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Smart Energy Code (SEC) Update

1. Purpose

This paper intends to inform the DCUSA Panel, and Parties, of the activities occurring in relation to the SEC. The SEC Panel is due to meet on 13th January 2017. A verbal update on relevant discussions held at this SEC Panel meeting shall be provided at the 18th January 2017 DCUSA Panel meeting.

2. Code Updates

2.1 SEC Version 5.2

SEC Version 5.2 has been designated to reflect amendments directed by the Secretary of State (SoS). The SoS has designated changes, via a [direction letter](#), to SEC Appendix AC – Inventory, Enrolment and Withdrawal Procedures to enable the DCC to assure Communications Hub functioning in the production environment (“CH Production Proving”). These changes came into effect on 21st December 2016.

More information on the latest designation can be found on the latest news articles on the [SECAS Website](#).

3. SEC Governance Updates

3.1 SMIP Contingency Request submitted by Smart DCC Ltd: Final decision from BEIS Senior Responsible Owner

On 21st November 2016 the DCC issued a consultation on a proposal for new release dates for Release 1.3. The consultation closed on 5th December 2016. On 20th December 2017, BEIS Senior Responsible Owner accepted the DCC’s delivery plan with minor revisions. The key elements of the revised DCC plan are:

- R1.3 functionality will be available for Users in the End-to-End (E2E) environment on 6th March 2017;
- R1.3 functionality will be available in the production environment on 10th April 2017;
- If four week contingency is held by the DCC, the dates for both the start of E2E testing and the uplift of the live environment would change accordingly; and
- A separate release of the SMKI Recovery application is planned for 10th April 2017.

The revisions to the DCC’s proposed delivery approach for R1.3 are:

- DCC plans to complete Additional SIT by testing Service Requests against emulators. Users will retain the ability to test with their own devices in E2E testing;

- DCC introduced an additional four-week period of E2E testing to provide a period of User testing before the live environment is uplifted. This replaces the phase of Interface Testing, which in turn removes the obligation on large energy suppliers to undertake User Entry Process Testing (UEPT) for R1.3. UEPT will remain available for Parties seeking to become DCC Users; and
- “Testing with Meters” has been added to the plan, in parallel with Additional SIT to demonstrate that DCC’s release is compatible with a selection of meters.

Based on these decisions, BEIS also confirmed;

- The DNO User Mandate will move to 10th October 2017, which ensures all DNOs become DCC Users within 6 months of the relevant DCC functionality becoming available;
- SMETS1 end date will move to 6th April 2018 to provide a 13-month transition period from the point that E2E testing is available;
- The Advanced Meter Exception end date for Large Suppliers will move to 10th October 2017, since Large Suppliers require a period of transition to SMETS2 once the half hourly functionality in R1.3 becomes available; and
- The Advanced Meter Exception end date for Small Suppliers will be 10th February 2018, which recognizes that Large Suppliers will drive the market for SMETS2 meter variants.

3.2 Consultation: Change to the SoS Variation End Date for Use of EUI-64 Identifiers (User IDs)

At the December 2016 meeting, the SEC Panel agreed to consult with SEC Parties on changing the end date of the Secretary of State variation for Use of EUI-64 Identifiers (User IDs). This consultation is in light of the DCC indicating that it cannot meet the current variation end date in June 2017.

Responses are due on 25th January 2017 by completing the [consultation response form](#) and submitting it to secas@gemserv.com. Following the end of this consultation, any comments will be provided to BEIS to inform the actions they take in relation to the variation.

4. SEC Modifications Update

4.1 Approvals and Rejections

The consultation for SECMP0016 “Consideration of “Maximum Credit” value in credit cover calculation” closed on 7th December 2016 and the Change Board meeting was held on 21st December 2016. The Change Board voted to recommend that SECMP0016 should be approved. The modification is with BEIS for Authority determination.

4.2 New SEC Modification Proposal

Since the December 2016 DCUSA Panel meeting, five new Modification Proposals have been submitted to SECAS. This is outlined in Table one below.

