

Query to Telstra from the Commission (24 May)

Your submission gives a table setting out Australian PSTN traffic data in million minutes for 1995-96 to 1998-99, both outgoing and incoming.

Would all of this traffic be settled under the accounting rate system?

If not, approximately what proportion of it would be settled under that system?

Thanks for your assistance

Response from Telstra (25 May)

We are pleased to provide the following response to your e-mailed question of yesterday (24 May). Whilst the table relates to Australian PSTN traffic, our comments below relate mostly to our part of that business. The comments are not commercial in confidence.

Over time there has been a significant move away from the traditional accounting rate which is divided 50/50 between the parties where each party just sent whatever volume they had, to more commercially focussed deals which may include accounting rates, settlement rates (ie : a one way price which is agreed by both parties) or termination rates (one way price set by the destination). More commercially orientated deals cover approximately 80% of our current business.

[We] hope that this assists.