

Establishment of the Telecommunications Numbering Working Group

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The former NAC Working Group

- The former Office of the Telecommunications Authority (OFTA) had established a Telecommunications Numbering Advisory Committee (NAC) to advise it on the development, implementation and administration of Hong Kong's telecommunications numbering plan.
- Under the former NAC, an NAC Working Group was established in 2007 and 2008 to study various short-term and long-term numbering issues.

Proposal to set up TNWG

- Numbering issues addressed by the former NAC are now taken up by the Telecommunications Regulatory Affairs Advisory Committee (TRAAC)
- Proposes to set up the Telecommunications Numbering Working Group (TNWG) under TRAAC to take up the functions previously handled by the NAC Working Group

Proposed Terms of Reference of TNWG (1)

- To explore the number levels/blocks that can be allocated to mobile services after exhaustion of “9”, “6” and “5” numbers, taking into account the result of the study of future migration options;
- To estimate and/or project the time frame of the exhaustion of various number categories/levels, including demands for new services, using existing and new numbering allocation arrangement;

Proposed Terms of Reference of TNWG (2)

- To study and evaluate the long term needs and the various possible options for migration to a new numbering plan when the existing 8-digit plan reaches the end of its useful life;
- To explore various options to improve number utilisation efficiency (e.g. thresholds for new number block application);
- To summarize views and/or make recommendation on the above topics or aspects; and
- To discuss other related issues as identified by the working group.

Membership

- Chaired by OFCA
- Each Member may nominate a representative to join the TNWG
- OFCA may invite other professional bodies and organisations on a need basis
- Ad-hoc subgroups may be set up to address special issues

Thank you