

Cellular Mast Emissions Survey: Victoria Tower



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1 Executive summary

The Jersey Competition and Regulatory Authority or JCRA regularly monitors emission levels from the cellular masts in Jersey¹ to ensure the mobile network operators who operate their services from those masts comply with their license obligations in terms of power levels and that the levels from the sites meet the internationally recognised standards and guidelines regarding health and safety limits for the public.

In 2017, JCRA commissioned EM emission level surveys at all the sites within the island. The surveys were repeated in each subsequent year for all new sites and sites where major changes were made by the operators in the previous year. This report presents the results of the survey conducted at the Victoria Tower site in 2023.

The Victoria Tower site was used by a single operator at the time of the survey: JT. Surveys were conducted at all cellular frequency bands (800, 900, 1800, 2100 and 2600MHz) for all mobile cellular technologies (GSM, 3G and 4G) and for all three cellular operators as a routine procedure. Even though the reported levels are expected to be predominantly emitted from this site, the test equipment does not discriminate between nearby sites which means that the levels are cumulated over all site emissions detected by the test instrument.

The survey established that the emission levels around the site were very low and well below the safety limits for the public advised by internationally recognised standards.

The values shown hereafter are the maximum levels recorded around the site following a peak search. The levels were found to be lower at all the other locations round this site. The recorded values are true at the time of testing and can go up or down depending on the level of user activity on the site.

The total Exposure Quotient (EQ) for the site recorded across all detected cellular frequency bands is given at the bottom of the summary table below. A total EQ close to 1 (one) for the site would mean that emission levels approach the safety limit advised by ICNIRP in their guidelines.

Table 1 – Cumulative exposure quotient

Site Name	Band [MHz]	Max E-field in band [V/m]	Operator at Max E-field	ICNIRP Limit Relative to Max E-field	Band Exposure Quotient	Band EQ Relative to ICNIRP
Victoria Tower	800	0.1547	JT	251	3.98198E-05	1/ 25113
	900	1.189	JT	35	0.001369651	1/ 730
	1800	0.005692	JT	10249	3.60604E-07	1/ 2773127
	2100	0.1446	JT	422	8.96363E-05	1/ 11156
	2600	0.009471	JT	6441	1.30027E-06	1/ 769071
Total Site EQ					0.001500768	1/ 666

The results show that the total EQ was measured at 1/666 and therefore remains well below the ICNIRP guidelines.

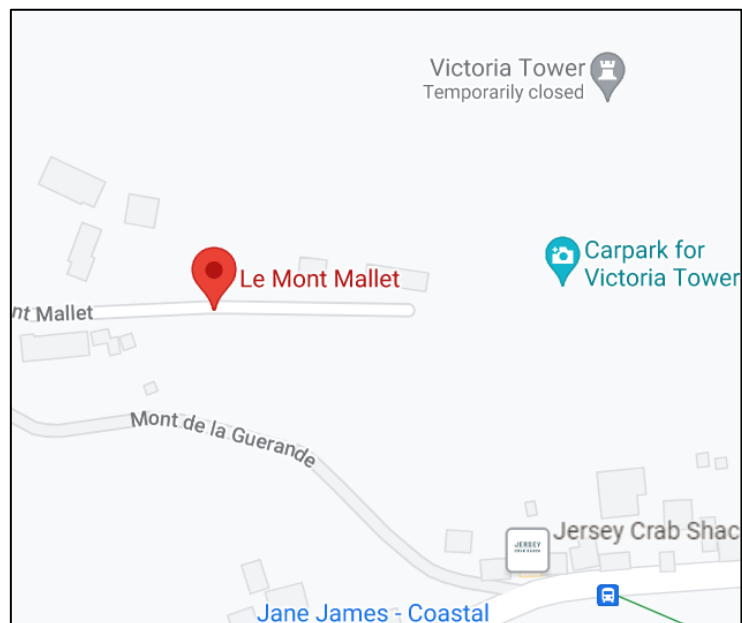
The graphs which follow show the activity on all the frequency bands surveyed. The plots are colour-coded for easy identification of the three main operators: Airtel in red, Sure in dark blue, and Jersey Telecom in light blue. The graphs are also supported by the equivalent statistical figures derived from the measured levels at the site for added clarity.

