

ABSTRACT**COMMUNICATIONS APPARATUS**

A communication system comprising a communication utilising apparatus (1) connectable to a communications network (2), and service provision apparatus (2, 3, or 4) for making services available to the communications utilising apparatus, characterised by the provision, associated with the communications utilising apparatus, of an accounting device (12) comprising a digital data storage device (22) arranged to store details of the receipt of services by the communications utilising apparatus (1); a signalling circuit (16) arranged to receive, via the communications network (2), signals indicating a payment due in respect of services provided by the service provision apparatus (2, 3, or 4); and a comparison device (14) arranged to compare the received indications with data derived from the stored details.

Fig. 6a