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INFORMATION & COMMUNICATIONS

OVERVIEW

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS

The information and communications sector grew by 5.4 per cent in the fourth quarter, following a 7.7 per cent rise in the previous quarter ([Exhibit 8.19](#)). For the whole of 2008, growth was 7.2 per cent, faster than the 6.5 per cent in the previous year.

Growth in residential and corporate broadband subscribers increased to 32 per cent in 2008, from 24 per cent in the previous year. Similarly, the total number of mobile subscribers grew by 13 per cent, slower than the 21 per cent in 2007. Mobile subscriptions per capita in 2008 reached 131 per cent, one of the highest in the world. Broadband subscriptions per household reached 100 per cent. International telephone call duration saw an increase of 34 per cent, higher than the 24 per cent rise in the previous year.

Exhibit 8.19: Information & Communications Growth

