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Government Secretariat: Commerce and Economic Development Bureau (Communications and Technology Branch)	<i>Broadcasting, Film Services and Creative Industries</i> (Estimate: \$28.4M, +4.8%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • continuing to oversee the further implementation of digital terrestrial television broadcasting • following up on the outcome of the consultation on the implementation framework for mobile television • assessing the impact of technological and market convergence in order to facilitate the development of broadcasting, telecommunications and information technology • planning for public consultation on the policy and arrangements for future public service broadcasting • supporting the development of film industry • mapping out an overall strategy for developing creative industries and implementing related support measures • engaging the public in the review of the provisions of the Control of Obscene and Indecent Articles Ordinance(COIAO)
	<i>Telecommunications</i> (Estimate: \$35.2M, +0.9%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • monitoring the implementation of the Unsolicited Electronic Messages Ordinance and the Unsolicited Electronic Messages Regulation as well as other non-legislative anti-spamming measures • developing implementation plans and conducting the necessary follow-up studies arising from the spectrum policy framework • conducting consultancy studies for the release of spectrum for the provision of broadband wireless access services • following up on the outcome of the consultation on the introduction of unified carrier licence
Government Secretariat: Innovation and Technology Commission	<i>Support for Research and Development</i> (Estimate: \$22.4M, +/- 0%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • support the activities of R&D centres with emphasis on technology transfer of funded projects • enhance collaboration on R&D between Hong Kong and Guangdong work closely with the ASTRI and the Hong Kong Jockey Club Institute of Chinese Medicine Limited (HKJCICM) in strengthening their research capabilities and developing and implementing their research projects and transferring

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		<p>technologies to industry for commercialisation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • continue to administer the University-Industry Collaboration Programme (UICP) and monitor progress of the funded projects • encourage more private companies to collaborate with universities in undertaking R&D activities, the Commission is considering whether the geographical restriction of the Programme might be relaxed in 2008
	<p><i>Fostering University-Industry Collaboration</i></p> <p>(Estimate: \$6.6M, +/- 0%)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • administer the Small Entrepreneur Research Assistance Programme (SERAP) and oversee the Applied Research Fund (ARF) to support technology start-ups • provide value-adding services to companies participating in the SERAP and the ARF • monitor progress of the funded projects • pursue the exit of ARF projects through fund managers
	<p><i>Promotion of Technological Entrepreneurship</i></p> <p>(Estimate: \$7.7M, +13.2%)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • strengthen technology co-operation with the Mainland through the Mainland/Hong Kong Science and Technology Cooperation Committee, the Pan-PRD Joint Conference on Regional Cooperation in Science and Technology, and the Guangdong/Hong Kong Expert Group on Cooperation in Innovation and Technology, and the Steering Group on Shenzhen/Hong Kong Co-operation in Innovation and Technology • administer the GSP (including Internship Programme) and monitor progress of the funded projects • promote innovation, technology and design culture to the general public and nurture more creative young talents • nominate entries for the State Science and Technology Awards • assist the Ministry of Science and Technology in implementing the State Key Laboratory Scheme • organise the 'Hong Kong Pavilion' at the China Hi-Tech Fair 2008 participate in the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Industrial Science and Technology Working Group
	<p><i>Planning for Innovation and Technology Development</i></p> <p>(Estimate: \$37.3M, +59.4%)</p>	

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	<p><i>Infrastructural Support</i></p> <p>(Estimate: \$76.3M, +19.0%)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • work closely with the HKSTPC on its various development and business plans, including the study on the repositioning and revitalisation of the Industrial Estates • assist in the development of the HKSP • assist the ASTRI in strengthening its R&D capabilities and lead research programmes in the four focus areas of communications technologies, consumer electronics, integrated circuit (IC) design and opto-electronics • assist the HKJCICM in developing research and assisting local Chinese medicine development • assist the Hong Kong Design Centre (HKDC) in promoting design and encouraging the use of design to add value to our goods and services and Government's interface with the public • administer the Design Support Programme (DSP) and monitor progress of the funded projects • work closely with the HKSTPC and the HKDC to operate the InnoCentre for the design cluster
	<p><i>Quality Support</i></p> <p>(Estimate: \$54.7M, +9.4%)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • participate in activities to promote the MRAs of the Asia Pacific Laboratory Accreditation Co-operation, the International Laboratory Accreditation Co-operation, the Pacific Accreditation Co-operation, and the International Accreditation Forum • develop plans to extend accreditation services to other areas to support industry • participate in the activities of the Committee for Weights and Measures (CIPM) Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA), and in the activities of the Asia Pacific Metrology Programme • participate in more projects on international comparison of standards • strengthen interactions between staff of the Standards and Calibration Laboratory (SCL) and local metrology users with a view to disseminating measurement techniques and knowledge to local industries; • conduct visits to SCL customers to gauge their needs and to offer