SEC Modification Proposal	Summary of Modification
SECMP0026 – Changes to the Security Sub-Committee Nomination Process	This modification seeks to alter the current Security Sub-Committee’s (SSC) member nomination process in three areas to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • require that nominators must hold a relevant senior position within their organisation; • grant the SSC authority to reject nominees if they lack relevant security

SEC Modification Proposal	Summary of Modification
	expertise; and • require that nominees undergo security vetting.
SECMP0027 – Amending Service Request Forecasting	The Proposer has highlighted that forecasting the number of individual Service Requests is going to be very challenging for DCC Users, especially for top ups. This modification seeks to amend the forecasting rules.
SECMP0028 – Prioritising Service Requests	This Modification Proposal seeks to introduce Service Request prioritisation with the rationale that some Service Requests are fundamental to the customer experience of the market and should take priority over other, non-critical Service Requests.
SECMP0029 – Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery Testing Amendments	This Modification Proposal seeks to amend the DCC obligations on the Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery (BCDR) to ensure that Service Requests (SRs) are processed as soon as possible to reduce customer impacts.
SECMP0030 – Demand Management of DCC Systems	Where network traffic approaches or exceeds the capacity of the DCC System, Users could experience fluctuations in system performance, extended round trip times or in extreme cases the system could fail. This modification proposes to implement an enduring solution that protects the DCC System when aggregate demand cannot be satisfied simultaneously. This modification proposes establishing appropriate rules to enable the prioritisation of Service Requests and Service Responses across the DCC User Interface and the prioritisation by the DCC of Commands to be sent to Communications Hub Functions and Certificate Signing Request volumes in an equitable, fair and transparent way. Rules by which DCC will actively control Device Alert volumes should also be considered for inclusion in this modification process.

Table one: New Modification Proposal

4.3 SEC Modification Proposals in the Refinement Process

Table two provides an update on the status of the eighteen Modification Proposals that are in the Refinement Process stage.

Modification Proposal #	Modification Proposal Title	Update
SECMP0004	Inclusion of Meter Serial Number data item in the Smart Metering Inventory	At the December 2016 meeting, the SEC Panel chose to return these three modifications to the refinement stage, to incorporate greater DCC cost granularity, further detail, costs associated with User Testing, and a refined structure of the case for change. SECAS has redrafted the Solution Design Document to include User Testing and requested revised DCC IAs on the 23 rd December 2016. These three modifications
SECMP0008	Provision of a DCC Alert (formerly Service Request Error Response) for Quarantined Service Requests	
SECMP0011	Including the MAP ID in the Smart Metering Inventory	

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		are expected to be returned to the SEC Panel at its March 2017 meeting.
SECMP0010	Introduction of triage arrangements for Communication Hubs	DCC is preparing a PA, which the Working Group will then assess. DCC noted further delays for producing the PA and the new revised delivery date is on 20 th January 2017.
SECMP0012	Channel selection to support Shared HAN Solutions	SECAS and the Proposer finalised the refinement of the business requirements and requested the PA on 23 rd December 2016. The PA has an estimated delivery date of 27 th January 2017.
SECMP0018	Standard Electricity Distributor Configuration Settings	SECAS and the Proposer finalised the refinement of the business requirements and requested a DCC PA on 15 th December 2016. The PA has an estimated delivery date of 23 rd January 2017.
SECMP0019	Auxiliary Load Control Switches (ALCS) Description Label	SECAS and the Proposer finalised the refinement of the business requirements and requested a DCC PA on 6 th January 2017. The PA has an estimated delivery date of 9 th February 2017.
SECMP0021	Increase Other SEC Party representation for TABASC and SSC	<p>SECMP0021 Working Group Consultation is issued. Working Group meetings were held on 13th December 2016 and on 21st December 2016 and a two-part proposed solution was developed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add two 'Other SEC Party' member seats to the membership structure of the SSC; and • Increase the number of 'Other SEC Party' member seats on the TABASC from two to four. <p>Please see the SEC Website for the Working Group Consultation, draft legal text and Working Group Consultation response form. Responses are due on 30th January 2017.</p>
SECMP0002	Add New Command to Reset Debt Registers	Working Groups did not meet in December 2016 as work is being undertaken to gather the necessary information to enable further Working Group discussion.
SECMP0005	Inclusion of Tariff and Register Labels on SMETS2 Devices	
SECMP0006	Specifying the number of digits for device displays	

SECMP0007	Firmware updates to mandated HAN devices	
SECMP0009	Centralised Firmware Library	
SECMP0013	Smart meter device diagnostics and triage	
SECMP0015	GPF timestamp for reading instantaneous Gas values	
SECMP0023	Correct Units of Measurement for Uncontrolled Gas Flow Rate	
SECMP0024	Enduring Approach to Communication Hub Firmware Management	
SECMP0025	Electricity Network Party Access to Load Switching Information	

Table two: Modifications Proposals Update

Further information on the SEC Modification Proposals can be found on the [SEC Website Modifications Register](#).

