

Ministry of Commerce, Planning and Infrastructure (CPI)

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TO: CEO, Utility Regulation and Competition Office (OfReg)
Chairman, Utility Regulation and Competition Board

FROM: Chief Officer, Ministry of CPI

DATE: June 2, 2020

OUR REF: OCR/CAB/01

**SUBJECT: Achieving Full Liberalisation of the Cayman Islands
Telecommunications Market and Developing a Robust Internet
Infrastructure**

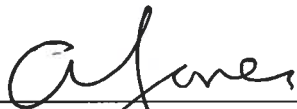
At the meeting held on 29th May, 2020, Cabinet granted approval to:

- a) Direct the Utility Regulation and Competition Office (OfReg) to ensure full liberalisation of the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) sector and to address any anti-competitive behaviours that may still exist; this includes:
 - Access to Submarine Cable Landing stations;
 - Infrastructure sharing per the URC and ICT laws as amended, and per the relevant regulations;
 - Any and all impediments to fair and equitable competition

- b) Direct the Utility Regulation and Competition Officer (OfReg) to undertake to map Information Communication Technology network development in the Cayman Islands. i.e. OfReg is expected to conduct an assessment of our national ICT network development including Critical National Infrastructure as defined by the laws, to understand where the country stands with regards to the quality and availability of national ICT ecosystem and the extent of ICT infrastructure. Instruct the Utility Regulation and Competition Office (OfReg) to take measures ensuring local internet communication remains onshore. This includes:
 - Overseeing the establishment of an ICT peering point (infrastructure) for the exchange and handing off of local traffic between Internet Service Providers' networks;
 - Consulting the industry to provide options to achieve this initiative;

- Safeguarding the ICT sector, by taking the necessary steps of inserting this issue as a condition for licensees to operate Internet Service Provision in the Cayman Islands (if necessary); and
 - Present the CI Government with a plan/roadmap explaining how this could be swiftly accomplished.
- c) Publication of the Directive in the Legislation Gazette in accordance with section 12 (1) of the Utility Regulation and Competition Law (2019 Revision)

Thanks and Regards,



Alan Jones
Chief Officer

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