

VoIP Policy

VOIP Policy Workshop

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Cabinet Approval

- ❑ VoIP policy approved by Cabinet on 19 June 2007.
- ❑ Industry to be notified about policy and Government's intention to issue licences as early as possible.

Objectives

- to ensure Government's facilitative and supportive role towards the provision of VoIP service and to establish related necessary licensing and regulatory parameters.

Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP)

- ❑ In the Fiji context, technically VoIP is an IP-based application and a totally different mode of transporting voice or telephony from one point to another. As such VoIP is not considered standard PSTN switched telephone service.

Interests in Provision of VoIP Service

- ❑ Government has received expressions of interest in provisioning of VoIP service by local resident providers.
- ❑ Government considers it prudent to ensure that there is a pragmatic and clearly defined approach towards VoIP, in order to ensure that this development effectively and reliably passes on benefits to users.
- ❑ Government will facilitate in the entry of VoIP service providers into the telecommunications sector.
- ❑ This policy statement of Government therefore intends to provide for these aspects whilst at the same time promoting clear legal and regulatory provisions relating to the provision of VoIP to users.

Areas of Concern

- Emergency call handling
- Network/system integrity
- Lawful call interception

Aspects Addressed

- Licensing
- Regulations

Discussion and Q&A

- Next Session “Numbering”