

10 September, 2002

.org Evaluation Committee  
c/- ICANN  
By Email

Dear Sirs,

***ISOC response to supplemental question 7***

I refer to the above dated September 7 2002. I note the response with interest and felt it important to contact you immediately to clarify the matter.

auDA does not deny that Afilias provided assistance to AusRegistry in respect to the development of the registry for 5 second level domains in .au.

ISOC and Afilias have chosen to interpret my comments as suggesting that Afilias was not involved in planning the registry. All of the information provided to you by Afilias supports that they were involved and I repeat that auDA has not denied that involvement.

However, that was and is not the point to which my letter of 30 August 2002 refers. I was dealing with a specific statement made in the ISOC tender documentation and in my view, the ISOC and Afilias responses do not address my point.

The ISOC tender document states inter alia;

- ◆ "Afilias.....will be conducting the conversion of 250,000 .au domain names...." and
- ◆ "...The transition will occur around July 1 of this year. The transition process involves multiple data sources.....under the supervision of Afilias.....This transition is one of the first attempted.....in live production system."

I note that both Afilias and ISOC claim that there is confusion as to the meaning of the word 'transition' and suggest that I am using a 'narrow and rigid' interpretation of that term. With respect, it is a little difficult to see how else the term could be interpreted in the context it was used in the paragraph of the ISOC bid to which I have referred.

As you will see from the bullet points above, the paragraph in question contains a reference to the conversion of names and goes on to call this process a 'transition' which will take place

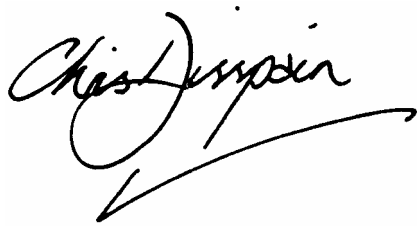
around 1 July. The word transition continues to be used in that paragraph with specific reference to the process of converting the names.

Whilst I do not suggest that ISOC or Afilias are deliberately attempting to obfuscate the points I made, I do, respectfully, suggest that obfuscation is the result of their responses to the committee. For this reason and in an effort to clarify the position I make the following statements for the record;

1. Development stage:- Afilias was involved in assisting AusRegistry with the development of the registry. auDA is not aware of the specific work undertaken by Afilias in respect to that stage of the process and does not seek to comment on that.
2. Testing stage:- As set out in my letter to the committee of 30 August 2002, at auDA's request, Afilias ran tests on the EPP systems.
3. Afilias did not conduct the conversion of 250,000 .au names from the conventional system to the current version of the EPP protocol.
4. The process of transitioning from the old registries to the new EPP based registry was not conducted under the supervision of Afilias.

I trust that the above clarifies the position. Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Disspain". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Chris Disspain  
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