¹ Prior to 1 July 2020, the JCRA and the Guernsey Competition & Regulatory Authority coordinated their activities in the Channel Islands as the Channel Islands Competition Regulatory Authorities (CICRA). Earlier reports may refer to CICRA rather than JCRA.

2 Site details

2.1 Site location

Figure 1 – Map of the site area



Site name:	Victoria Tower
Site address:	Near Victoria Tower Car Park, Le Mont Mallet, Gorey
Site latitude:	49.20149612
Site longitude:	-2.021717671

2.2 Site description

Operators:	JT
Antenna types:	Directional
Approximate height:	9m
Site type:	Lattice Mast
Description:	The lattice mast at Victoria Tower is located within a fenced enclosure; access to the public is restricted.

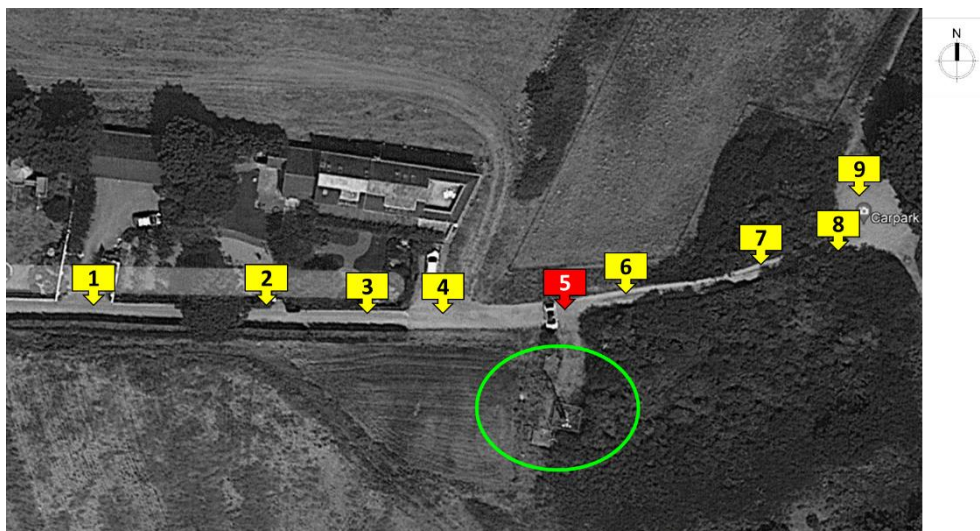
2.3 Site photo

Figure 2 – Location of the peak where emission levels were measured.



2.4 Test location

Figure 3 – Survey area with spot measurement markers



The green circle is the antenna location(s), the yellow arrow boxes are intermediate locations measured at during the peak search and the red arrow box is the spot where the highest spot search reading was obtained and where the detailed survey was carried out.

