

Scrutiny Office

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Dear Mr Ringsdore

Economic and International Affairs Scrutiny Panel

Review of the demerger of CICRA and formation of JCRA

As you will be aware, the Panel is undertaking a Review of the demerger of CICRA and formation of the JCRA. As part of the Review, the Panel has gathered views from a range of stakeholders, including those from the telecoms sector.

In one particular submission received by the Panel, concerns were raised in relation to the opposing decision of the JCRA and GCRA, most notably in relation to the recent commencement of an investigation into JT and Sure for "secret anticompetitive arrangements/agreements"

Upon further investigation, the Panel found that the GCRA had provided JT and Sure with a deadline of 18th June 2021 ¹to make representations to the GCRA in respect of this matter. In contrast, the JCRA announced on 31st March 2021 ²that it was closing its investigation of JT and Sure.

At the Public Hearing with the JCRA on the 14th May 2021, this particular investigation was referenced by the Chair of the JCRA, who noted that "we have taken a different approach to that than the GCRA has taken. They are taking a much more aggressive approach with respect to that".

The Panel would therefore be grateful if you could provide further clarification with regards to this matter, and the JCRA's position in relation to the outcome of future decisions where the JCRA and GCRA might diverge.

¹ GCRA – Information Note – Case C1471G: https://www.gcra.gg/media/598317/jt-and-sure-competition-investigation-information-note.pdf

² JCRA – Information Note – Case C1471G: https://www.jcra.je/media/598317/jt-sure-competition-law-investigation-information-notice.pdf

We would value your participation in this review and look forward to receiving your response.

Yours sincerely

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