

Dear Mathieu, Thomas and Leon,

Cc: Cherine Chalaby, Chair of the ICANN Board Finance Committee

During its recent workshop in Los Angeles, the Board approved the withdrawal from the Reserve Fund of the \$8.7m spent for the total USG Stewardship transition project (including the accountability track) during FY15. This amount covers the cost of external legal counsel (including Sidley & Austin, Adler & Colvin, and Jones Day), staff support, other professional services and meetings (including travel).

As you know, the Board also approved a budget for FY16 (July 2015 to June 2016) that includes an additional envelope of \$7m from the Reserve Fund to cover for the remaining costs of this project. This means a grand total of \$15.7m has been approved for the transition.

Out of the \$7m envelope for the transition for FY16, an estimated \$2.1m has been already spent during the months of July and August. This means that the remaining budget available is \$4.9m for the USG Transition project from September 2015 until June 2016. At the current rate of spending, this remaining budget will be depleted in the next 120-150 days.

In order to prevent the risk of exceeding the remaining budget, it is imperative that I build an estimate of the remaining USG project costs. Therefore, I would very much appreciate if you could provide me with a cost estimate of the usage of CCWG independent legal advice from September 2015 to 30 June 2016. Please let me know if you need my help in producing this estimate. For your information, I am gathering the same information for all other costs, including Jones Day legal fees.

Best,

Xavier Calvez, ICANN CFO