

Universal Service Obligation

eir's USO Funding Applications: Update

Information Notice

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1. Further to Information Notice 17/48 ComReg has now published USO funding Consultations and Draft Decision documents in respect of eir's 2010/11 to 2014/15 funding applications for the provision of universal service, as set out below:

USO Funding Consultation Year	Publication Date
2010-2011	5 September 2017
2011-2012	11October 2017
2012-2013	22 November 2017
2013-2014	15 December 2017
2014-2015	30 April 2018

Table 1: USO funding consultations 2010-2015

- 2. ComReg now advises stakeholders that the consultation period for the five published consultations will close on 11 June 2018. As notified in Information Notice 17/48 stakeholders now have 6 weeks to make their submissions concerning any and/or all of the 5 eir applications, as notified to Industry on the dates set out in Table 1.
- 3. While each of eir's five funding applications (2010/11 to 2014/15) will be assessed individually and on their own merits, ComReg is cognisant that it may be more efficient for stakeholders to respond to all five 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.
- 4. Once ComReg has analysed and considered the views of respondents in respect of eir's funding applications for the financial years 2010/11 to 2014/15, ComReg intends to individually publish its Response to Consultation and Decision documents in respect of each of these five applications.