

Economic Affairs Scrutiny Sub-Panel (Telecoms Privatisation)

PUBLIC MEETING

Record of Meeting

Date: 12th December 2007

Meeting Number: 18

Present	Deputy G. P. Southern, Chairman Deputy J.G. Reed Deputy G.C.L. Baudains Deputy J. A. Martin
Apologies	
Absent	
In attendance	Mrs. E. Kingston-Walsh, Scrutiny Officer

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1.	<p>Minutes</p> <p>The Sub Panel approved the minutes of the meeting dated 28th November 2007.</p>	
2.	<p>Matters arising</p> <p>The Sub-Panel considered the responses received from the oral questions asked by the Sub-Panel on 4th December 2007 and noted that the Minister for Economic Development had promised information regarding the current mix of locally qualified and non-qualified staff in the telecoms sector.</p> <p>The officer was directed to request the promised RUDL information and obtain the relevant sections of Hansard from December 4th 2007.</p> <p>The Sub-Panel received notes from an informal meeting of the Chairman with Mr Peter Funk, Mr Jeremy Swetenham and Mr Gary Whipp from Newtel on December 5th 2007. The Sub-Panel agreed to invite Newtel to a public hearing.</p> <p>The officer was directed to take the appropriate action.</p> <p>The Sub-Panel recalled that a letter from the Sub-Panel Chairman, dated 27th November 2007, to the Minister for Economic Development requesting confirmation of the terms of reference and timescale of the proposed review into the JCRA, had not been answered.</p> <p>The officer was directed to request that the Minister reply to this correspondence as a matter of urgency.</p>	<p>EKW</p> <p>EKW</p> <p>EKW</p>

<p>3.</p>	<p>Advice request of Professor David Parker</p> <p>The Sub-Panel considered both the response from Ofwat to the Sub-Panel's questions concerning gearing controls and Professor Parker's advice relating to Ofwat's response.</p> <p>The Sub-Panel agreed to write to the Minister for Treasury and Resources for further information on credit ratings as a potential mechanism to control gearing.</p> <p>The officer was directed to take the appropriate action.</p>	<p>EKW</p>
<p>4.</p> <p>Item 3 28/11/07</p>	<p>Amendment</p> <p>The officer advised the Sub-Panel of the Greffier of the States advice regarding the implications of removing table two from the proposition.</p>	
<p>5.</p> <p>Item 7 28/11/07</p>	<p>Number Portability</p> <p>The Sub-Panel noted that the Jersey Telecom – Jersey Competition Regulatory Authority court case regarding number portability was still ongoing and it questioned what was the cost of this case to the States.</p> <p>The Officer was directed to request this information from the Minister for Economic Development</p>	<p>EKW</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Public Hearings</p> <p>The Sub-Panel noted the arrangements for the forthcoming public hearings on the 17th and 18th December 2007. It Further noted that the JCRA were unable to attend at this time and agreed to arrange a further public hearing on the 8th January 2008 for the JCRA to attend.</p> <p>The officer was directed to take the appropriate action.</p> <p>The Sub-Panel considered the questions for the forthcoming public hearings.</p> <p>The Sub-Panel recalled a meeting that was held at St. Paul's at which Lord Kingsland spoke on the subject of telecoms regulation. The officer was directed to obtain minutes of that meeting.</p>	<p>EKW</p> <p>EKW</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Future Meetings</p> <p>The Sub-Panel agreed that it should meet on the 4th January 2008 at 9.30 am in Blampied room.</p>	

Signed

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Chairman
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