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Dear Mr Abe

### National ICT Policy Phase 2 Reforms

Pursuant to section 19I(1) of the *Telecommunications Act 1996*, it is my pleasure to formally notify you that on 25 March 2009, the National Executive Council approved as Government Policy the National ICT Policy Phase 2 Reforms.

A copy of specific NEC Decision No. 51/2009, Meeting No.2 of 25<sup>th</sup> March, together with the schedule on the reforms approved by the NEC are attached to this letter. The document titled *National ICT Policy Phase 2 Reforms Final Report*, as approved by the NEC, will be shortly available. My Department will provide you with a copy.

In the meantime, I wish to draw your attention specifically to the cooperation and transitional elements contained in items 9.5 and 9.6 in the attached.

In terms of cooperation, you will note that the NEC decision requires that ICCC and PANGTEL will provide their full co-operation to the Department of Communication and Information and its consultants in connection with the transition from the current regulatory regime to the new regulatory regime as detailed in this *Final Report*.

Commissioner much is to be done in order to translate Government Policy into reality. I look forward to the ICCC providing the necessary cooperation to my Department.

Item 9.6 addresses interim arrangements that are to apply pending the enactment of legislation to give effect to the Government Policy. You will note that it is Government Policy that the current industry structure and participation be preserved during this

period. This means that Government Policy imposes specific limitations on the functions and powers of the ICCC and PANGTEL during the transitional period. These are set out in the attached document and are more fully discussed in the *Final Report* which I will provide to you shortly.

I look forward to working together with the ICCC as we implement this exciting set of policy reforms.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Patrick Tam', written over a horizontal line.

**Hon. Patrick Tam, MP**  
**Minister for Communications and Information**