

Telecommunications Infrastructure (Relief from Non-Domestic Rates) Bill

AMENDMENTS
TO BE MOVED
IN GRAND COMMITTEE

Clause 1

LORD KENNEDY OF SOUTHWARK

Page 1, line 16, at end insert—

“(4FA) Conditions prescribed by the appropriate national authority by regulations under subsection (4F)(b) must include the condition that new fibre is part of the hereditament under subsection (4F)(a).”

Page 1, line 16, at end insert—

“(4FB) For the purposes of subsection (4FA) “new fibre” means fibre that was not laid, flown, affixed or attached before 1 April 2017 and its laying, flying, affixing or attaching is not solely effected to gain the relief herein.”

Page 1, line 16, at end insert—

“(4FC) Providers of telecommunications benefiting from the relief under subsections (4E) and (4F) must give due consideration to providing high quality telecommunications services to rural and hard to reach areas.”

Clause 2

LORD KENNEDY OF SOUTHWARK

Page 3, line 8, at end insert—

“(4CA) Conditions prescribed by the appropriate national authority by regulations under subsection (4C)(b) must include the condition that new fibre is part of the hereditament under subsection (4C)(a).”

Page 3, line 21, at end insert—

“(4EA) For the purpose of subsection (4CA) “new fibre” means fibre that was not laid, flown, affixed or attached before 1 April 2017 and its laying, flying, affixing or attaching is not solely effected to gain the relief herein.”

Clause 2 - continued

Page 3, line 21, at end insert –

“(4EB) Providers of telecommunications benefiting from the relief under subsections (4C) and (4D) must give due consideration to providing high quality telecommunications services to rural and hard to reach areas.”

Clause 3

LORD KENNEDY OF SOUTHWARK

Page 4, line 6, at end insert –

“(c) the new infrastructure that the relief is to be claimed on does not replicate existing telecommunications infrastructure.”

Page 4, line 6, at end insert –

“(2A) Conditions prescribed by the appropriate national authority by regulations under subsection (1)(c) must include the condition that new fibre is part of the hereditament under subsection (2).”

Page 4, line 16, at end insert –

“(3A) In this section “new fibre” means fibre that was not laid, flown, affixed or attached before 1 April 2017 and its laying, flying, affixing or attaching is not solely effected to gain the relief herein.”

Page 4, line 16, at end insert –

“(3B) Providers of telecommunications benefiting from the relief under subsections (1) to (3) must give due consideration to providing high quality telecommunications services to rural and hard to reach areas.”

After Clause 3

LORD KENNEDY OF SOUTHWARK

Insert the following new Clause –

“Assessment of rate relief: reporting

- (1) The Secretary of State must, within the period of 12 months beginning with the day on which this Act has effect, lay a report before both Houses of Parliament containing an assessment of the operation of the relief provided under this Act in the 2017 – 18 financial year.
- (2) The report must include an account of –
 - (a) the impact of the relief upon the level of local authority income raised through non-domestic rating;
 - (b) the level of investment likely to have been stimulated by the relief, and the scope for extending the relief to other forms of investment;
 - (c) whether the duration of the relief is appropriate;

- (d) the views of those subject to the charges of non-domestic rates on the relief; and
- (e) the efficacy of the mechanism for the distribution of the relief.”

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