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CHANCELLOR MAKES BROADBAND A PRIORITY IN AUTUMN STATEMENT

Following the Chancellor, George Osborne's Autumn Statement which mentioned the Government's aim to roll out superfast broadband to 90% of the UK, **Ernest Doku, technology expert at uSwitch.com**, commented: "It's encouraging to see that the Government is pledging to improve broadband services across the UK - we currently sit behind Japan, Europe and the US in terms of average speeds.

"Britain's infrastructure is in need of rejuvenation. To see that the delivery of a super-fast network to the majority of the UK population is a key element in the Chancellor's plans is heartening. Although there is £100million earmarked for improving the broadband network in London and other major UK cities, bringing an appreciable average speed to those in rural areas who have been forever languishing in the slow lane must be of equal importance.

"For Britain to have the fastest network in Europe by 2015 is an ambitious goal, but this degree of attention to improving the UK's broadband infrastructure is very much needed. However, George Osborne's commitment to improving the situation at this early stage is a good start."

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