

Commonwealth of Australia

Telecommunications (Consumer Protection and Service Standards) Act 1999

**Telecommunications (Overall Levy Target Amount)
Statement 2017**

I, MIKE MRDAK, Secretary of the Department of Communications and the Arts, make the following Statement under section 42 of the *Telecommunications (Consumer Protection and Service Standards) Act 1999*.

Dated: 26 October 2017

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MIKE MRDAK

Secretary of the Department of Communications and the Arts

1 Name of Statement

This Statement is the *Telecommunications (Overall Levy Target Amount) Statement 2017*.

2 Commencement

This Statement commences on the day it is made.

3 Application

This Statement only applies in relation to the eligible levy period for the 2016–17 financial year.

4 Definitions

In this Statement:

Act means the *Telecommunications (Consumer Protection and Service Standards) Act 1999*.

relevant period means the 2016–17 eligible levy period.

Note: The terms *Appropriation Act*, *eligible administrative costs*, *eligible levy period*, *eligible revenue*, *eligible revenue period*, *overall levy target amount* and *participating person* have the same meanings given by section 5 of the Act.

5 Statement

Overall levy target amount

- (1) For the purposes of subsection 42(1) of the Act, the overall levy target amount for the relevant period is \$226,985,000.
- (2) The amount specified in subsection 5(1) of this Statement is the sum of the components specified in subsection 5(3) of this Statement, reduced by the amount specified in subsection 5(4) of this Statement.

Components of overall levy target amount

- (3) For the purposes of:
 - (a) subsection 42(2) of the Act – the total amount paid by the Secretary on behalf of the Commonwealth during the relevant period under contracts made under section 14 of the Act was \$323,916,000;
 - (b) subsection 42(3) of the Act – the total amount paid by the Secretary on behalf of the Commonwealth during the relevant period under grants made under section 14 of the Act was \$0; and
 - (c) subsection 42(4) of the Act – the total amount of eligible administrative costs incurred by the Commonwealth during the relevant period was \$3,069,000.

Amounts appropriated by Appropriation Acts

- (4) The total of the amounts appropriated by Appropriation Acts for the purposes of paragraphs 41(1)(d), (e) and (f) of the Act for the relevant period was \$100,000,000.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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Authority

The *Telecommunications (Overall Levy Target Amount) Statement 2017* (**Statement**) is made by the Secretary of the Department of Communications and the Arts (**Department**) under section 42 of the *Telecommunications (Consumer Protection and Service Standards) Act 1999* (**Act**). Under that section the Secretary of the Department must take all reasonable steps to ensure that a statement setting out the overall levy target amount for an eligible levy period is prepared within four months after the end of that period.

Purpose

The Statement provides the total amount of levy that will need to be collected from participating persons (that is, eligible telecommunications carriers) for the 2016–17 eligible levy period. Once the overall levy target amount is calculated, the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) is then responsible under the Act for assessing and collecting individual levy contributions from participating persons.

Effect or operation of the Statement

For 2016-17, the *overall levy target amount* will be set according to the calculation outlined in subsection 41(1) of the Act.

Under subsection 41(1) of the Act, the overall levy target amount for the 2016–17 eligible levy period is the sum of:

- all amounts paid by the Secretary on behalf of the Commonwealth during that period under contracts made under section 14;
- all amounts paid by the Secretary on behalf of the Commonwealth during that period by way of grants made under section 14; and
- the total amount of the eligible administrative costs of the Commonwealth incurred during the period,

less the total amount of money appropriated by any Appropriation Act in relation to that period for the purposes of meeting costs under any of these three categories.

For the 2016–17 financial year, the total amount of money appropriated to the Commonwealth (i.e. the Department) in relation to the three categories under subsection 41(1) of the Act outlined above was \$100,000,000. The total amount paid under the relevant contracts and grants, together with the incurred eligible administrative costs, for the relevant period was \$ 326,985,000. Therefore, the overall levy target amount for the 2016–17 eligible levy period, as noted in subclause 5(1) of the Statement, is \$226,985,000.