Proposals of the Telecommunications Numbering Working Group

Telecommunications Regulatory Affairs Advisory Committee
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Introduction

- The Telecommunications Numbering Working Group (TNWG) was established under the Telecommunications Regulatory Affairs Advisory Committee (TRAAC) in January 2013

- The TNWG held three meetings during January to March in 2013 and discussed various numbering issues

New Number Blocks for Mobile Services

- Due to high growth rate of mobile services, the existing vacant mobile number blocks will be exhausted by end 2013

- The "57X" and "58X" numbers are allocated for Class 2 services now, but the demand for Class 2 numbers is very low

- Recommend to re-allocate the "57X" number block from Class 2 services to mobile services in order to better utilise the numbering resources

Revision to the Numbering CoP for the New ITRs

- To reflect the new requirement in the International Telecommunication Regulations (ITRs), the TNWG recommended to add the following paragraph in the "Code of Practice Relating to the Use of Numbers and Codes in the Hong Kong Numbering Plan" (Numbering CoP) -

"International Numbering Resources

12. Operators shall only use international telecommunication numbering resources specified in ITU-T Recommendations which the Communications Authority have assigned to them for the purposes for which they were assigned. Operators shall ensure that they do not use unassigned resources."

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M2M Communications Numbering Arrangement

- The machine-to-machine (M2M) number demand remains low and there are other means to support M2M services

- The TNWG considered that there was no urgent need to deploy 12-digit M2M numbers at this moment

- The TNWG will keep monitoring the development of M2M services in other countries and make timely recommendation to TRAAC on this subject matter if the need arises

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