## Media release





## Monday, 30 March 2015 TIO complaints per provider decrease 4.5 per cent

Telco complaints as a proportion of providers' services decreased for the fourth quarter in a row, according to the *Telecommunications Complaints in Context* report released today.

TIO complaints per 10,000 services in operation (SIO) decreased for the fourth consecutive quarter in October-December 2014.

The result for the five participating providers (amaysim, iiNet, Optus, Telstra and Vodafone) is a 4.5 per cent decrease when compared to July-September 2014, from 6.9 to 6.6 complaints per 10,000 SIO. This figure is also 13 per cent less than in October-December 2013, when all participants recorded 7.6 complaints per 10,000 SIO.

"These results reflect the welcome decrease in TIO complaints, which were at an eight-year low in October-December 2014, and are part of a three-year decline in complaints," Ombudsman Simon Cohen said.

The telecommunications industry's peak body, Communications Alliance, also welcomed the results.

"The decrease in the industry-wide ratio of complaints in context during calendar year 2014 is a significant achievement that underlines the sustained drive by Australian service providers to deliver better outcomes to their customers," Communications Alliance CEO John Stanton said.

The *Complaints in Context* report is a quarterly release jointly published by the TIO and Communications Alliance. The October-December report can be found on the <u>TIO website</u>, and <u>Communications Alliance</u> website.

| Provider          | New complaints per 10,000 services in operation |              |              |              |              |              |
|-------------------|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|                   | Jul-Sep 2013                                    | Oct-Dec 2013 | Jan-Mar 2014 | Apr-Jun 2014 | Jul-Sep 2014 | Oct-Dec 2014 |
| amaysim           | 2.5   | 1.6          | 1.4          | 1.3          | 1.4          | 1.5          |
| iiNet             | 6   | 4.9          | 6.7          | 7.1          | 5.7          | 5.6          |
| Optus             | 6.3   | 5.2          | 5.4          | 5.2          | 4.6          | 5.4          |
| Telstra           | 6.8   | 6.4          | 7.1          | 7.2          | 6.8          | 6.4          |
| Vodafone          | 16  | 18           | 19.3         | 14.3         | 12.2         | 10.5         |
| All participants* | 7.9   | 7.6          | 8.2          | 7.6          | 6.9          | 6.6          |

<sup>\*</sup> Calculated by dividing participants' total TIO new complaints by participants' total SIO

The report is at the TIO website and the Communications Alliance website.

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