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Proposed island-wide alarm system

Norfolk Island Finance Minister Neville Christian announced today that Norfolk Telecom was well advanced with a proposal to provide an island-wide alarm system using the mobile GSM network.

“A mobile GSM alarm unit can be fitted to any home or premises and connected to smoke detectors, security sensors or any equipment that requires monitoring including water levels in tanks”, Mr Christian said.

A pre-determined SMS text message can be transmitted to multiple receivers providing notification that sensors have detected unusual activity. For instance, a fire at the Post Office would send a text message to multiple fire fighters raising the alarm and identifying the location of the activity. If the unusual activity was an unauthorized entry, the police would be notified in the same manner.

A commencement date and cost to participate in the alarm system will be advised shortly.

Neville Christian
Minister for Finance

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