

ACTION ITEMS

FROM THE 2002 ASIA PACIFIC TECHNICAL MEETING ON ICT/IT&T IN HONG KONG

The major action items agreed at the Meeting are summarized below:

(a) IT&T Sector Statistics

(i) *Countries/territories* to provide *Australia* (Tim Power) with data on total employment and GDP for comparison. *Australia to respond.*

(ii) *Countries/territories* to provide *Australia* (Tim Power) corrections/additions to the concordance and data presented in their paper. *Australia to respond.*

(iii) *Australia* to compare data provided by participating countries/territories with OECD's latest data and to advise participating countries/territories of discrepancies. *Australia to respond.*

(iv) *Australia* to recompile data and disseminate to participating countries/territories. *Australia to respond.*

(b) IT&T Occupations

(i) Countries participating in the Meeting for the first time (viz. *China* and *Philippines*) to consider providing concordance information to *Singapore*. *China to respond.*

(ii) *Countries/territories* to compile human resources statistics based on core occupation classifications by using data of population census and/or household surveys and to clarify what data are to be provided (number of persons engaged in core IT&T occupations; most recent data). *All countries to respond.*

(iii) *Countries/territories* to provide comments to *Singapore* on classification (e.g. based on data compilation experience, consultations with users). *Singapore to respond.*

(iii) **Australia** to check on any OECD work in this area and provide information to **Singapore**. *Australia to respond.*

(iv) **Singapore** to share results of the updated concordance and data on IT&T occupations with other countries/territories. *Singapore to respond.*

(v) **Australia** to share results of HRST (Human Resources in Science and Technology) analysis in respect of ICT occupations and qualifications. *Australia to respond.*

(c) **E-commerce**

(i) **Countries/territories** to include more detailed breakdowns on households and individuals relating to digital divide (e.g. socio-economic characteristics). *All countries to respond.*

(ii) **Countries/territories** to check data already provided and send revisions and additional data to **Australia** (Sheridan). *Australia to respond.*

(iii) **Countries/territories** to provide the following additional metadata to **Australia** (Sheridan), where possible

- information on reliability of main estimates (e.g. 95% CIs)
- data item definitions
- other metadata (see examples in paper prepared by Australia)

Australia to respond.

(iv) **Australia** to compare the updated data with latest OECD data and advise participating countries/territories of discrepancies. *Australia to respond.*

(v) **Australia** to make finalized data available to all participating countries/territories. *Australia to respond.*

(d) Statistical Framework for Measuring IT&T

(i) *Countries/territories* to consider how/whether they could incorporate the OECD standards. *All countries to respond.*

(ii) *Australia* (Sheridan) to send final household model survey standard and next draft of ICT manufactured goods to participating countries/territories. *Australia to respond.*

(iii) *Countries/territories* to send feedback on Australia's provisional conceptual framework and standards for measuring ICT, especially on gaps, to *Australia* (Sheridan). *Australia to respond.*

(iv) *Australia* to continue updating the Meeting with OECD standards in ICT and on Australia's work in developing an ICT statistical framework and compiling an ICT satellite account. *Australia to respond.*

(e) Impacts of ICT

Hong Kong, China to coordinate work being done by countries/territories (with assistance from David Luck in respect of Australia) on the impact of ICT on productivity. *Hong Kong, China to respond.*

(f) Electronic Content Sector and Products

New Zealand to coordinate the country concordance table of electronic content sector and products. *New Zealand to respond.*

(g) Knowledge Based Economy (KBE) Indicators

Australia and *Hong Kong, China* to share their experiences in compiling KBE indicators. *Australia and Hong Kong to respond.*

(h) ICT Security

Singapore to report on work being done by countries/ territories in measuring ICT security. *Singapore to respond.*