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From: Kenneth Spratt
Sent: 18 December 2007 17:12
To: Micheal Smith (DFA)
Subject: Invitation to Frank Sanda

Mícheál, could you invite Frank Sanda to participate in the National Advisory Forum? The text of an invitation to another potential candidate is attached for your convenience.

Ken.

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From: Kenneth Spratt
Sent: 19 December 2007 07:55
To: 'Kenneth Carter'
Subject: RE: Invitation - Minister Ryan's National Advisory Forum

Great news, thanks Ken, see you in February.

Formal invitation to follow in the coming weeks.

Ken.

-----Original Message-----

From: Kenneth Carter [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: 19 December 2007 07:52
To: Kenneth Spratt
Subject: RE: Invitation - Minister Ryan's National Advisory Forum

This is great news in deed. I am flattered and honored. My calendar is clear for the 27th, and will be there.

I do have some experience in WBA, mostly from FCC projects. You might remember our project on municipal broadband networks. I can share with you further details about this and other related work later.

Looking forward to seeing you again.

Regards,
Ken

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Cc:
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From: Kenneth Spratt
Sent: 19 December 2007 08:05
To: Eamonn Confrey (DFA)
Subject: FW: Invitation - Minister Ryan's National Advisory Forum

Eamonn,

You might get the 2 USA people to save the date anyway. We could send on a formal invitation from Minister and include a ToR and list of bios after Christmas.

See text attached which I've been using.

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Sent: 19 December 2007 12:51
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Peter O'Neill
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From: Kenneth Spratt
Sent: 19 December 2007 13:25
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Invitation to facilitate Minister Ryan's National Advisory Forum

Dear Mr. Molloy,

As previously mentioned to you by Peter O'Neill, Minister Eamon Ryan will establish a National Advisory Forum (NAF) on Next Generation Broadband/Networks in the coming weeks. The Minister would be delighted if you could act as the facilitator for the NAF which will be made up of telecoms policy experts from around the world.

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From: Kenneth Spratt
Sent: 24 December 2007 13:33
To: 'McElligott, John'
Cc: Peter O'Neill; Suzanne Duke
Subject: RE: Minister's National Advisory Forum - Save the date

John,

In response to your recent emails: we are taking a two stage approach to the policy paper. The National Advisory Forum is being asked to consider and critique the initial draft. The paper will then be published for consultation with all stakeholders, including customers. Minister would welcome your participation in the Forum. An early response would be appreciated.

If, for whatever reasons, you would prefer not to participate, Minister would welcome your contribution as a customer and we will revert to you at that stage.

I wish to emphasise again the confidential nature of this matter.

Regards,

Ken.

From: McElligott, John [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: 21 December 2007 21:08
To: Kenneth Spratt
Cc: Minister; Peter O'Neill; sue.duke@dcmnr.ie; Munden, Patrick; McCarthy, Felicity; Galvin, Eamonn; Hoban, Angela
Subject: RE: Minister's National Advisory Forum - Save the date

Ken – how does Brian Thompson's bio omit the fact that he was on the board of eircom when it was sold?

Omitting such matters of potentially key importance will not increase the credibility of the group.

Best regards

From: Kenneth Spratt [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 1:11 PM
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From: McElligott, John [REDACTED]
Sent: 19 December 2007 12:52
To: Kenneth Spratt
Subject: RE: Clarification?

Hi – no – there is a space too many.

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Forums, fora? I think both are correct!

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Subject: Clarification?

John,

Grateful if you could clarify the second last bullet in your email to Minister:

“Our technology decision-making will be led by industry for a, many of which are already in place. The BCAB should only refer to these where substantive issues relate to the competitive issue and ‘c’ above”

It appears that some text is missing.

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The Netherlands and the UK – attached.

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