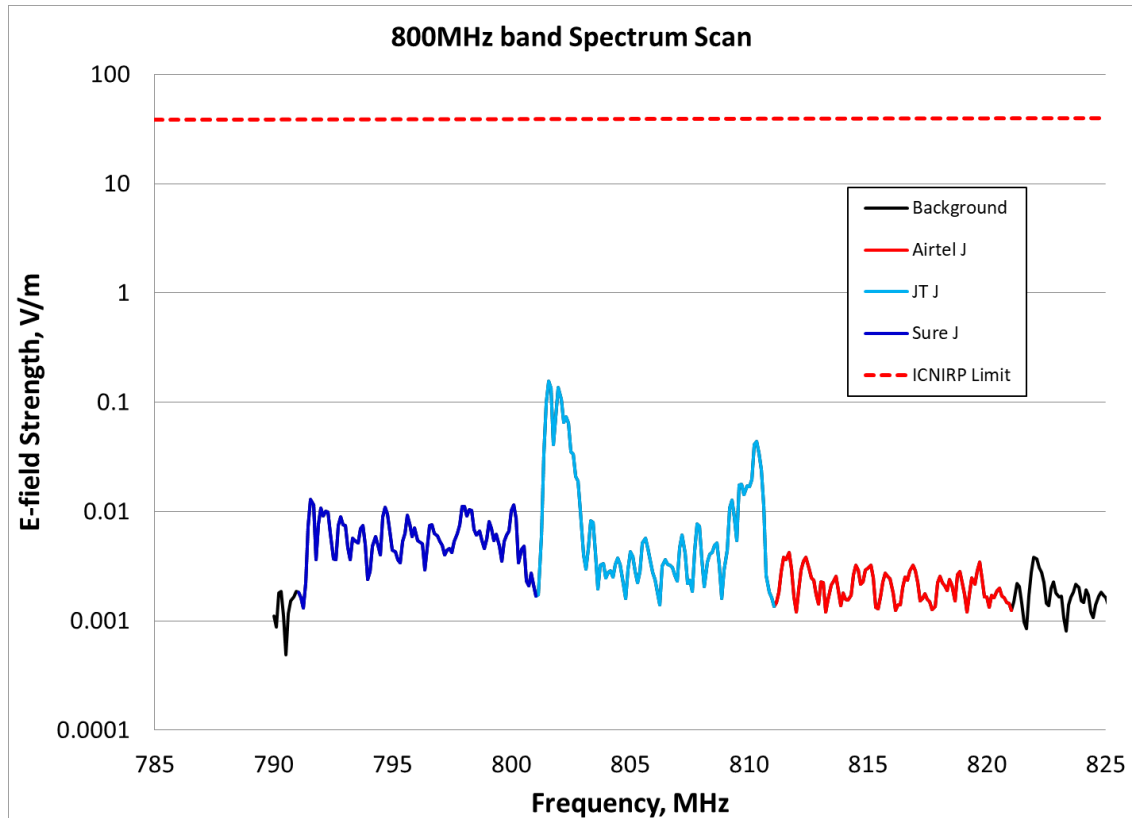
As part of the peak search procedure, spot measurements were taken at locations around the antennas as shown on the above sketch. The reported spectrum scans were taken at the peak location (shown in red above) where the highest readings were recorded. The spectrum readings reported further down this report were recorded over a period of six minutes as advised by ICNIRP.

3 Survey results

3.1 800MHz band

The graph for the 800MHz activity is shown below with the E-field strength levels measured at the site plotted on a logarithmic scale.

Figure 4 – 800MHz band spectrum scan



The red line on the scan represents the Airtel activity, the light blue is JT and the dark blue is Sure. ICNIRP's reference level for the *General Public* is also shown as the straight dashed line at the top of the graph. For clarity, each step on the vertical axis represents a 10-fold increase. The same scaling and colour scheme will be used throughout this report.

No field level recorded across the band was higher than 0.1547 V/m (JT), which is 251 times smaller than the ICNIRP Guideline Reference Level.