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • professional advice on-site • participate in APEC activities in the areas of standards and conformance; and • participate in international standardisation activities
	<p><i>Subvention: Hong Kong Productivity Council</i></p> <p><i>(Estimate: \$181.5M, +2.7%)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provide integrated support to innovative and growth-oriented Hong Kong enterprises across the value chain, with the main sectoral focus on manufacturing, particularly in Hong Kong's foundation industries, and related service activities • assist Hong Kong companies and industries to leverage on the business opportunities arising from CEPA • enhance its support to Hong Kong enterprises operating in PRD, through subsidiary consulting firms set up in Guangzhou, Shenzhen and Dongguan • operate the R&D Centre for Automotive Parts and Accessory System • promote the adoption of cleaner production technologies and practices by Hong Kong owned-factories in the PRD • support R&D institutions in commercialising advanced manufacturing and processing technologies, and promote technology commercialisation and effective intellectual property management to Hong Kong and Mainland enterprises
	<p><i>Subvention: Hong Kong Applied Science and Technology Research Institute Company Limited</i></p> <p><i>(Estimate: \$121.4M, +1.3%)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • continue with the research projects initiated in 2007-08 and before • continue to strengthen its institutional and research capabilities through the development of its R&D Centre • promote and transfer technologies developed from its R&D projects to industry • work closely with the local industry and universities on the latest development of manufacturing technology and market trend with a view to fostering closer collaboration • enhance local high-technology human resources development • improve the industrial involvement and contribution on its R&D projects through collaborative projects

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Government Secretariat: Office of the Government Chief Information Officer	<p><i>Use of IT in Government</i></p> <p>(Estimate: \$381.6M, +4.5%)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • monitor the progress in implementing programmes and initiatives in the 2008 Digital 21 Strategy • continue to enrich the contents and enhance the design of GovHK and its service clusters • collaborate with bureaux/departments concerned in implementing the pilot e-procurement programme • continue to upkeep the IT security awareness of bureaux/departments and monitor their security compliance status • formulate a channel management strategy for adoption by bureaux/departments with a view to streamlining service delivery channels and achieving greater customer satisfaction and cost-effectiveness • work with bureaux/departments concerned to ensure the development of a comprehensive and co-ordinated approach in the management of information across the Government • continue to enhance the Government intranet portal, the CCGO, to provide more customer-centric services to government employees • continue to provide advice and support in joined-up project initiatives including the Government Electronic Trading Services (GETS) and the Digital Trade and Transportation Network (DTTN), and explore with and facilitate bureaux/departments on further opportunities for joining up e-government services • continue to co-ordinate with the Rating and Valuation Department (RVD) and the Land Registry (LR) in the implementation of the PIH • collaborate with the LandsD in the delivery of geo-spatial information to the public through GovHK • review the arrangement for the supply of IT professional services in Government and explore opportunities for further enhancement • commence a review on the electronic mail services in the Government and formulate a strategy for the service in the next five years • continue to monitor the IT project governance and assist government

