006.</p> <p>(b) details of the project teams for assisting the ITU in hosting Asia 2000, Asia 2002 and World 2006 (if the bid was successful) in Hong Kong.</p>	
4. 2004 Digital 21 Strategy	23.10.03	The Administration to include a comparison between Hong Kong and other advanced economies in respect of the rate of adoption of information and communication technologies when reporting to members the results of the annual thematic surveys on IT usage and penetration in household and business sectors.	The information will be included in the Administration's paper on the two annual thematic IT surveys for discussion at the Panel meeting on 12 January 2004.
5. Building a digitally inclusive society and related issues	10.11.03	The Administration to provide a detailed response to the views of members and deputations raised at the meeting and in the submissions on issues relating to the building of a digitally inclusive society.	Detailed response awaited
6. Funding request for new administration Computer Systems under Capital Works Reserve Fund	5.12.03	The Administration to include information on details of estimated savings in respect of the 86 new bids to facilitate PWSC's consideration.	The information provided by the Administration has been circulated to all Members on 12 December 2003 vide PWSC(2003-04) 54 and LC Paper No. PWSC29/03-04.

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7. Broadband Internet services	5.12.03	<p>The Administration was requested to</p> <p>(a) provide details of Hong Kong's performance on ITU's Digital Access Index;</p> <p>(b) include information on (a) when reporting to members the results of the annual thematic surveys on IT usage and penetration in household and business sectors;</p> <p>(c) follow-up with CC on whether the compilation of complaint statistics could be improved; and</p> <p>(d) convey members' concerns on sales practice and on-street marketing activities of telecommunications services to the working group on broadband Internet access services and report the outcome of the first meeting of the working group to the Panel.</p>	<p>(a) The information provided by the Administration has been circulated to members on 8 December 2003 vide LC Paper No. CB(1)534/03-04(01).</p> <p>(b) The Administration to include the information accordingly</p> <p>(c) The Administration to follow-up.</p> <p>(d) Response awaited.</p>