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**BROADCASTING COMMISSION STATEMENT  
PERTAINING TO NATIONWIDE NEWS NETWORK**

The Broadcasting Commission takes note of recent public statements in the media referring to the issuing of an FM radio licence to Nationwide News Network (NNN). Some of those reports have erroneously stated that a licence has been granted by the Broadcasting Commission.

The Commission does not grant licences for broadcasting. Its role is to evaluate applications and make recommendations to the Minister of Information, Culture, Youth and Sports. The Minister is the only legal authority for granting, revoking or suspending broadcast licences. However, licences are issued on the recommendation of the Broadcasting Commission, which advises on the terms and conditions.

With respect to Nationwide News Network (NNN), the Commission has evaluated its application and made its recommendation to the Minister

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as to whether the entity satisfies the requirements of the Television and Sound Broadcasting Regulations. To date, the Commission has not received a licence from the Minister of Information, Culture, Youth and Sports for issuance to NNN.

There have also been media reports about a lease of FM frequencies to Nationwide by the Government of Jamaica. This is a matter which has not been referred to the Broadcasting Commission and does not fall directly under the Commission's remit.



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