Each month, SECAS prepares a Modification Status Report for the SEC Panel. This report provides the latest information on Modifications Proposals currently progressing within the Modification Process. The January 2017 Modification Status Report is attached to this paper.

5. Next Meeting

The next SEC Panel meeting is scheduled for Friday, 10th February 2017.

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11th January 2017

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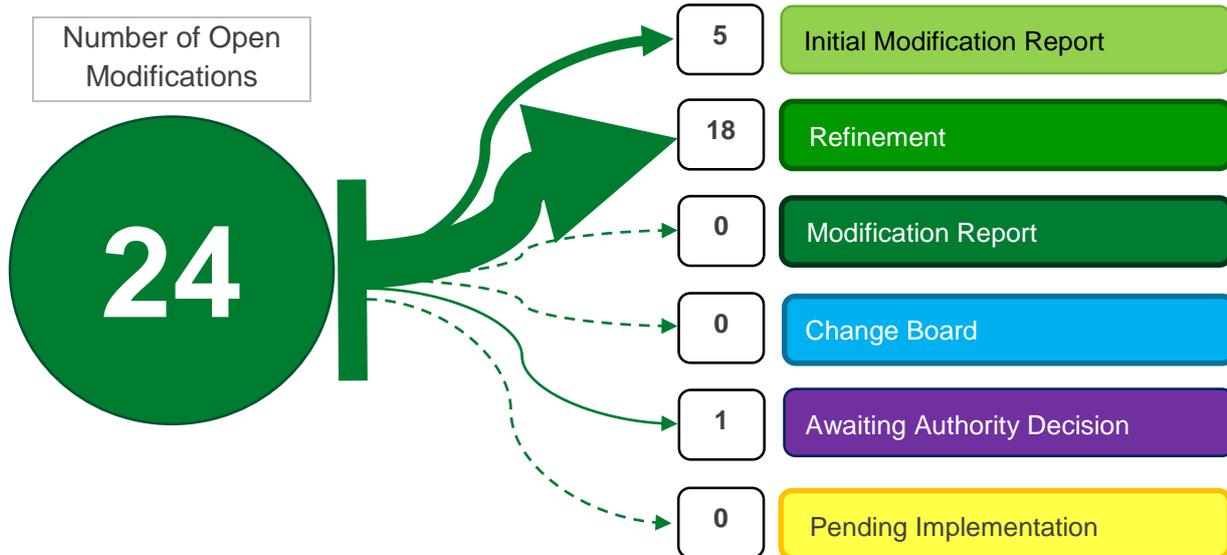


Modification Status Report
January 2017
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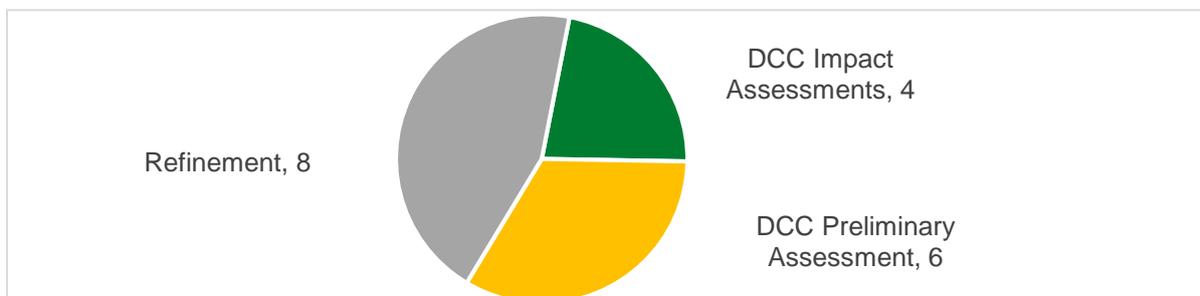
1. Summary

This report provides a monthly update on the status and progress of SEC Modification Proposals, highlighting key information and decisions made. This report covers the period between the December 2016 and January 2017 SEC Panel meetings. Further information can be found in the Modifications Register and/or on the Modification Proposal [webpages](#).

1.1. Status of Open Modification Proposals



Modification Proposals in refinement, 18



1.2. New Modification Proposals

Five new modifications were raised this month:

- SECMP0026 “Changes to the Security Sub-Committee Nomination Process”;
- SECMP0027 “Amending Service Request Forecasting”;
- SECMP0028 “Prioritising Service Requests”;
- SECMP0029 “Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery Testing Amendments”; and
- SECMP0030 “Demand Management of DCC Systems”.

