

Response to Documentary Information Disclosure Policy Request

To: Asvatha Babu on behalf of the Centre for Internet & Society

Date: 23 November 2016

Re: Request No. 20161024-8

Thank you for your Request for Information dated 24 October 2016 (Request), which was submitted through the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) Documentary Information Disclosure Policy (DIDP) on behalf of The Centre for Internet & Society (CIS) on 24 October 2016. For reference, a copy of your Request is attached to the email forwarding this Response.

Items Requested

Your Request seeks the disclosure of documentary information regarding financial contributions made by Regional Internet Registries (“RIRs”) to ICANN through the Number Resource Organization (“NRO”). Specifically, you seek the following:

- 1) Documents showing the reasons why ICANN possesses the breakdown of the FY03, FY04, and FY05 contributions but not for the other years.
- 2) According to ICANN’s response to an earlier DIDP, we found that the FY03 breakdown of NRO contribution to ICANN is as follows: **FY03: APNIC (US\$129,400), ARIN (US\$159,345), and RIPE (US\$206,255)** which adds up to **495,000**. However, in the FY03 financial report on the ICANN website, the revenue from Address Registry Fees = **535,000**. We would like to request documentation from ICANN that explains this discrepancy.

Response

Your Request seeks the disclosure of documents relating to the financial contributions by the RIRs to ICANN. As a preliminary manner, we note that this is the third DIDP request that CIS has submitted seeking documentary information regarding the relationship between ICANN and the RIRs and the “current and historical data regarding details of contract fees paid by the 5 Regional Internet Registries, namely AfriNIC, ARIN, APNIC, LACNIC and RIPE NCC, to ICANN for each fiscal year [...] from 1999 till 2014.” (DIDP Request 20150206-1, *available at* <https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/cis-request-06feb15-en.pdf>; *see also*, DIDP Request 20151130-3 *available at* <https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/didp-20151130-3-cis-request-2016-01-04-en>.) Some of the information responsive to the current DIDP was provided in ICANN’s response to DIDP Request 20151130-3. (*See* DIDP Response to Request 20151130-3, *available at*

<https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/didp-20151130-3-cis-response-30dec15-en.pdf>.)

Item 1 asks for “[d]ocuments showing the reasons why ICANN possesses the breakdown of the FY03, FY04, and FY05 contributions but not for the other years.” As explained in our Response to CIS’s DIDP Request 20151130-3, the RIRs (through the NRO) voluntarily contribute to ICANN’s budget on an annual basis. (See <https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/plzak-to-twomey-17dec07-en.pdf> and <https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/akplogan-to-twomey-23mar09-en.pdf>.) The first contribution was made in FY00. With the exception of FY03 through FY05, since FY00 to the present, the annual contributions have been provided to ICANN as one aggregate amount, without any breakdown of the specific amounts contributed by each RIR. Because the RIRs do not contribute to ICANN on an individual basis (with the exception of FY03 through FY05) ICANN does not have the breakdown that is sought through the Request. ICANN does not have, nor does ICANN seek any information from the NRO or the individual RIRs as to how individual RIRs may have contributed towards the ICANN contribution. ICANN does not have any input as to whether the RIRs contribute collectively or through individual contributions. As such, ICANN does not have any documents responsive to this item.

Item 2 seeks documentation regarding the NRO contribution for FY03 as reported in our response to DIDP Request 20151130-3 as follows:

- FY03: APNIC (US\$129,400), ARIN (US\$159,345), and RIPE (US\$206,255)
- FY04: APNIC (US\$160,500), ARIN (US\$144,450), LACNIC (US\$5,350) and RIPE (US\$224,700)
- FY05: APNIC (US\$220,976), ARIN (US\$218,507), LACNIC (US\$25,431) and RIPE (US\$358,086)

(See DIDP Response 20151130-3, <https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/didp-20151130-3-cis-response-30dec15-en.pdf>.) As you correctly noted, the amount reported for FY03 does not add up to the number that reported in the FY03 financial report on the ICANN website as the revenue from Address Registry Fees of \$535,000. ICANN inadvertently attributed the contributions to the wrong years. The corrected figures are as follows:

- FY02-03: APNIC (US\$128,400), ARIN (US\$158,345), and RIPE (US\$206,255) = US\$495,000
- FY03-04: APNIC (US\$160,500), ARIN (US\$144,450), LACNIC (US\$5,350) and RIPE (US\$224,700) = US\$535,000

- FY04-05: APNIC (US\$220,976), ARIN (US\$218,507), LACNIC (US\$25,431) and RIPE (US\$358,086) = US\$823,000

About DIDP

ICANN's DIDP is limited to requests for documentary information already in existence within ICANN that is not publicly available. In addition, the DIDP sets forth Defined Conditions of Nondisclosure. To review a copy of the DIDP, please see <http://www.icann.org/en/about/transparency/didp>. ICANN makes every effort to be as responsive as possible to the entirety of your Request. As part of its accountability and transparency commitments, ICANN continually strives to provide as much information to the community as is reasonable. We encourage you to sign up for an account at ICANN.org, through which you can receive daily updates regarding postings to the portions of ICANN's website that are of interest.

We hope this information is helpful. If you have any further inquiries, please forward them to didp@icann.org.