



Comment on Draft PTI FY18 Operating Plan and Budget

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Business Constituency Submission

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Background

This document is the response of the ICANN Business Constituency (BC), from the perspective of business users and registrants, as defined in our Charter:

The mission of the Business Constituency is to ensure that ICANN policy positions are consistent with the development of an Internet that:

1. promotes end-user confidence because it is a safe place to conduct business
2. is competitive in the supply of registry and registrar and related services
3. is technically stable, secure and reliable.

The BC welcomes the opportunity to comment on the **FY18 operating plan and budget for PTI**. (PTI was incorporated as Post-Transition IANA and has been recast as Public Technical Identifiers, associated with the IANA Services.)

For ease of readability and referencing, we recommend that instead of bulleting the points, it could be numbered.

Noted that the FY18 PTI Budget of US\$10m is a mere 7.5% increase over that of FY17 at US\$9.3m, we would like to have clarifications as follows:

1. On merit awards for the existing Full Time Equivalent (FTE) personnel, what are the details for the award / breakdown?
2. On Administration, the 2.4% increase is attributed to IT System and \maintenance support. The question here is, Is this to be handled in-house or outsourced? The preposition “to” is missing in the sentence - “...2.4% due to IT system...”
3. On contingency for potential insurance, we would like to know what category of risks are anticipated in FY18 (outside already identified risks) requiring insurance?
4. On the 7th bullet, when is this scenario expected to cease in view of IANA service independence of ICANN?
5. There is no fund for R & D. Is there any consideration for R & D in view of the sensitivity of this operation?

On IANA Services overview, there is no consistent priority ordering for the 3 IANA services provided. It is therefore recommended that the IANA Services be prioritized as follows:

1. IANA Protocol Parameter Services
2. IANA Numbering Services and
3. IANA Names Services

On the IANA Services and Budget, there appears to be duplication of workflow description.

Specifically, item 5.1.2 (Improvement Activities) and 5.2 (PTI System Enhancements) have similar workflow and may be better understood if they are renamed as 5.1.2 (General Improvement Activities), 5.2 to be 5.1.3 (System Improvement Activities) and 5.1.3 becomes 5.1.4.

The above proposed changes can also be reflected in Appendix A.

Finally, based on Appendix B, we would like to know why it is costing more to manage names. Is this in anticipation of the next round of gTLD?

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This comment was drafted by Jimson Olufuye, with help from Chris Chaplow and Marilyn Cade.

It was approved in accordance with the BC charter.