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Subject: RE: New FOI request: SMH - efficiency review [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

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Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii) (irrelevant)

Happy to consult with PM&C. Here are our responses to the points:

- **Date:** 24 January 2019
- **Description:** The experts that undertook the National Broadcaster Efficiency Review finalised this report late last year. The report was informed by consultation with the broadcasters and is supported by financial analysis commissioned from consultants, KordaMentha. The report makes 16 recommendations across 5 themes. The report does not set out explicit cost savings that could be achieved. Rather, the recommendations are made at a strategic level, are supported by examples for illustration purposes only and are aimed at positioning both broadcasters for the future. The recommendations are designed such that both national broadcasters maximise the resources they devote to the creation and acquisition of content and to facilitate the investment required in new content models and new delivery channels. As noted in the report, these changes are not business as usual and will not be simple to implement.
- **Department's advice on the documents relationship to cabinet processes:** The Efficiency Review report formed part of the triennium funding submission in Communication's PBS.
- **Cabinet reference number:** s. 22(1)(a)(ii) (irrelevant)
- **Was the document produced for the dominant purpose of cabinet deliberation?** Public statements by the Minister for Communications were clear that the report would inform the Government's triennium deliberations. The report has been provided under embargo to the national broadcasters as the recommendations are for consideration by the broadcasters.
- **Has the deliberation of cabinet been officially disclosed or published?** Yes
- **Is any of the material purely factual?** No

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Re the cabinet aspect – generally it is preference to consult with PM&C to ask their views on cabinet related material, and this will support a decision if we wish to claim this exemption. Are you happy for me to go to them?

They require the following information so they can consider the document so I would need your input on a couple of the below points:

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They require two weeks to consider the document so it is best to consult them early.

Kind regards

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