

## MEDIA RELEASE

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## Statement Issued by Etain Doyle, Director of Telecommunications Regulation, Re: Communications Regulation Bill,2000.

Etain Doyle, Telecoms Regulator today (Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2000) welcomed the publication by Mary O'Rourke, T.D. Minister for Public Enterprise of outline legislative proposals in relation to the Regulation of the Communications Sector.

According to the Regulator "new legislation is essential to move the Irish Communications Market forward and to allow for a leading edge regulatory framework which is clear and has improved and strengthened enforcement powers. Such a regime can, in turn, facilitate a leading edge communications industry in Ireland, contributing to Ireland's overall economic success and enabling the delivery of first class services to Irish consumers. The Minister's intention to speedily follow up these proposals with legislation is very welcome.

We are studying the Bill and will be responding to the Minister's request for comment and responding in full to the public consultation."

## **ENDS**

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