

This document is classified as **Clear** in accordance with the Panel Information Policy. Recipients can distribute this information to the world, there is no limit on disclosure. Information may be shared without restriction subject to copyright.

Communications Transition Group (CTG) Meeting 34X

13:00 – 14:30, 28 May 2026

CTG_34X_2805 – Meeting Headlines

Decision, Discussion and Information Items

1. Previous Meeting's Minutes: (For Decision) (**GREEN**)

The CTG reviewed the Confidential and Non-Confidential Minutes from the CTG 34 meeting, noting one amendment to the Confidential Minutes.

The CTG **APPROVED** both sets of minutes as final.

2. DCC Update: 4G CH Programme Update: (For Information) (**AMBER**)

The DCC provided an update on the 4G Communication Hub (CH) programme, including installation trends, supply chain risks, and stock levels.

The DCC reported that installations of 2G CHs and Long-Range Radio (LRR) are declining, while 4G CH installations remain strong, with orders exceeding forecasts and sufficient stock available.

The DCC explained that global demand for Random Access Memory (RAM) is stable, but prices are rising due to AI requirements. Ocean freight lead times from Shanghai to Southampton remain around 50 days due to routing around the Cape of Good Hope. These factors are being monitored, with Toshiba continuing to support the 12-month rolling forecast.

The CTG **NOTED** the update.

3. DCC Update: Communication Service Availability Statement (CSAS): (For Discussion) (**GREEN**)

The CTG discussed the Communication Service Availability Statement (CSAS), including finalised and ongoing contract agreements for 2G North, Smart Metering Equipment Technical Specification 1 (SMETS1) Initial Operating Capability (IOC), SMETS1 Middle Operating Capability (MOC), SMETS1 Final Operating Capability (FOC), and SMETS2 Central and South.

SEC Industry Operations informed the group that commercial negotiations around the LRR contract are ongoing. Updates are being provided to the Operations Group (OPSG), and CTG members were invited to join these sessions for further input. CTG Members expressed support for including the LRR contract end date information within the CSAS.

The CTG raised concerns about the CSAS and urged the DCC to provide a statement of fact that outlines clearly when each contract will expire and where contracts may be extended.

The DCC **AGREED** to return to the CTG with clarity on contract end dates and provide an enduring statement that Suppliers can use for their planning assumptions.

The CTG **NOTED** the update and provided feedback on the CSAS.

4. CTG Factsheet Update: (For Decision) (**GREEN**)

SEC Industry Operations presented the proposed changes to the AMBER v4.10 and GREEN v2.9 CTG Factsheets.

The CTG raised no objections and **APPROVED** the AMBER v4.11 and GREEN v2.10 CTG Factsheets.

5. AOB: (For Discussion) (**CLEAR**)

A Member raised an issue regarding the SEC obligation relating to the replacement of mesh CHs prior to December 2031, and queried whether Suppliers are proactively replacing the leaf nodes.

The CTG **NOTED** the update and **AGREED** to revisit the topic during AOB at CTG 35.

Next Meeting Date: 15 June 2026