1.3. Approvals and Rejections

One Change Board recommendation was made last month to vote on the approval or rejection of Modifications Proposals:

- The consultation for **SECMP0016 “Consideration of “Maximum Credit” value in credit cover calculation**” closed on 7th December 2016 and the Change Board meeting was held on 21st December 2016. The Change Board voted to recommend that SECMP0016 should be approved. The modification is currently with BEIS for Authority determination.

2. Highlights from last month

SECMP0004, SECMP0008 & SECMP0011: At the December 2016 meeting, the SEC Panel chose to return these three modifications to the refinement stage, to incorporate greater DCC cost granularity, further detail, costs associated with User Testing, and a refined structure of the case for change. SECAS has redrafted the Solution Design Document to include User Testing and requested revised DCC IAs on the 23rd December 2016. These three modifications are expected to be returned to the SEC Panel at its March 2017 meeting.

SECMP0010 “Introduce triage arrangements for Communication Hubs”: DCC is preparing a PA, which the Working Group will then assess. DCC noted further delays for producing the PA and the new revised delivery date is on 20th January 2017.

SECMP0012 “Add channel selection for Shared HAN solutions”: SECAS and the Proposer finalised the refinement of the business requirements and requested the PA on 23rd December 2016. The PA has an estimated delivery date of 27th January 2017.

SECMP0018 “Standard Electricity Distributor Configuration Settings”: SECAS and the Proposer finalised the refinement of the business requirements and requested a DCC PA on 15th December 2016. The PA has an estimated delivery date of 23rd January 2017.

SECMP0019 “ALCS Description Labels”: SECAS and the Proposer finalised the refinement of the business requirements and requested a DCC PA on 6th January 2017. The PA has an estimated delivery date of 9th February 2017.

SECMP0021 “Increase Other SEC Party representation for TABASC and SSC” Working Group meetings were held on 13th December 2016 and on 21st December 2016 to develop the proposed solution. The key discussion points at the Working Group covered the current arrangements in relation to the SSC and TABASC membership and initial feedback from the SSC, the TABASC, consideration of the SSC membership and the reasoning for adding Other SEC Parties to the membership. The discussions have reached a point that has enabled the necessary legal text and Working Group Consultation to be drafted, ready to be issued for consultation.

3. Modification Proposal Progress

This table summarises the progress of all open Modification Proposals. For further details, please refer to the [Modifications Register](#).¹

Mod	Title	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov			
SECMP02	Add New Command to Reset Debt Registers	Panel approved Refinement	Working Group refinement										DMR	CB	Decision										
			Solution	Solution	Solution							Consultation													
						PA	PA	PA	PA																
SECMP04	Add MSN data item in SMI	Panel approved Refinement	Working Group refinement										DMR	CB	Decision										
			Solution		Solution v1							Consultation													
			PA	PA	IA	IA	IA	IA	IA																
SECMP05	Add Tariff and Register Labels in SMETS2 Devices	Panel approved Refinement	Working Group refinement										DMR	CB	Decision										
			Solution	Solution	Solution							Consultation													
						PA	PA	PA	PA																
SECMP06	Specify number of digits for device displays	Panel approved Refinement	Working Group refinement										DMR	CB	Decision										
			Solution	Solution	Solution							Consultation													
SECMP07	Enable OTA firmware updates to mandated HAN devices	Panel approved Refinement	Working Group refinement												DMR	CB	Decision								
			Solution	Solution	Solution									Consultation											
						PA	PA	PA	PA	PA	PA														
SECMP08	Provide a DCC Alert for Quarantined SRs	Panel approved Refinement	Working Group refinement										DMR	CB	Decision										
			Solution		Solution v1							Consultation	Consultation												
			PA	PA	IA	IA	IA	IA	IA																
SECMP09	Centralised Firmware Library	Panel approved Refinement	Working Group refinement												DMR	CB	Decision								
			Solution	Solution	Solution	Solution	Solution	Solution	Solution	Solution				Consultation											
SECMP10	Introduce triage arrangements for Comms Hubs	Panel approved Refinement	Working Group refinement												DMR	CB	Decision								
			Solution	Solution	Solution									Consultation											
				PA	PA	PA	PA	PA	PA	PA	PA														
SECMP11	Add MAP ID data item to the SMI	Panel approved Refinement	Working Group refinement												DMR	CB	Decision								
			Solution	Solution								Consultation													
					PA	PA	PA	PA	IA	IA															

¹ These dates may change following the Panel's agreement of the new timelines contained in the Modification and Release Management Thought Piece Update.

