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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 "Ninth Report") covers the period from 29 December 2011 to 28 December 2012.

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<b>Power under which instrument made</b>	<b>Date made</b>	<b>Name of instrument</b>	<b>SI number</b>	<b>Description of what the instrument does</b>
Communications Act 2003: • s.244 • 2.402	13 February 2012	<b>Local Digital Television Programme Services Order 2012</b>	2012/292	Provides that specified provisions in Part 1 of the Broadcasting Act 1996 and Part 3 of the Communications Act 2003 are to have effect with modification in relation to local digital television programme services and makes provision for the granting of licences by Ofcom.
Communications Act 2003: • s.244(1) • s.277(2) • s.309(2) • s.402(2) • para 1(2), sch.12 • para 7(2), sch. 12	11 July 2012	<b>Broadcasting (Local Digital Television Programme Services and Independent Productions) (Amendment) Order 2012</b>	2012/1842	Amends SI 2012/292 (above) and the Broadcasting (Independent Productions) Order 1991 and makes further modifications to the Broadcasting Act 1996 in respect of licensing and to Part 3 of the Communications Act 2003.
Wireless Telegraphy Act 2006: ss 5 & 121(2)	13 February 2012	<b>Wireless Telegraphy Act 2006 (Directions to Ofcom) Order</b>	2012/293	Instructs Ofcom to reserve spectrum on local multiplexes for local digital TV.

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