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		<p>bureaux/departments in better managing their projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • participate in the review of the pilot electronic record keeping system led by the Government Records Service • continue to advise and co-ordinate bureaux/departments concerned in deepening government-to-employee services to government employees, and in the deployment of government-to-government services and common applications on the CCGO
	<p><i>IT Infrastructure and Standards</i></p> <p>(Estimate: \$113.5M, -1.5%)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • implement GovWiFi to increase the coverage of wireless broadband facilities in public areas and facilitate wireless Internet access by the public • arrange contracts of standing offer agreements for the provision of data centre services to bureaux and departments • formulate a strategy to exploit potential opportunities for consolidation of government data centres • continue to co-ordinate with the Tamar design-and-build project director, contractor, and related bureaux/ departments on the establishment of IT infrastructure and common IT services to facilitate the provision of a collaborative working environment • review, update and enhance the government IT security-related regulations, policies and guidelines to keep abreast of the technology advancement and development of international best practices in information security management; • continue to conduct the centrally managed security audit for bureaux/departments • work with the Food and Health Bureau (FHB), the healthcare professions and other stakeholders on the development of a territory-wide electronic health record sharing infrastructure in Hong Kong and provide input on the associated specifications on technical and data standards, information management, security and other relevant IT requirements • complete the renewal of the Government Backbone Network to enhance capacity and connectivity among bureaux/departments and common services • continue to enhance the Interoperability Framework to facilitate the

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> development of e-government services • continue to take part in the Ideographic Rapporteur Group of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and promote wide adoption of the ISO/International Electrotechnical Commission 10646 as the standard for Chinese character coding in Hong Kong • continue to advise the Digital Trade and Transportation Network (DTTN) Standards Advisory Group on relevant standards with a view to providing a neutral and secure interface for logistics players in the supply chain to exchange information and data • continue to implement a pilot infrastructural authentication service using the secure personal identification number embodied in the smart identity cards; • advise bureaux/departments on the adoption of the Unified Identity Management Framework for their e-government services • continue to operate the Voluntary Certification Authority Recognition Scheme; • continue to provide advice and support to the Hongkong Post Certification Authority in managing the public certification services • complete the institutional review of Computer Emergency Response Centre (CERC)services in Hong Kong and commence implementation • continue to prepare the transition of government networks to make use of the new Internet Protocol (version 6) • continue to provide central facilitation and technical consultation services for the upgrading of the Confidential Mail System in bureaux/departments
	<p>IT in the Community</p> <p><i>(Estimate: \$69.1M, -1.0%)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • continue to organise the Hong Kong ICT Awards with a view to engaging interested stakeholders to develop a large scale and internationally recognised branding of Hong Kong's achievements in ICT innovations and services • promote GovWiFi and raise public awareness of security and health issues relating to use of wireless services, through a series of publicity and education programmes to the general public • continue to sponsor worthwhile projects for driving e-business adoption among SMEs

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • continue to facilitate and support the development of local IT industry and help expand business opportunities in overseas and the Mainland markets through the Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement and other collaborative arrangements • continue to collaborate with various Mainland counterparts at state, provincial and municipal levels to promote informatisation • continue to support surveys to monitor IT adoption in the business sector and households, and to understand public opinions towards the provision and utilisation of e-government services • provide support to the task force on digital inclusion in formulating strategies and initiatives to tackle the digital divide problems • implement digital inclusion programmes with reference to the strategies and initiatives formulated by the task force on digital inclusion • continue to promote and support the development of the digital entertainment industry in Hong Kong through providing a full range of support services such as shared facilities, research and development, skills upgrading and marketing • continue to assist in promoting the Cyberport as the regional hub for the IT and digital entertainment industry • continue to organise and sponsor a variety of initiatives to widen the adoption of IT in the community, including the production of radio programmes and sponsoring non-profit making organisations to organise promotional activities, basic IT courses and competitions • continue to facilitate the development of the IT industry through participating in various promotional activities such as conferences, forums, seminars and visits • continue to promote the awareness and adoption of Open Source Software (OSS) among SMEs • continue to co-organise activities with bureaux/departments, professional bodies and the IT industry to enhance the supply of quality IT manpower in Hong Kong • continue to strengthen co-operation with the countries with which Hong Kong

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		<p>has entered into ICT co-operative arrangements at both the Government and industry levels</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • continue to promote information security awareness and education of the general public including SMEs and corporations • continue to facilitate and promote to the public and businesses on risk assessment and security assurance • requirements in handling different electronic transactions • measure the digital inclusiveness of the disadvantaged groups so as to gauge the effectiveness of the digital inclusion programmes • commence the review of the pilot scheme for opening up intellectual property in government IT systems for commercial exploitation • work with the Hong Kong Internet Registration Corporation to take forward the recommended changes regarding the review on the institutional arrangements for the administration of .hk Internet domain names • collaborate with the Education Bureau (EDB) and the local IT industry on the development of a Qualifications Framework and associated specification of competency standards for the Information and Communications Services • continue to support and collaborate with Hong Kong Council of Social Service (HKCSS) in the administration of the Digital Solidarity Fund to engage interested stakeholders in designing and implementing digital inclusion programmes • continue to support the IT Hong Kong Campaign

