

TRA REGULATORY STATISTICAL FRAMEWORK MEMBERS FINAL APPROVAL

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

Consultations 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 "**Framework**") focussed on the collection of information on Financial, Subscriber and Traffic Data, Quality of Service, and Coverage and Bandwidth.
- 3 The Framework was consulted on with a Consultation Paper being published on 26 October 2020. Based on the feedback received from submitters, a draft decision approving the Framework was prepared and published on 25 March 2021 with a second Consultation Paper seeking further feedback from specific submitters. The second round of consultation focused on the form of the reporting (as it attached the draft information reporting form for licensees) and testing the costs of reporting to understand what can be done to ensure unreasonable costs are not incurred.
- 4 Both consultations were aimed at ensuring stakeholders' views are considered before finalising the Regulatory Statistical Framework.
- 5 Under section 321(5) the Authority has taken into account the submissions received on the reporting form as a result of the second round of consultations. The only feedback received from submitters was statements from both FSMTC and OAE that they had no further comment.
- 6 Based on the feedback received from submitters, the TRA will undertake the following actions:
 - 6.1 Publish a final decision approving of the Framework and the reporting form on the TRA's website;
 - 6.2 Provide a copy of the final decision Framework and the reporting form to every person who made a submission in response to either Consultation Paper, in accordance with section 321(9) of the Act;
 - 6.3 Send a letter to all licensees attaching the final information reporting form, setting out the deadlines by which the completed forms are to be returned each quarter, and offering to have follow-up meetings to assist them with the process of completing the forms;
 - 6.4 Release a media statement to the press outlining the importance of this decision and its implementation for consumers and the development of the FSM telecommunications market.

Board Resolution

- 7 Having considered the information outlined above, the Members of the Board of the TRA:
 - 7.1 *Approve:* the final decision for the reporting requirements, being the decision to adopt the regulatory statistical indicators framework as described in the 26 October 2020 Consultation Paper.
 - 7.2 *Approve:* the decision to adopt the information reporting form, being the form attached as Attachment 1 to the 25 March 2021 Consultation Paper;
 - 7.3 *Note that:* by separate letters the TRA should offer to have a follow-up meeting with each licensee to explain the process of preparing quarterly information reports for the TRA's Regulatory Statistical Framework and to address any questions.
 - 7.4 *Approve:* the issuing of a media release outlining the importance of this decision.