

Commonwealth of Australia

Telecommunications (Consumer Protection and Service Standards) Act 1999

**Universal Service Subsidies (2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04
Extended Zones) Determination (No. 1) 2001**

I, RICHARD KENNETH ROBERT ALSTON, Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts, make the following Determination under subsection 16(1) of the *Telecommunications (Consumer Protection and Service Standards) Act 1999*.

Dated 28 September 2001.

RICHARD ALSTON
Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts

1 Name of Determination

This Determination may be cited as the *Universal Service Subsidies (2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04 Extended Zones) Determination (No. 1) 2001*.

2 Commencement

This Determination commences on gazettal.

3 Definitions

In this Determination:

Act means the *Telecommunications (Consumer Protection and Service Standards) Act 1999*.

claim periods means:

- (a) the 2001-2002 financial year;
- (b) the 2002-2003 financial year; and
- (c) the 2003-2004 financial year.

Extended Zones universal service area means the universal service area notified as the universal service area of the Extended Zones in the Notice of the Primary Universal Service Provider for the Extended Zones of Australia published in the *Commonwealth of Australia Gazette* of 25 July 2001.

relevant service obligations means:

- (a) the obligation referred to in paragraph 9(1)(a) of the Act (dealing with standard telephone services);
- (b) the obligation referred to in paragraph 9(1)(b) of the Act (dealing with payphones).

standard telephone service includes an alternative telecommunications service (ATS) which is supplied in accordance with an approved ATS marketing plan in fulfilment of the obligation under paragraph 9(1)(a) of the Act.

4 Universal service subsidies

For the purposes of section 16 of the Act, the amounts of the universal service subsidies specified in the Schedule are determined for the Extended Zones universal service area in respect of the relevant service obligations for the claim periods.

5 Circumstances in which subsidies are payable

A universal service provider for a claim period is eligible to be paid the subsidies specified in the Schedule if the provider complies with the provider's obligations under section 12C of the Act.

Schedule – Universal service subsidies

1. The subsidy in respect of the supply of the standard telephone service and supply, installation and maintenance of payphones for the 2001-2002 financial year is \$35,015,000.
2. The subsidy in respect of the supply of the standard telephone service and supply, installation and maintenance of payphones for the 2002-2003 financial year is \$31,666,000.
3. The subsidy in respect of the supply of the standard telephone service and supply, installation and maintenance of payphones for the 2003-2004 financial year is \$28,637,314.