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Dear Stephen

### REVIEW OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS REGULATION

Thank you for your letter of 12 February in response to my earlier correspondence about the immediate commencement of two scheduled reviews of the regulatory framework for telecommunication services.

In your letter you raised the question of what is now the appropriate timetable for the Commission's current UBA review process. As stated in my release of 08 February 2013, when introducing legislation later this year, I intend to extend the period by which the UBA pricing review process is to be completed as well as extending the date upon which the cost-based UBA price is to be implemented, to a date no later 30 November 2015 or earlier if practicable. This date allows considerable time for any potential changes to the pricing principles used in determining the cost-based UBA price that might come up during the course of the review to be considered.

I appreciate you may wish to consider the merits of continuing the current UBA pricing review process and these time extensions are intended to provide you adequate flexibility in that regard.

Yours sincerely

Hon Amy Adams  
Minister for Communications and Information Technology