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Mod	Title	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov			
SECMP12	Add channel selection for Shared HAN solutions			Panel approved Refinement	Working Group refinement										DMR	CB	Decision								
					Solution	Solution	Solution	Solution	Solution	Solution			Consultation												
SECMP13	Introduce triage arrangements for SMETS2 devices (e.g. smart meters)			Panel approved Refinement	Working Group refinement												DMR	CB	Decision						
					Solution	Solution	Solution	Solution	Solution	Solution				Consultation											
SECMP15	GPF timestamp for reading instantaneous Gas values			Panel approved Refinement / WG	Working Group refinement												DMR	CB	Decision						
						Solution	Solution	Solution	Solution				Consultation												
								PA	PA																
SECMP16	Consideration of "maximum credit" value in credit cover calculation			Panel approved Refinement	Working Group refinement										DMR / Early CB	CB / Early Decision	Decision								
						Solution	Solution		Consultation																
							IA	IA																	
SECMP18	Standardise ENO Configuration settings			Panel approved Refinement	Working Group refinement										DMR	CB	Decision								
						Solution	Solution	Solution	Consultation																
SECMP19	Standardise ALCS/HCALCS description labels			Panel approved Refinement	Working Group refinement										DMR	CB / Decision									
						Solution	Solution	Solution	Consultation																
SECMP20	Removing confidential classification of unique IDs in Schedule 5																								
SECMP21	Increase Other SEC Party representation for TABASC and SSC																								
SECMP22	Expanding SMKI PMA membership and removing Alternate restrictions																								
SECMP23	Correct Units of Measure for Uncontrolled Gas Flow Rate																								
SECMP24	Enduring Approach to																								

Mod	Title	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov
	Communication Hub Firmware Management								Panel approved Refinement						Consultation							
SECMP25	Electricity Network Party Access to Load Switching Information										Panel approved Refinement	Working Group Refinement							DMR		CB	Decision
SECMP26	Changes to Security Sub-Committee Nomination Process														Panel Reviews IMR							
SECMP27	Amending Service Request Forecasting														Panel Reviews IMR							
SECMP28	Prioritising Service Requests														Panel Reviews IMR							
SECMP29	Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery Testing Amendments														Panel Reviews IMR							
SECMP30	Demand Management of DCC Systems														Panel Reviews IMR							

Key:

Original due date for PA/IA

Original Authority Decision deadline approved by Panel

4. Release Contents

This section provides a summary of future releases and highlights modifications that are targeted for, or approved for, a scheduled release date.

June 2017 Release (29th June 2017)

Mod Ref	Status	Potential Impacts	
		Docs	Systems
<p>The June 2017 Release will not contain modifications with a DCC Systems or Device Impact. This is in line with the Panel consideration of the June 2017 Release content undertaken at the September 2016 and October 2016 Panel meetings.</p>			

November 2017 Release (2nd November 2017)

Mod Ref	Status	Potential Impacts	
		Docs	Systems
<p>The November 2017 Release will not contain modifications with a DCC Systems or Device Impact. This is in line with the Panel consideration of the November 2017 Release content undertaken at the September 2016 and October 2016 Panel meetings.</p>			
<p><u>BEIS-directed changes</u> CR195: Self Service Interface Functionality (Section H8.16(c)) (if this is not resolved before the November 2017 Release) CR193: Use of User identifiers (EUI-64 identifiers) variation resolution</p>			
<p><u>DCC internal changes</u> CR205: Anomaly Detection SMETS Objects Limits CR183: Recovery Procedure Changes</p>			

February 2018 Release (22nd February 2018)

Mod Ref	Status	Potential Impacts	
		Docs	Systems
<p><u>BEIS-directed changes</u> CR184: Dual Band Communications Hubs CR194: Designation of new Technical Specifications, GBCS and other SEC changes (Technical Specification Group (TSG)2)</p>			

June 2018 Release (28th June 2018)

Mod Ref	Status	Potential Impacts	
		Docs	Systems
0004	Following an Authority approval in May, June 2018 would be the earliest point that these modifications could be implemented if approved	SMETS2, GBCS, DUIS	DCC
0008		DUIS, TADP	DCC
0011		DUIS	DCC

Mod Ref	Status	Potential Impacts	
		Docs	Systems
0002	following completion of the Modification Process.	SMETS2, GBCS, DUIS, MMC	DCC
0005		SMETS2, GBCS, DUIS	DCC

