



# Enterprise Act 2016

## 2016 CHAPTER 12

### PART 8

#### OTHER ENTERPRISE-RELATED PROVISIONS

##### *Industrial development*

#### **34 Allowable assistance under Industrial Development Act 1982**

In section 8(8) of the Industrial Development Act 1982 (allowable assistance per project)—

- (a) for “the Secretary of State pays or undertakes to pay” substitute “are paid, or undertaken to be paid,”;
- (b) after “shall not exceed £10 million” insert “in the case of payments made, or undertakings given by, the Scottish Ministers, or £30 million in any other case”;
- (c) after “the said sum of £10 million” insert “or £30 million”.

#### **35 Grants etc towards electronic communications services and networks**

- (1) The Industrial Development Act 1982 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 13 (improvement of basic services), in the heading, at the end insert “in development areas and intermediate areas”.
- (3) After that section insert—

##### **“13A Improvement of electronic communications networks and services etc**

- (1) This section applies if it appears to the Secretary of State that adequate provision has not been made for an area in respect of electronic communications facilities.

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*Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).*

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- (2) The Secretary of State may, with the consent of the Treasury, make a grant or loan towards the cost of improving an electronic communications facility if—
- (a) the Secretary of State considers that doing so is likely to contribute to the development of industry in the area, or
  - (b) the Secretary of State considers that doing so is likely to benefit the area in any other way (for example, by improving social or economic inclusion), and the grant or loan is made to an undertaking that is, or is to be, carried on in the area.
- (3) In this section—
- (a) “area” means the United Kingdom or a part or area of the United Kingdom;
  - (b) “electronic communications facility” means an electronic communications network, electronic communications service or associated facility, as defined by section 32 of the Communications Act 2003.
- (4) The power conferred by this section is in addition to any other powers of the Secretary of State to make grants or loans.”
- (4) In section 16(1)(a) (Secretary of State’s accounts), for “13 and 14” substitute “13 to 14”.
- (5) In section 20(3) (extent)—
- (a) for “and 12” substitute “, 12 and 13A”;
  - (b) after “sections 15” insert “, 16”.