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Architectural Services Department	All programmes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> enhance existing and develop new information systems for improved efficiency and transparency
Buildings Department	Buildings and Building Works	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> continue to make preparations for the introduction of a web-based system for retrieval of building plans and records in the form of electronic images
Census and Statistics Department	Trade Statistics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> continue to support the use of electronic submission services for import/export declarations and cargo manifests
	Social Statistics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial planning for the 2011 Population Census has commenced. The feasibility study (including business process re-engineering) for the supporting computer systems and web applications will be conducted in 2008-09
	General Statistical Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> launch a number of strategic IT projects to implement data capturing system and replace the Full Harmonized System on top of other strategic IT projects which have been launched already continue to use modern technologies in the collection of data and dissemination of statistical information to enhance efficiency. The Department will continue to enhance its website in respect of contents, navigation, user friendliness and value-added services. Efforts are also being made to encourage more data users to obtain statistical publications and survey respondents to submit survey questionnaires through electronic means
	Price/Industry/Service Statistics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> study the feasibility of compiling new statistics to measure the economic impact of innovation activities in the business sector
Civil Aviation Department	Air Traffic Engineering and Standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> develop implementation plans and procure equipment for the study and trials of the satellite-based Communications, Navigation, Surveillance/Air Traffic Management CNS/ATM Systems

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Correctional Services Department	Prison Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> explore the application of advanced technology for enhancement of daily operation at penal institutions
Customs and Excise Department	Control and Enforcement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> develop a Road Cargo System to enable shippers to submit electronic advance cargo information for enhancing the operational efficiency of cargo clearance for road cargoes and facilitating cross-boundary cargo movement
	Intellectual Property Rights and Consumer Protection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> safeguard the rights of intellectual property owners and the interests and safety of consumers strengthen action against piracy and counterfeiting activities by developing more vigorous enforcement strategies and launching more intelligence-based operations tackle internet piracy and other computer crime problems relating to infringement of intellectual property rights
Department of Health	Medical and Dental Treatment for Civil Servants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> work together with the Hospital Authority (HA), aims to fully implement an on-line Medical and Dental Benefits Eligibility Checking System to replace the existing paper-based eligibility certification to provide greater convenience to eligible persons seeking medical and dental services
Department of Justice	Civil	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> advise on the legal aspects of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the regulation of companies, securities, insurance, information technology, electronic transactions, e-commerce, transportation, television broadcasting and telecommunications (including provisions prohibiting anti-competitive practices) as well as proposals for reform legislative initiatives to rewrite the Companies Ordinance, and establish the Communications Authority

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Electrical and Mechanical Services Department	Energy Supply; Electrical, Gas and Nuclear Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> enhance the computer-based "Integrated Gas Safety Enforcement System"
	Energy Efficiency and Conservation, and Alternative Energy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> promote the application of the life-cycle energy analysis software tool for building construction to improve energy efficiency in building design continue research and development works on the application of innovative energy efficiency technologies
Environmental Protection Department	Waste	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> implement a recovery programme for used computer equipment and explore the feasibility of developing a similar programme for other waste electrical and electronic equipment
Fire Services Department	Ambulance Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> plan for the procurement of a computer aided Quality Assurance System for enhancing the quality of paramedic ambulance service
Food and Environmental Hygiene Department	Environmental Hygiene and Related Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> contribute to the introduction of an on-line Application Tracking Facility through which licence applicants can monitor the progress of their applications contribute to the implementation of electronic submission of liquor licence applications
	Public Education and Community Involvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> enhance public awareness on the importance of food safety through electronic media and public transport system
Government Secretariat: Civil Service Bureau	Translation and Interpretation Services and Use of Official Languages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> provide up-to-date Intranet and Internet versions of the electronic glossaries of terms commonly used in the Government

