

TRA REGULATORY STATISTICAL FRAMEWORK APPROVAL

- 1 This paper seeks the Members' approval for the next steps in the consultation process for the TRA's Regulatory Statistical Framework.

Consultation on proposed TRA Regulatory Statistical Framework

- 2 To enable the TRA to ably discharge its functions under the Telecommunications Act (the **Act**) the TRA has developed a Regulatory Statistical Framework (the "Proposal") focussed on the collection of information on Financial, Subscriber and Traffic Data, Quality of Service, and Coverage and Bandwidth.
- 3 The Proposal was consulted on with a Consultation Paper being published on 26 October 2020. This consultation was (and further consultation will be) aimed at ensuring stakeholders' views are considered before finalising the Regulatory Statistical Framework.
- 4 Under section 321(5) the Authority has taken into account the submissions received on the Proposal as a result of the first round of consultations. The only substantial feedback received from submitters was a statement from FSMTC that the additional reporting requirements would involve significant additional costs (a figure of 50K was suggested). No information relating to the cost was provided.
- 5 The remaining two submitters confirmed they were reasonably comfortable with the proposal.
- 6 Based on the feedback received from submitters, the following actions will or has been undertaken by the TRA:
 - 6.1 A draft decision approving the Proposal has been prepared taking into account the feedback received. This will be published and will be provided to every person who made a submission as necessary in accordance with section 321(7) of the Act;
 - 6.2 A second consultation document has been prepared seeking further feedback from specific submitters, this will provide the basis for the second round of consultation. This round of consultation will focus on the form of the reporting (as it will attach the draft information reporting form for licensees) and testing the costs of reporting to understand what can be done to ensure reasonable costs are not incurred; and
 - 6.3 The TRA will send the FSMTC letter seeking information to better understand their initial cost estimate.

Board Resolution

- 7 Having considered the information outlined above, the Members of the Board of the TRA:
 - 7.1 *Note* that: by separate letter the TRA should offer to have a follow-up meeting with FSMTC to better understand their cost estimate, for example to determine which elements of the estimate are start-up costs to establish the reporting system and to understand whether any of the information FSMTC should already be collecting as a prudent operator. The matters raised through these discussions would then be considered by the Members when making its final decision on the TRA's Regulatory Statistical Framework;

- 7.2 *Approve:* the attached document for the second round of consultation explaining both the purpose of the second round of consultation and feedback that was received from submitters during the first round;
 - 7.3 *Approve:* the draft decision for the reporting requirements, being the decision to adopt the regulatory statistical indicators framework as described in the 26 October 2020 consultation paper.
- 8 If the Members agrees to this resolution by email this will be deemed to be sufficient support to pass this resolution.