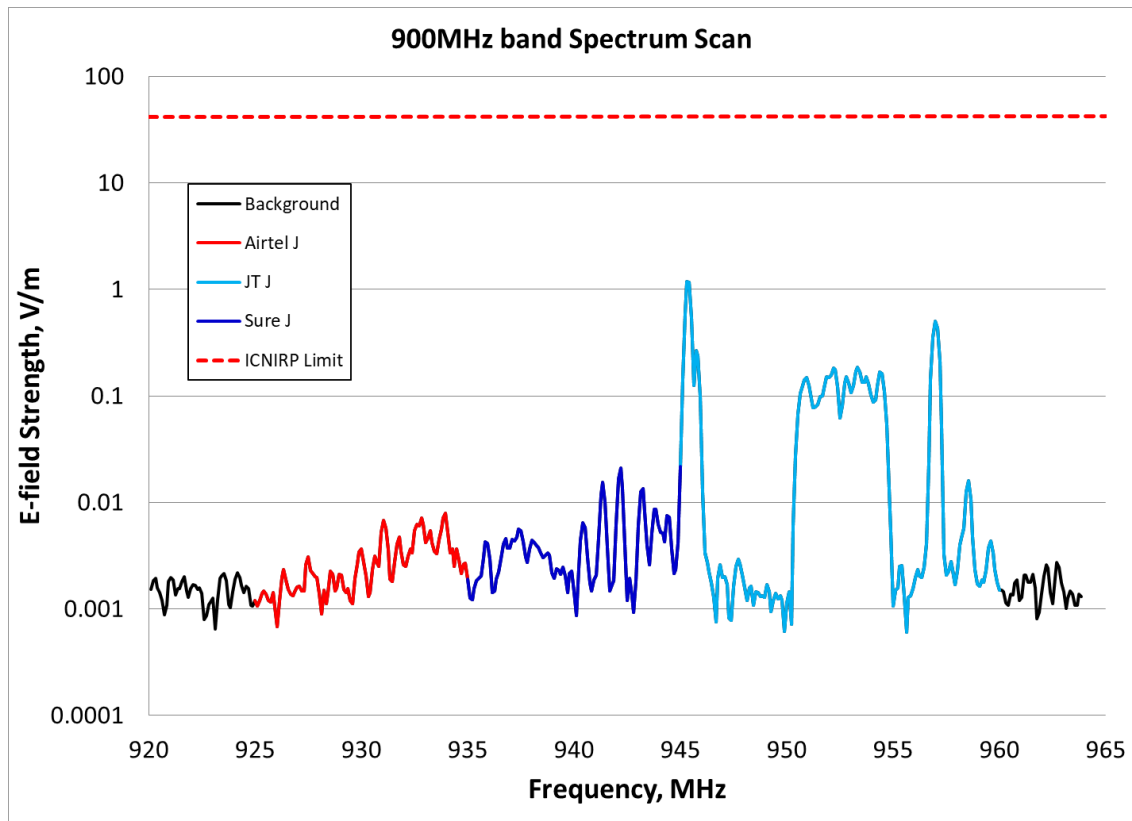
Table 2 – 800MHz band exposure quotient at Victoria Tower

Site Name	Operator	Band [MHz]	Max E-field Strength [V/m]	ICNIRP Limit Relative to Max E-field	Band Exposure Quotient	Band EQ Relative to ICNIRP
Victoria Tower	Airtel	800	0.004189	9284	1.59289E-07	1/ 6277881
	JT		0.1547	251	3.82581E-05	1/ 26138
	Sure		0.01282	3034	1.40244E-06	1/ 713045
total band EQ					3.98198E-05	1/ 25113

3.2 900MHz band

The graph for the 900MHz activity is shown below.

Figure 5 – 900MHz band spectrum scan



No field level recorded across the band was higher than 1.189 V/m (JT), which is 35 times smaller than the ICNIRP Guideline Reference Level.

The EQ results for the 900MHz band are shown below.