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	Civil Service Training and Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • update the contents of the training resource available on our e-learning portal, in particular the National Studies Portal, and promote the use of e-learning mode in the civil service
Government Secretariat: Commerce and Economic Development Bureau (Commerce, Industry and Tourism Branch)	Commerce and Industry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • continue to work together with the Mainland authorities to ensure the smooth and effective implementation of the CEPA and to further its development • continue to formulate policies and monitor programmes on inward investment promotion, especially in relation to positioning Hong Kong as part of the Greater Pearl River Delta Region, attracting Mainland enterprises to invest in Hong Kong • continue to work with the SME Committee to monitor the operation of the SME Funding Schemes • introduce subsidiary legislation related to the Copyright (Amendment) Ordinance 2007 into the Legislative Council, and bring into operation new liability provisions in the Ordinance by phases after publicity and public education programmes designed to promote awareness have been rolled out • release the Government's preliminary proposals for strengthening copyright protection in the digital environment, with a view to building up consensus for changes that may require legislative amendments • continue to oversee efforts to promote respect for intellectual property protection in the business sector, particularly amongst SMEs • introduce in the 2008–09 legislative session the Import and Export (Electronic Cargo Information) Regulation which seeks to provide the legal basis for implementing an electronic advance cargo information system for customs clearance of road cargoes • complete the tender exercise for the provision of GETS after 2009
	Subvention: Hong Kong Trade Development Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • strengthen Hong Kong's position as Asia's international business platform; promote the Hong Kong platform to Mainland and international companies; enhance the leadership position of the HKTDC trade shows; upgrade and promote the HKTDC integrated marketplace comprising online portal, publications and exhibitions; and enhance Hong Kong's position as a

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		technology marketplace <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • champion Hong Kong's service and manufacturing companies' quality, creativity and sophistication; promote a favourable image of Hong Kong products and services; promote Hong Kong branded products; consolidate Hong Kong's position as a creative hub and regional design centre; promote Hong Kong as Asia's international financial centre; and continue with path-finding efforts in emerging markets
	Subvention: Consumer Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • enhance and promote the Council's new dedicated website for Mainland visitors shopping in Hong Kong
Government Secretariat: Development Bureau (Planning and Lands Branch)	Buildings, Lands and Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • oversee the Land Registry's further enhancement of the Integrated Registration Information System and preparation of information technology systems to support the implementation of the new title registration system
Government Secretariat: Education Bureau	Vocational Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • implement strategic development in a number of academic disciplines, including design, business administration, information technology and engineering, through strengthened industry input to course planning, curriculum development and quality assurance to meet the manpower needs of industries
	Policy and Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • oversee the coming into effect of the Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications Ordinance (Cap. 592), and implement related measures such as launching a web-based Qualifications Register containing information on qualifications, courses and providers recognised under the framework, piloting the recognition of prior learning mechanism and launching the Qualifications Framework Support Schemes • continue to promote the use of information technology in education by implementing the third strategy on information technology • oversee the upgrading of the web-based School Administration and Management System to improve efficiency and reduce security risks

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Government Secretariat: Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau (The Treasury Branch)	Service Departments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> co-ordinate with the Treasury on the implementation of the new Government Financial Management Information System with a view to completing the project within 2008-09
Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau (Food Branch)	Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> continue to collaborate with the Mainland Authorities to explore the feasibility of applying information technology to enhance the traceability of food
Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau (Health Branch)	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> set out a roadmap for taking forward the initiative of developing a territory-wide electronic health record sharing infrastructure oversee the implementation of a centralised organ donation register (a computerised database to register the wish of organ donors) and publicity efforts to promote organ donation in collaboration with relevant organizations
Government Secretariat: Offices of the Chief Secretary for Administration and the Financial Secretary	Government Records Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> study the feasibility and implications of applying electronic records keeping system for managing government records
Government Secretariat: Security Bureau	Immigration Control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> oversee the gradual extension of e-channel service to frequent visitors
Government Secretariat: Transport and Housing Bureau (Transport Branch)	Air and Sea Communications and Logistics Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> continue to work closely with the logistics industry to monitor the implementation of the DTTN System in accordance with the DTTN Operating Agreement continue to work closely with the HKPC to ensure the smooth implementation of the On-Board Trucker Information System (OBTIS) pilot project
Highways Department	District and Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> continue to develop a new computer system to replace the Utility Management System to improve efficiency in excavation permit processing
Hong Kong Observatory	Weather Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> continue to enrich the contents of the Observatory's website in response to the evolving needs of the public and further develop the delivery of weather services through the Internet install a High Performance Computing System for implementing a suite of

