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Since the formation of the International Satellite Organization, communications satellites have been a clear, and until the present perhaps, the only, example of a commercial application of space. The money to finance these operations have come, for the most part, from state-owned institutions (the P.T.Ts) in the member states.

From the outset the U.K. Government made it clear that direct broadcasting by satellite in the United Kingdom would have to be financed by the private sector. This paper will briefly describe the steps that have so far been taken along this path by the providers of the satellite service and the problems that can be encountered.

Note. The abstract only is given here because, unfortunately, Mr Hickman's paper did not become available after the meeting.