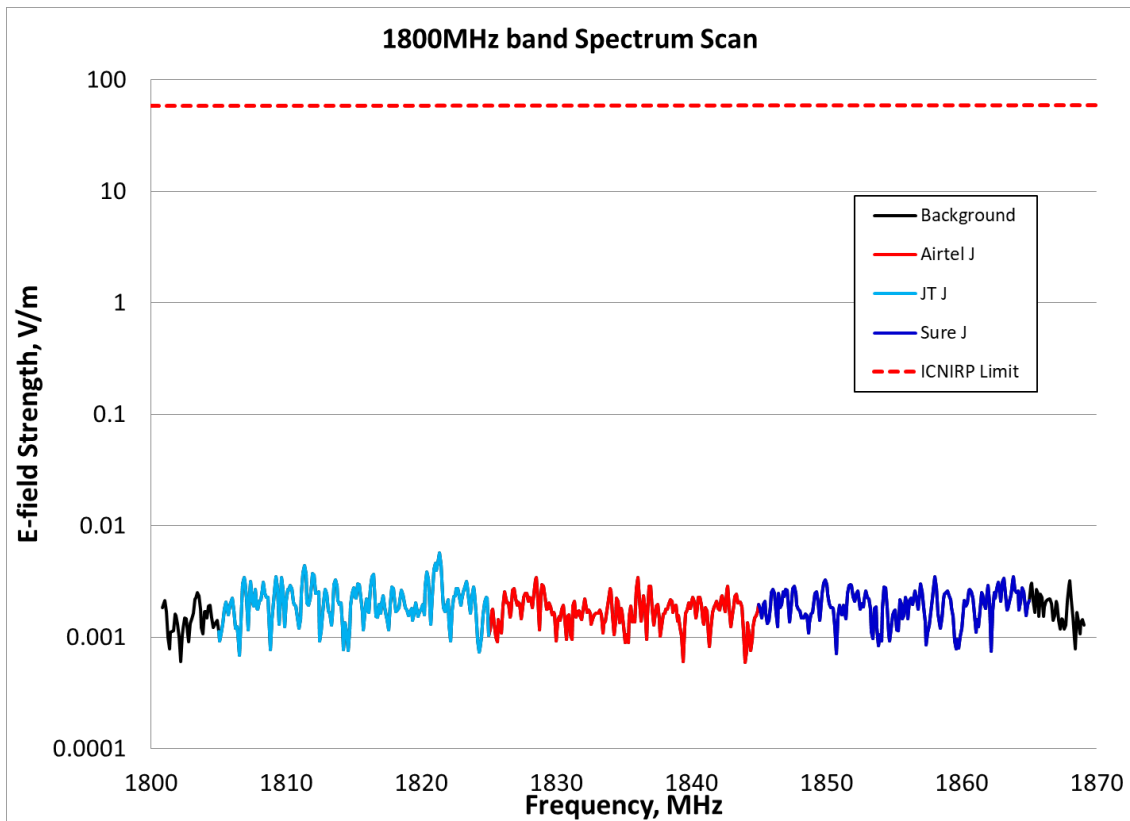
Table 3 – 900MHz band exposure quotient at Victoria Tower

Site Name	Operator	Band [MHz]	Max E-field Strength [V/m]	ICNIRP Limit Relative to Max E-field	Band Exposure Quotient	Band EQ Relative to ICNIRP
Victoria Tower	Airtel	900	0.00799	5163	2.86377E-07	1/ 3491898
	JT		1.189	35	0.001368389	1/ 731
	Sure		0.02181	1891	9.75641E-07	1/ 1024967
total band EQ					0.001369651	1/ 730

3.3 1800MHz band

The graph for the 1800MHz activity around the site is shown below.

Figure 6 – 1800MHz spectrum scan



No activity was recorded in this band during the audit.

The EQ results for the 1800MHz band are shown below.