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	Time Standard and Geophysical Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> continue to provide information and data to users efficiently and through user-friendly means
Hong Kong Police Force	Prevention and Detection of Crime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> maintain a high standard of investigation and provide professional service in all cases of domestic violence, enhance the capability of the central domestic violence database and continue to adopt a multi-disciplinary approach with other stakeholders in tackling the problem
	Road Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> enhance anti-speeding enforcement through the wider use of new technology
Housing Department	Rehousing of Occupants upon Clearance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> maintain computerised records on miscellaneous housing benefits granted by the Lands Department (LandsD) and the Urban Renewal Authority (URA)
Immigration Department	Pre-entry Control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> continue to develop and implement the Application and Investigation Easy System and the Electronic Records Programme to enable applications to be assessed and cases handled in a paperless environment supported by imaging facilities continue to roll out the pilot system for the advance passenger processing as promoted by the APEC for facilitation and security control of passengers continue to develop and implement the Data Warehousing Information System (formerly known as Data Management Information System) to provide relevant information and statistics for better-informed decisions and planning
	Personal Documentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> implement a new computer system for providing better registration services and enhancing births, deaths and marriages records management

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Information Services Department	Publishing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> continue to co-ordinate the Government's publishing requirements and to promote wider use of the online Government Bookstore. The migration of the Electronic Service Delivery Government Bookstore to GovHK in early 2008 will provide more user-friendly features for the online purchase of publications
Inland Revenue Department	Assessing Functions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> promote the use of electronic services and expand the scope of services under eTAX. Apart from filing tax returns, obtaining personal tax information and notifying changes of personal particulars electronically, taxpayers will be given the option to receive notices and documents related to tax return filing, assessment and tax payment in electronic form
	Collection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> continue to promote the use of electronic services for tax payment
	Taxpayer Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> continue to deliver quality customer service and promote the use of electronic services, through which taxpayers can file tax returns, notify the changes of postal address, lodge requests for documents and obtain their personal tax information
Intellectual Property Department	Statutory Functions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> continue to promote e-filing to increase the migration rate to 60 per cent for trademark applications, 40 per cent for patent applications and 45 per cent for design applications
	Protection of Intellectual Property	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> provide policy, legal and technical advice to the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau in relation to the drafting and enactment of subsidiary legislation under the Copyright (Amendment) Ordinance 2007 and the Copyright Ordinance; and in relation to the formulation of preliminary legislative proposals concerning the review of the Copyright Ordinance on more effective protection of copyright works in the digital environment continue to provide policy, legal and technical advice to the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau in relation to the drafting and enactment of rules of court in relation to the implementation of the Protocol to the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights of the

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		<p>WTO and other follow up matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • continue to play a proactive role in the APEC and the Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights Council of the WTO, and through such institutions to provide appropriate technical assistance to developing and least-developed economies overseas • support the business community in strengthening their intellectual property protection in the Mainland through the Guangdong/Hong Kong Expert Group on the Protection of Intellectual Property Rights • disseminate information through the Internet on the intellectual property systems in the Mainland, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and Macao Special Administrative Region • strengthen the out-reaching effort to young people on intellectual property protection through school visits and media such as computer games and comics • organise promotion and education activities specially for SMEs with emphasis placed on using intellectual asset management as a tool for business development in compliance with intellectual property legislation • continue collaboration with stakeholders to strengthen and publicise the “No Fakes Pledge” Scheme to promote the sale of genuine products
Lands Department	Survey and Mapping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • continue to implement the Second Generation of Computerised Land Information System for maintaining the territory-wide digital map database • continue to implement the Data Alignment Measures project for improvement of the efficiency and effectiveness in data exchange among government departments • continue to develop the Digital Map and Land Record Data Dissemination System for efficient dissemination of digital maps and land record data • develop, enhance and expand the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Geospatial Information Hub service to facilitate easy access to geospatial information by more government officers

