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Introduction

1. Section 390 of the Communications Act 2003 requires the Secretary of State to prepare and lay before Parliament reports about the performance of the Secretary of State's functions under the following legislation:

The Communications Act 2003;
The Wireless Telegraphy Act 2006;
The Office of Communications Act 2002; and
The Broadcasting Acts 1990 & 1996

2. The First Report (HC 325 July 2005) covered the period from 19 March 2002 to 28 December 2004. Every subsequent report to the first report must relate to the period of twelve months beginning with the end of the period to which the previous report related. This report (the "Eighth Report") covers the period from 29 December 2010 to 28 December 2011.

Previous Reports

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Power	Date (made, where reference to an enactment)	Measure	Reference	Description
Communications Act 2003, sections 310(5) and 402	12 December 2011	The Code of Practice for Electronic Programme Guides (Addition of Programme Services) Order 2011	2011/3003	Amends section 310 of the Communications Act 2003 by adding two types of programme service to the services specified in subsection (4) as public services.
Communications Act 2003, section 139(9)	12 July 2011	The Communications Act 2003 (Maximum Penalty for Contravention of Information Requirements) Order 2011	2011/1773	Amends section 139(5) of the Communications Act 2003 so as to raise from £50,000 to £2,000,000 the maximum penalty for contravention of information requirements under 2003 Act from £50,000 to £2,000,000.
Communications Act 2003, section 65	4 May 2011	The Electronic Communications (Universal Service) (Amendment) Order 2011	2011/1209	Amends the Electronic Communications (Universal Service) Order 2003 and implements Article 1(1) to (9) of Directive 2009/136/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25. November 2009 amending Directive 2002/22/EC on universal service and users' rights relating to electronic communications networks and service, Directive 2002/58/EC concerning the processing of personal data and the protection of privacy in the electronic communications sector and Regulation

					(EC) No 2006/2004 on cooperation between national authorities responsible for the enforcement of consumer protection.
Communications Act 2003, section 402(3) and paragraphs 6, 10, 11, 12 and 13 of Schedule 14	14 June 2011	The Media Ownership (Radio and Cross-media) Order 2011	2011/1503	Makes changes to the framework of restrictions on media ownership, by amending the Schedule 14 of the Communications Act 2003 and an earlier Order, the Media Ownership (Local Radio and Appointed News Provider) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/3299).	
Wireless Telegraphy Act 2005, section 96 and paragraph 2 of Schedule 4	23 August 2011	The Wireless Telegraphy (Fixed Penalty) Regulations 2011	2011/2084	Prescribes the amount of the fixed penalty which is to apply to any summary offence under the Wireless and Telegraphy Act 2006 (other than Part 4), which is committed after the instrument comes into force.	
Broadcasting Act 1996, section 32(1) and (2)	26 April 2011	The Multiplex Licence (Broadcasting of Programmes in Gaelic) (Revocation) Order 2011	2011/1169	Revokes the Multiplex Licence (Broadcasting of Programmes in Gaelic) Order 1996 and the Multiplex Licence (Broadcasting of Programmes in Gaelic) Order 2008.	



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