

**TREASURY BOARD DIRECTIVE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES**

- TO:** MINISTERS
DEPUTY MINISTERS
ASSOCIATE DEPUTY MINISTERS
EXECUTIVE FINANCIAL OFFICERS
SENIOR FINANCIAL OFFICERS
- DIRECTIVE:** **3/00**
- SUBJECT:** Telecommunications Services
- AUTHORITY:** This directive is issued pursuant to Sections 4 and 27 of the *Financial Administration Act*.
- OBJECTIVE:** The objective of this directive is to ensure that the BC Government's telecommunications services are effectively and efficiently managed; that cross-government compatibility is achieved; and that government receives the best value for money by aggregating demand, where appropriate.
- APPLICATION:** This directive applies to all ministries, offices and appropriations as defined in the Financial Administration Act and concerns all telecommunications goods, services and facilities.
- POLICY:** Chief Information Officer (CIO) as Deputy Minister for the Information, Science and Technology Agency (ISTA) is responsible and accountable for the overall management of all telecommunications goods, services and facilities for the BC Government.
- The CIO may develop specific telecommunications policies and directives including the delegation of responsibility for certain aspects of telecommunications or the granting of exemptions to specific ministries as defined by operational requirements.
- ISTA will administer and operate the BC Government's private telecommunications networks (e.g. PROVNet and SPAN/BC), provide technical assistance, and manage leases, contracts and other agreements related to telecommunications.
- Telecommunications services provided by ISTA will be operated on a cost recovery basis.

In conjunction with the Purchasing Commission, ISTA is the agency in government responsible for acquiring telecommunications goods, services and facilities. Unless otherwise delegated, ministries are not to make independent telecommunications-related expenditures.

End user advisory groups will be involved in the evolution of the networks and end user services. Stakeholder input will be obtained during the development of any related policies and/or directives.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This directive is effective April 1, 2000 and replaces Treasury Board Directive 1/90.

Paul Ramsey
Chair, Treasury Board

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