

Consultation title	Directory Enquiries (118) Review
Representing (delete as appropriate)	118 250 & 118 650
Organisation name	Best Number Ltd

## **Your response**

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Question 1: Do you agree with our assessment of harm?	I fully disagree with this due to the fact that callers have their own choice to call the number and has a fair warning (especially with our phone numbers we have pricing messages everywhere where advertised and at the start of the call)
Question 2: Do you agree with our view that the proposed cap on the service charge for a call to a 118 number of £2.58 (ex VAT) per 90 seconds of the call is an effective and proportionate to remedy the harms identified?	Defiantly not! Small DQ call centres cannot run at this rate and the reason why Ofcom introduced 118 numbers was to open up a market, if this outrageous cap comes in then a few businesses are going to dissolve and no one new will ever join the market because at the capped rate you cannot pay call centre staff.  Everyone will just move to 09 numbers at £3.60 per minute, I will not be able to stay in the market. And I don't think other providers will.  Callers will still make complaints at £1 per call and even at 50p per call.  All that needs to be done about it is you remove access charges is the thing that adds more money to their bill.
Question 3: Do you agree with our view that an overall implementation period of four months following Statement will be a sufficient time for providers to introduce the proposed cap?	First of all don't do the cap because people will just leave the 118 market and it will just cause a lot of hassle for something where it is just up to the caller.

Question 4: Do you have any comments on the notifications at Annex 10 and the draft modification set out within them? Where you disagree with the proposed modification, please explain why.	N/A