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1. Between September 2014 and March 2016 ComReg received applications from eir, for funding for the provision of universal service for its financial years 2010/11, 2011/12, 2012/13, 2013/14 and 2014/15.
2. From receipt of these applications, ComReg has engaged with eir and has reviewed and sought clarification on the funding applications, including the universal service obligations (USO) cost models submitted by eir. As a result of these clarifications, on 15 July 2016, ComReg received revised models with modified claims from eir for funding for each of its financial years 2010/11 to 2014/15.
3. The revised net costs claimed by eir, for the periods in question are set out in the table below:

Net Costs claimed by eir (2010/11 to 2014/15 funding applications)

Financial Year	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
Direct net cost (€m)	9.5	8.4	9.2	11.1	13.3
Intangible benefits (€m)	1.6	1.4	1.2	1.1	0.8
Claimed net cost (€m)	7.9	7.0	8.0	10.0	12.4

4. ComReg is prioritising the assessment of the five funding applications received from eir for its financial years 2010/11, 2011/12, 2012/13, 2013/14, and 2014/15 and is preparing for consultation on these applications.
5. The first consultation in respect of eir's 2010/11 application, will be issued in June 2017. ComReg will subsequently issue separate consultations in respect of the funding applications for the periods 2011/12, 2012/13, 2013/14 and 2014/15 in chronological order.
6. The consultation period for all five consultations will expire six weeks after the date of publication of the consultation for the 2014/15 application, the last consultation in this series. While each of the five applications will be assessed individually and on its own merits, ComReg is cognisant that it may be more efficient for stakeholders to respond to all consultations in one document. If stakeholders choose to do so, the onus will be on stakeholders to structure responses clearly, in a discrete year-by-year format.
7. Having analysed and considered the views of respondents, ComReg will publish a series of Response to Consultation and Decision documents in respect of these five applications for funding.