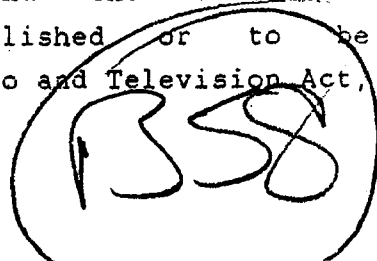
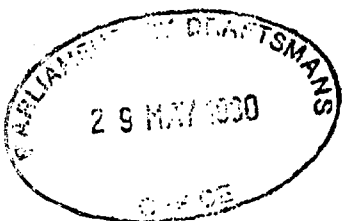


(2) The amount to be paid to the Independent Radio and Television Commission in any financial year shall not exceed 25% of the total receipts as provided for in subsection (1), and the balance remaining shall be paid to the Authority.

(3) In respect of the part of the year 1990 from the commencement of this Act until the 31st day of December, 1990, the Minister, with the approval of the Minister for Finance, may pay to the Commission out of moneys provided by the Oireachtas an amount not exceeding 25% of the balance of the amount of £46.815 million remaining after deducting the amount paid to the Authority under section 8 of the Act of 1976 in the part of that year preceding such commencement and the balance remaining shall be paid to the Authority.

Disbursement
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Commission.

3. (1) It shall be the function of the Independent Radio and Television Commission to disburse the amounts received under section 2 solely for the purpose of supporting the establishment and operation of sound broadcasting services and the television programme service established or to be established under the Radio and Television Act, 1988.



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(2) It shall be the duty of the Independent Radio and Television Commission to prepare and publish criteria to be used in determining the disbursements to be made to the services in question under subsection (1). In determining its criteria the Commission shall have regard to the following:

(a) the quality, range and type of programmes (including programmes in the Irish language and relating to Irish culture) to be provided in a service;

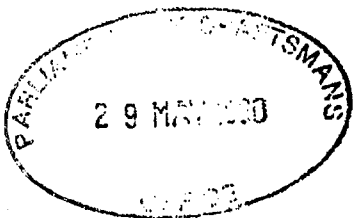
(b) the requirements of section 9 of the Radio and Television Act, 1988, relating to the provision of news and current affairs programmes, having regard to the desirability of creating plurality in the sources of news and information in the media;

(c) the demographic features of any particular service area;

(d) the extent of the infrastructural and operating costs involved in establishing and operating a service, and in particular the national sound broadcasting service and the television programme service;

(e) the amount of employment provided by a service, and

(f) any other matters which the Commission considers necessary to take into account to secure the orderly and effective development of services provided for under section 4 of the Radio and Television Act, 1988.



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