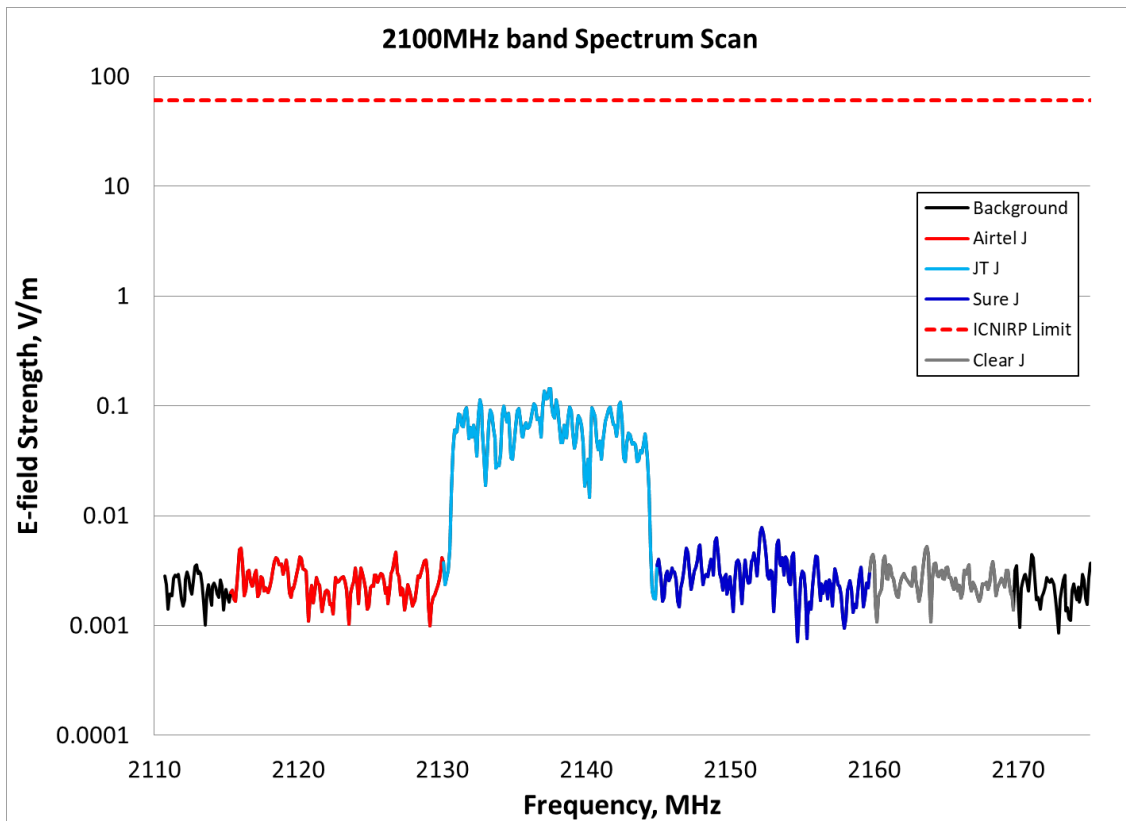
Table 4 – 1800MHz band exposure quotient at Victoria Tower

Site Name	Operator	Band [MHz]	Max E-field Strength [V/m]	ICNIRP Limit Relative to Max E-field	Band Exposure Quotient	Band EQ Relative to ICNIRP
Victoria Tower	Airtel	1800	0.003427	17023	9.25828E-08	1/ 10801146
	JT		0.005692	10249	1.50154E-07	1/ 6659849
	Sure		0.003481	16758	1.17867E-07	1/ 8484109
total band EQ					3.60604E-07	1/ 2773127

3.4 2100MHz band

The graph for the 2100MHz band activity around the site is shown below.

Figure 7 – 2100MHz band spectrum scan



No field level recorded across the band was higher than 0.1446 V/m (JT), which is 422 times smaller than the ICNIRP Guideline Reference Level.

The EQ results for the 2100MHz band are shown below.

