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## **Consultation Papers**

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Notice of Extensions

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# **Notice of extension of deadlines for Responses to Consultation Papers**

## **1. Background**

In carrying out her function of regulating the telecommunications market, the Director of Telecommunications Regulation (“the Director”) wishes to take account of the relevant views and inputs of as wide a range of interested parties as possible. This will assist the ODTR in progressing the work programme of the Office as quickly and effectively as possible in order to provide regulatory certainty and clarity and enable the efficient operation of the market to the ultimate benefit of end users.

To this end the Director has carried out public consultations on a number of topics to date. In particular the ODTR engaged in a broad multi-stage consultation prior to the full liberalisation of the telecommunications market on 1<sup>st</sup> December 1998. The Director wishes to thank everyone who responded to those consultations. The comments received have been invaluable to the work of the ODTR.

In the first quarter of 1999, the ODTR initiated a series of new consultations on a number of topics that are critical in the newly liberalised telecommunications market. These papers cover a wide range of complex and inter-related issues and the Director looks forward to the views of interested parties on the issues addressed.

## **2. Requests for Extensions**

The Director has now received representations from several parties requesting extensions to the deadlines for responses to many of the current consultations on the basis that the issues involved require more time for consideration and response.

The Director has considered the representations received, examined the work programme of the ODTR, the dependencies and linkages to further work and the resources already assigned to the consultations. In order to facilitate the widest and most comprehensive response to the consultations, the Director proposes to adjust the response deadlines on a number of the papers. The Director regrets that it is not possible to provide the extensions requested on all of the papers. This is due to the work planning, dependencies and timetabling for the carrying out of the Director’s statutory functions in the market generally.

### **3. Amendments to deadlines for responses to existing consultation papers**

The following table lists the changes to the deadlines for responses to the current consultations:

<b>Consultation Paper</b>	<b>Publication Date</b>	<b>Original Deadline for Responses</b>	<b>Amended Deadline</b>	<b>Amended Target Date for Report by ODTR</b>
Carrier Pre-Selection	3 <sup>rd</sup> March	29 <sup>th</sup> March	Passed	April
Accounting Separation	4 <sup>th</sup> March	31 <sup>st</sup> March	Passed	April
Satellite Licensing Regime	4 <sup>th</sup> March	8 <sup>th</sup> June	No Change	End June
Dispute Resolution Procedures	18 <sup>th</sup> March	29 <sup>th</sup> April	18 <sup>th</sup> June	August
Numbering Conventions	18 <sup>th</sup> March	30 <sup>th</sup> April	28 <sup>th</sup> May	July
RIO Scope	22 <sup>nd</sup> March	23 <sup>rd</sup> April	No Change	End May
LRIC Development	23 <sup>rd</sup> March	30 <sup>th</sup> April	No Change	End May
Unbundling the Local Loop	25 <sup>th</sup> March	4 <sup>th</sup> May	8 <sup>th</sup> June	July
Review of Price Cap	29 <sup>th</sup> March	26 <sup>th</sup> April	No Change	End May

Because of the extension to the deadlines for responses, the ODTR has rescheduled its work programme and resources and adjusted the target date for responses to consultations appropriately.

### **4. Forthcoming consultation papers**

There are a number of additional consultation papers that the ODTR has announced in its work programme. Some of these are imminent, others will be issued at various stages throughout the year. In setting the response time to these consultations, the ODTR will consider amongst other matters:

- the complexity of the issues addressed;
- the stakeholders who might be most likely to wish to respond to the paper;
- the other papers that might be addressed to the same stakeholders (and therefore the total effort required to respond);
- any statutory timing requirements;
- the timing requirements as set in the ODTR work programme, and
- the mobilisation of resources to deal with the issues raised.

The following consultations are due to issue during April and May. While the ODTR appreciates that it may not be possible to quantify the effort required to respond to these papers until the full contents are available, any indication of a preferred consultation period will be welcome.

<b>Consultation Paper</b>	<b>Target Publication Date</b>
Internet Phase two	Mid April
Cost Accounting Methodology	Mid April
Licence Conditions – Service Level Agreements	End April
CATV Rate Regulation	End April
Deflectors	End April
Performance Measurement Parameters	Mid May

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### **5. Conclusion**

In conclusion, the Director wishes to express again her thanks to all those parties who have contributed to the public consultations held to date and looks forward to further input on existing and planned consultations.

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