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Estimate for the Allocations of UAP Fund

1. The Telecommunications and Radiocommunications Act No. 30 of 2009 (“the Act”) provides for TRR to estimate the amount of the UAP Fund for a forthcoming year. (s19 (6) (a)).
2. TRR has estimated the amount of the UAP Fund under the Act for the year 1 July 2012 – 30 June 2013, in the amount of Vt25, 000,000.
3. The estimated amount is based on the provision of broadband internet telecommunications services to remote and rural communities that do not currently have such services, with emphasis on the provision of such services to schools and hospitals in those communities. The provision of such telecommunications services is consistent with the policy of promoting universal services to telecommunications services in Vanuatu. The promotion of universal access to broadband internet telecommunications services to such communities is also in accordance with existing Government policy, including as stated the Government Priority Action Agenda (PAA) plan 2006 – 2015 and the Telecommunication Statement Policy.
4. The information considered in making this estimate includes the following:
 - 4.1 the levy funds being sufficient to allow provision of the above services to between 5 and 10 sites;
 - 4.2 internet services being provided, as appropriate for selected remote and rural locations, using the most cost-effective means,
 - 4.3 sites being connected using an estimated mix of sites via Point to Point, Point to multiplex, WiMax connection and sites using V-Sat connection.
 - 4.4 Internet connection is to be at 512 Kbits down link and 128 Kbits up
 - 4.5 Estimate cost of computer hardware, basic training and if needed, power via solar and/or batteries for sites
 - 4.6 5% contingency for increases in actual versus estimated project costs.
5. If funds are contributed to the UAP Fund (for example from AUSAid) to supplement funds raised by a levy, those supplemental funds may be used to implement additional universal access services projects of the type referred to above, or other appropriate projects identified at the time.
6. Pursuant to s19 (6)(b) of the Act, TRR is to apportion the amount of the levy among licensed service providers according to their proportion of their net revenues of total service provider net revenues for the preceding year ending 31 March. Based on the net revenue due obtained from service providers for that period, TRR estimate levy is set at 0.71% of net revenue to achieve the total estimate cost.

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