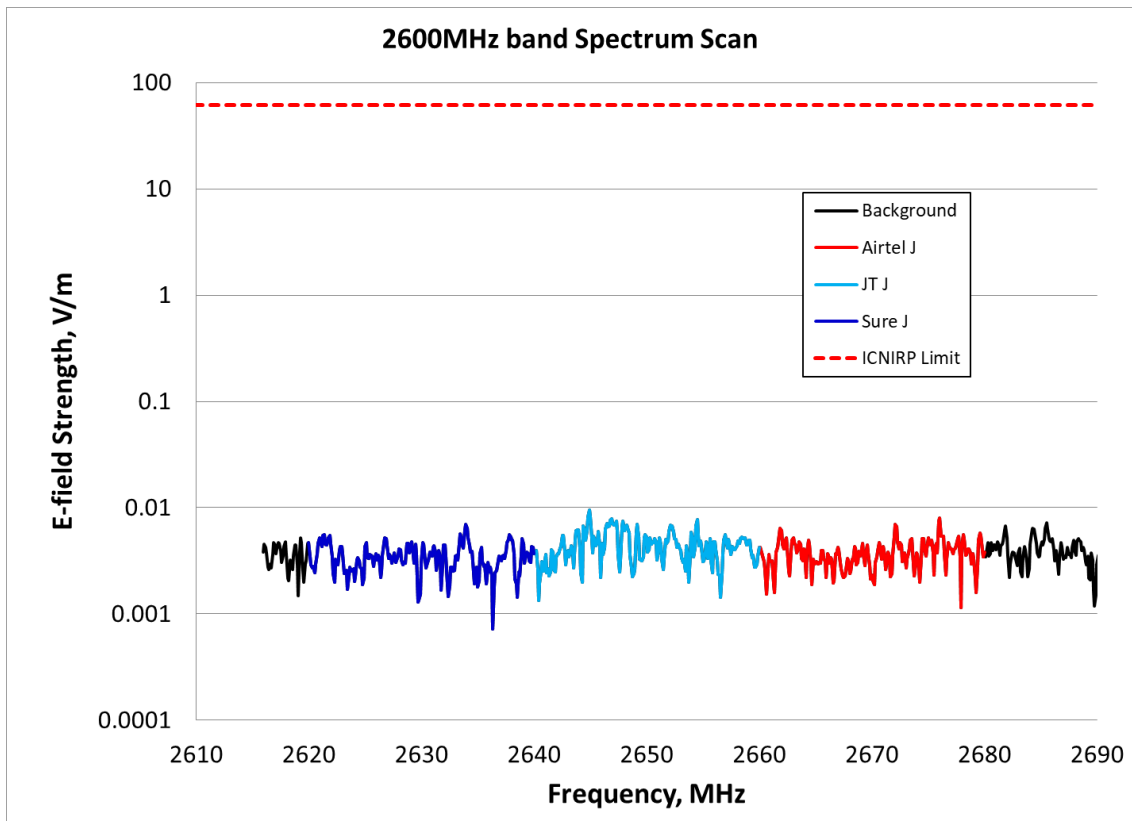
Table 5 – 2100MHz band exposure quotient at Victoria Tower

Site Name	Operator	Band [MHz]	Max E-field Strength [V/m]	ICNIRP Limit Relative to Max E-field	Band Exposure Quotient	Band EQ Relative to ICNIRP
Victoria Tower	Airtel	2100	0.005077	12015	1.36951E-07	1/ 7301870
	Clear		0.005216	11695	1.01687E-07	1/ 9834091
	JT		0.1446	422	8.91969E-05	1/ 11211
	Sure		0.00784	7781	2.00768E-07	1/ 4980870
total band EQ					8.96363E-05	1/ 11156

3.5 2600MHz band

The graph for the 2600MHz band activity around the site is shown below.

Figure 8 – 2600MHz band spectrum scan



No activity was recorded in this band during the audit.

The EQ results for the 2600MHz band are shown below.

Table 6 – 2600MHz band exposure quotient at Victoria Tower

Site Name	Operator	Band [MHz]	Max E-field Strength [V/m]	ICNIRP Limit Relative to Max E-field	Band Exposure Quotient	Band EQ Relative to ICNIRP
Victoria Tower	Airtel	2600	0.008042	7585	3.92453E-07	1/ 2548075
	JT		0.009471	6441	5.67336E-07	1/ 1762625
	Sure		0.006995	8721	3.40482E-07	1/ 2937014
total band EQ					1.30027E-06	1/ 769071

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