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Cost of Pilot Project

It is estimated that the pilot infrastructure rollout and operation will cost in the region of €6-8m over the period 2006 and 2007.

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Analogue Switch-off

As the pilot is developed and proposals for a national DTT rollout emerge, it will be possible to consider dates for a switch-off of analogue to digital terrestrial television broadcasts.

Free to air analogue terrestrial transmissions will continue for a period after the national rollout of digital terrestrial television has begun. At a certain point analogue transmissions will be turned off and the full switchover will then be complete. Switch-off of analogue television services is being strongly advocated by the European Commission, with 2012 a target date suggested by the Commission.

When decisions have been taken about the nature and timing of analogue switch-off, it will be necessary to ensure that Irish viewers are fully informed of all the issues arising, such as issues around reception equipment replacement. All stakeholders will have a role in informing viewers of the likely changes.

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