

Additional comments

Questions

Question 3.1: Do you agree that the modification to the Numbering Plan that we propose – which would prohibit direct or indirect revenue-sharing with callers and/or end-users by those who use 03 numbers – is appropriate and proportionate to address the conduct of concern that we have described in this document? If not, please explain why.

I strongly disagree with the UK mobile networks working together to charge so much to call Sri Lanka. Using a calling card it costs me 10 pence a minute to talk to my family. But for some reason OFCOM allows mobile networks to charge more than £1 per minute to call Sri Lanka. India is the same. Lyca mobile Lebera mobile all offer REAL prices to call international so why is it that there is a monopoly amongst the 5 BIG networks here in UK that charge so much.

Also some mobile networks charge to call Lyca and Lebera mobile. THEY ARE UK MOBILE networks too, so what is going on here!!!

I have written a letter to my MP and will write to Edward Richards the CEO of OFCOM outlining my views. I had the pleasure of working with him and and Willam Perrin in the past at Prime Minister's Office.

Question 4.1: Do you have any comments on the draft modifications to the Numbering Plan that we are proposing, as set out in Annex 7? Where you disagree with any of the proposed modifications, please explain why.

I profoundly disagree with the proposed modifications. There are innovative companies who look for cheaper ways to make international calls. I strongly suggest that OFCOM assist them and do not go ahead with these proposals. They are helping users to make use of the minutes that are available. Yes, obviously there are cowboys or Indians who take it to the limit and abuse the system. Upon reading the OFCOM report I note you have mentioned that there are companies that incentivise people to call and then get paid via Paypal. Obviosuly this is a blatent abuse of the system and should not be allowed. However the process of users calling 03 numbers to generate credit to make international calls is a service

that is genuine and useful with the student and immigrant population. Making these changes would be discriminating against these 2 groups as it is they who have to scrimp and save to make ends meet and you OFCOM are not making their lives easier