

CAYMAN ISLANDS GOVERNMENT**Office of Telecommunications
Memorandum****TO: Hon. Minister – DAW & GA****THRU: Chief Officer - DAW & GA****cc: MANAGING DIRECTOR ICTA****FROM: TELECOMMUNICATIONS OFFICER****DATE: 5th JUNE 2009.****SUBJECT: ALLOCATION OF 700 MHZ BAND FOR PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS**

The ICTA has recently commenced a public consultation campaign on the above issue, and has requested that this office as the operator of the Government's Public Safety Network, comment on the proposals in the public domain i.e. via the ICTA's web-site and a copy of the ICTA's policy document is hereby attached.

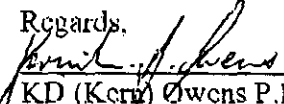
The official position on the subject by the Office of Telecommunications was previously conveyed to the ICTA's Managing Director in a Spectrum Management Task force meeting in September 2008. This position is in line with the FCC proposals i.e. for an initial 24 MHz for our present operations, and 24 MHz to be reserved for our possible future requirements.

Our reasoning for adopting this approach is because there are several unknown factors at the present time, based in part on the Briefing Report I previously submitted on June 2nd, and the fact that our primary equipment suppliers at this time are of USA origin. Non-standardised equipment is more costly at the outset and also in terms of technical support.

We therefore are in agreement with the ICTA's proposals as far as the reservations of spectrum for Public Safety use are concerned, which is in concert with our carefully considered position.

Before we respond to the ICTA via their web-site, we are firstly seeking your views/permission on the suitability of this office, which has the responsibility for the government network, and by extension, has a National Security component to be so engaged in the public domain.

Regards,


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Mr. Archbold

Please find attached a memorandum from Mr. Owens with the above caption.

Best Regards.

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