November 2018 Release (29th November 2018)

Mod Ref	Status	Potential Impacts	
		Docs	Systems
0006	In light of the Panel's consideration of the content of the first few enduring releases, this may now be the earliest point that these modifications listed may be implemented, if approved, following completion of the Modification Process.	SMETS2, GBCS, CHTS,	SMS
0007		SMETS2, GBCS, CHTS,	DCC
0009		SEC	TBC
0010		CHIMSM, CHTS	DCC
0012		SMETS2, GBCS, DUIS, CHTS, MMC, DUGIS	TBC
0013		DUIS	DCC, SMS
0015		SMETS2, GBCS,	DCC
0016		SEC	DCC
0018		GBCS	
0019		DUIS	DCC, DCC Users
0023		SEC, DUIS, SMETS2	DCC, Users
0024		SEC, DUIS,	DCC, SMS
0025		SEC, DUIS, SMETS2	DCC, Users

Code Administrators' metrics: Quarter 4 (1st October to 31st December 2016)

Metric No.	Description	Measurement area	Numbers	
Area: General				
1	Number of modifications raised in the period (Any modifications with alternatives should just be counted as 1):	Authority Consent – Non-urgent	5	
		Authority Consent – Urgent	0	
		Self-governance	5	
		Fast-Track self-governance	0	
		Self-governance - Urgent	0	
2	Number of modifications withdrawn in the period (Any modifications with alternatives should just be counted as 1):	Authority Consent – Non-urgent	1	
		Authority Consent – Urgent	0	
		Self-governance	0	
		Fast-Track self-governance	0	
		Self-governance - Urgent	0	
				Alternates
3	Number of modifications submitted to the Authority for decision in the period (include the number of alternatives submitted in the second box):	Non-urgent	1	0
		Urgent	0	0
				Alternates
4	Number of final industry decisions on modification in the period (include the number of alternatives submitted in the second box):	Self-governance	2	0
		Fast track self-governance	0	
		Self-governance - Urgent	0	
				Alternates
5	Number of reports 'sent back' by the Authority in the period (include the number of alternates in the second box):	Non-urgent	0	0
		Urgent	0	0
6	Number of modifications implemented in the period:		2	
Area: Consultation				
	Number of consultations which closed in the period for the following types of modifications this includes any consultation raised at any point during the modification cycle, and any modifications with alternates should be counted as 1:	Authority Consent – Non-urgent	4	
		Authority Consent – Urgent	0	
		Self-governance	2	
		Fast-Track self-governance	0	

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Metric No.	Description	Measurement area	Numbers
		Self-governance - Urgent	0
8	Number of consultations to non-urgent modification, which closed in the period, that had a consultation period of <u>less than 15 business days</u>	Authority Consent	1
		Self-governance	0
		Fast-track self-governance	0
9	Number of consultations to urgent modifications which closed in the period, that had a consultation period of <u>less than 5 business days</u>	Authority Consent – Urgent	0
		Self-governance - Urgent	0
10	Number of modifications which had their final vote in the period, for which legal text <u>was not</u> available in the final consultation	Authority Consent – Non-urgent	0
		Authority Consent – Urgent	0
		Self-governance	0
		Fast-Track self-governance	0
		Self-governance - Urgent	0
Area: Engagement			
11	Number of new parties who have acceded to the code in the period		21
12	Number of times assistance was requested with access and engagement to code and the modification process in the period		2987
13	Number of respondents to Authority Consent modification consultations which closed in the period (this includes any consultation raised at any point during the modification cycle):	Minimum	6
		Mean	11
		Median	10
		Maximum	14
14	Number of respondents to Self-governance modification consultation which closed in the period (this includes any consultations raised at any point during the modification cycle):	Minimum	15
		Mean	17
		Median	17
		Maximum	18
Area: Costs			
15	Number of modifications which had their final vote in the period, for which an estimation of the central system implementation costs <u>was not</u> available in the final consultation:	Authority Consent – Non-urgent	0
		Authority Consent – Urgent	0
		Self-governance	0
		Fast-Track self-governance	0
		Self-governance - Urgent	0
16	Number of modifications, implemented in the period, where the central system implementation costs were zero:		0

Metric No.	Description	Measurement area	Numbers
17	Number of modifications, implemented in the period where the central system implementation costs were more or less than the advised prior to the final industry vote:	Greater than or equal to 10% <u>MORE</u> than the advised implementation cost	0
		Greater than or equal to 10% <u>LESS</u> than the advised implementation cost	0