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Legal Aid Department	Support Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> update departmental pamphlets and its website on the Internet to promote public understanding of legal aid services implement the Legal Aid Electronic Services Portal to enhance communication between the Department and assigned lawyers and facilitate timely and efficient monitoring of assigned out legal aid cases
Legislative Council Commission	General and Secretariat Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> continue to enhance the provision of easy and quick access to information relating to activities of the Council and its committees through improvement to the Council Website and making it more user-friendly enhance the database on policy issues and legislative proposals in the Council Website to enable Members, staff and the public to have easy access to these subjects
	Research and Library Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> continue to enhance public understanding of the work of the Council by efficient and effective dissemination of information through the Council Website and Library
Leisure and Cultural Services Department	Recreation and Sports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> strengthen the channel for booking of sports facilities and enrollment to sports programmes through the provision of automated self-service kiosks
	Public Libraries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> continue to provide additional Internet Express Terminals in libraries closely monitor the project for the replacement of the Library Automation System
Official Receiver's Office	Official Receiver's Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> explore the long-term information technology strategy
Planning Department	Technical Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> focus its efforts on providing training on four major aspects: vocational training, management and general knowledge, language and communication as well as information technology manage a consultancy for implementing a three-dimensional modelling and visualisation system to facilitate planning decision-making and public engagement

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Radio Television Hong Kong	Public Affairs Television	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> explore more High Definition Television (HDTV) programme production opportunities with various broadcasters as well as bodies like the Hong Kong Institute of Vocational Education
	School Educational Television Production	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> stress the diversification of learning opportunities through eTVonline and continue to strengthen its ties with schools to host interactive activities on campuses, with the aim of building a learning community of students and teachers launch an educational portal in eTVonline website by phases to educate students and the public on the development of digital terrestrial television in Hong Kong
	New Media	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> continue to enhance web content and develop e-learning projects through digital video production and co-operation with outside organizations continue to improve the technical performance of RTHK ON INTERNET for stable access by local and overseas users as well as allowing personalised use of the content collaborate with Efficiency Unit to develop 'Youth Portal', an Internet portal delivering government youth services continue to explore the delivery of RTHK ON INTERNET content to the next generation of multimedia and communications devices continue to enhance the content of 'Culture Web', with a view to promoting and encouraging activities on the local arts and cultural scene
Rating and Valuation Department	Statutory Valuation and Assessments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> review and enhance the computer systems to further improve efficiency and services to the public
	Collection and Billing of Rates and Government Rent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> review and enhance its Accounting and Billing System to speed up the recovery of arrears and to identify areas for improvement in service delivery

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	Provision of Valuation and Property Information Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> review and enhance its computer systems to enrich the textual and graphic repository of property information, so as to improve the efficiency of data retrieval and transfer among the parties concerned, including government departments and agencies
Television and Entertainment Licensing Authority	Broadcast Monitoring and Regulation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> assist the Broadcasting Authority (BA) in reviewing the codes of practice in the light of the findings of the 2007 Broadcasting Services Survey and changes in the broadcasting environment such as digitisation of terrestrial television assist the BA in gauging public opinion on broadcasting services through enhancing the role of the Television and Radio Consultative Scheme assist the BA in monitoring the two domestic free television programme service licensees in implementing their digital services in accordance with their investment plans as approved by the BA review the licence fee of domestic free television programme service licences in the context of digital terrestrial television
Transport Department	Planning and Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> achieve the installation of electronic black boxes on franchised buses continue to develop and implement the Transport Information System continue to study the feasibility of harnessing advanced technologies to enhance the Department's incident management capability
	District Traffic and Transport Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> continue the construction of the area traffic control (ATC) and closed circuit television (CCTV) systems for Tuen Mun and Yuen Long Districts implement the replacement of ATC systems for Kowloon, Tsuen Wan and Sha Tin and expansion of the system to Tseung Kwan O
Treasury	Central Accounting, Collections and Payments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> continue to explore ways and means to achieve higher efficiency with lower costs for revenue collection activities, including promotion of e-payments
	Payment of Salaries, Pensions and Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> continue to enhance the payroll-related systems in order to ensure the prompt and accurate payment of salaries, pensions and benefits

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	Accounting and Financial Information Systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none">continue to work on Phase 2 of the Government Financial Management Information System (GFMS) replacement project with a view to completing the project within 2008-09
Water Supplies Department	Water Quality Control	<ul style="list-style-type: none">continue to publish water quality data through the Department's website
	Customer Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none">continue to review the systems and procedures and the information technology in use to ensure cost-effectiveness in delivering customer services