



Ministerial Brief
Hon. Jimmy Miringtoro
Minister for Communications & Information and
Member for Central Bougainville

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Outline



- Pending issues
- Current issues/programs
- Priority programs Q3/Q4

Pending Issues

AMENDMENT TO THE NATIONAL ICT REGULATIONS 2010

- Required to exempt foreign *embassies, satellite operators and certain radio operators* from the requirement to obtain certain operator and radiocommunications licences;
- Draft National Information and Communication Technology (Operator Licensing) Amendment Regulation 2011 and the Draft National Information and Communication Technology (Radio Spectrum) Amendment Regulation 2011
- Cabinet approval required

Pending Issues



RATIFICATION OF ITU FINAL ACTS OF PP 2010 & WRC 2012

- PNG is a Member of the ITU and it is proposed that PNG ratify recent amendments effected by the above 2010 and 2012 Final Acts.
- The amendments to the Constitution and Convention relate to the functioning of the organisation, and reflect established practices or clarify specific issues. They do not impose any specific new obligations on PNG.
- The amendments to the Radio Regulations are of detailed technical natures which establish requirements or procedures to allow new types of radiocommunications services to effectively access the radio frequency spectrum.
- It is important that PNG utilises the radio frequency spectrum in the context of an international framework to avoid interference, facilitate new services and allow cost effective use of the spectrum.
- Ratification signifies that PNG wishes to continue as a Member of the ITU and will continue to operate its telecommunications and radiocommunications services within the recognised international frameworks.
- Cabinet approval required

- **APPOINTMENT OF PRIVATE SECTOR MEMBER TO THE BOARD**
- **CRITICAL TO THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE World Bank PNG Rural Communications Project**

Current Issues/Programs

- Corporate Plan that will set out the strategic vision of NICTA and to guide its delivery on its work programs, discharge its broad-ranging statutory obligations and continuously transform itself as an organisation that is capable of responding to the numerous pressures that confront it.
- Consists of:
 - Strategic Plan: 2012-2017
 - Operation Plan: 2012-2014
 - Annual Work Program
- To be completed and launched Q3, 2012

National ICT Act 2009 (Review)

- draft report completed and submitted by external experts

Cyber legislation

- NICTA taken the lead role in the development of cyber legislation

Resources Planning

- Review of the National Frequency Allocation Table and Spectrum Plans (eg 700 MHz, LTE permit issued to Digicel)
- Review of National Numbering Plan
- Updating stds/codes other instruments

Current Issues - RSD



- From November 2011 to July 2012, NICTA conducted a public inquiry into the possible need for a retail service determination regarding certain mobile telephony services supplied by Digicel
- NICTA's decision to initiate an inquiry followed the receipt of a complaint by bemobile regarding the pricing of Digicel's off-net mobile calls and SMS. NICTA undertook a preliminary examination of the substance of bemobile's complaint and concluded that there were matters that warranted being tested and considered further through a public inquiry process.

Key findings

- Digicel has a substantial degree of power in the retail services market
- The retail services market is not effectively competitive;
- Digicel has an incentive and the ability to use on-net/off-net price discrimination in a manner that is anti-competitive;
- Retail regulation therefore recommended

Current Issues - RSD



Next steps – Recommendations to the Minister

- a public discussion paper that was issued by NICTA in May 2012;
- a Response to Comments Report, which sets out NICTA's consideration and response to the key comments that were received in response to the discussion paper; and
- an Inquiry Report, prepared for the purposes of section 235 of the Act and which summaries the inquiry process and NICTA's key findings
- subsection 160(4) of the Act provides for 60 days within which to accept or reject this recommendation from NICTA. If no decision is taken, then it will be taken that NICTA's recommendations has been accepted and the determination will automatically come into effect.

Mobile Termination Rates between Mobile operators

- NICTA completed review of Interconnection agreement between Digi/bmobile in July 2012
- Concern agreement may be inconsistent with General Pricing Principles of the Act
- Issued a limited discussion paper (Digi/BM) early this month seeking the parties justification of the agreed rates

International cooperation

- Preparation for World Conference on International Telecommunications
- PIRCC/APT/ITU (CEO head of SC/MC & various roles)
- Satellite filings negotiations

Current Issues Programs -



- Regional presence: established NGI office last month
- Monitoring & enforcement: GSM/CDMA interference, investigation and consultation with affected parties (Digi, Telikom)
- Recruitment and capacity building

Priority Programs Q3/Q4

Priority Programs -



- Digital TV Roadmap for PNG
- National Broadband policy
- Recruitment and capacity building
- Budget 2013
- UAS
 - Project launch
 - Demonstration Projects tender
 - UAS Rules & Regulations
 - Cartographic data upgrade

Public Inquiries pursuant to s. 131 (7)

- Facilities access services associated with mobile network facilities (including telecommunications transmission towers)
- Domestic inter-network mobile roaming services
- Access to capacity on international communications cables
- Access to international gateway facilities
- Access to capacity on international communications satellite links
- Others

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