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ComReg Quarterly Report illustrates that increasing choice of delivery platforms is contributing to Broadband growth

The Commission for Communications Regulation (ComReg) today published its latest Quarterly Report – covering the second quarter of 2005 – which highlights a number of key trends in the electronic communications sector.

In the three months up to the end of June, there has been a 15% increase in Broadband subscriptions and the growth rate in Broadband subscriptions over the last 12 months is 170%. The Report reveals that as of June 2005, there were 175,500 Broadband subscribers in Ireland.

The proportion of Broadband subscriptions delivered over access platforms other than DSL has increased in the last 12 months. In June 2004, DSL represented 88% of all broadband subscriptions; in June 2005, DSL accounted for 80% of all broadband subscriptions.

In the fixed-line telephone sector, there are now over 374,000 Carrier Pre-Select (CPS) lines. Consumers are also increasingly opting to take their line rental from one of a growing range of wholesale line rental/single billing providers. The total for single bill customers now exceeds 146,000 lines or almost 40% of all indirect access paths.

The mobile phone penetrations rate stands at 94% of the population. Currently each mobile phone subscriber sends 91 text messages per month. Over the last 12 months a total of four billion text messages were sent by Irish mobile phone subscribers.

The ComReg Quarterly Report also shows that almost 6 out of 10 people with a pay TV service subscribe to digital TV services. Of all households with a television, 40% have a digital television service.

The full Quarterly Report – ComReg05/73 is available on the ComReg website www.comreg.ie

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