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What do you want Ofcom to keep confidential?:

Keep nothing confidential

If you want part of your response kept confidential, which parts?:

Ofcom may publish a response summary:

Yes

I confirm that I have read the declaration:

Yes

Ofcom should only publish this response after the consultation has ended:

You may publish my response on receipt

Additional comments:

Question 1: Do you consider that our proposed fee rates for licences in the aeronautical VHF frequencies are appropriate?:

No. You have failed to demonstrate any requirement for this. It is clear that these proposals will create dangers in GA flying. As such they are wreckless and ill conceived.

These proposals are as intelligent as charging motorists for listening to road traffic reports or charging to make a 999 call would be. If there are jobs that depend on this stealth tax I suggest you find them something more useful to do.

There is no one who does not believe this is just another QANGO trying to justify it's existence from it's lovely ivory tower. I hope you will have the same sleepless nights you are giving the aviation community.

Ask the CAA accident investigators!

Question 2: In devising our revised proposals, have we identified all of the aeronautical uses of VHF communications frequencies which require a distinct approach to fee setting, as set out in tables 5 and 6?:

No

Question 3: Do you agree with our proposal not to charge any fees for Fire assignments?:

Yes

Question 4: Do you agree with our proposal to set a £75 fee for licences in any of the sporting frequencies?:

No

Question 5: Do you agree with our proposal to set an annual fee of £19,800 per ACARS or VDL assignment, with no variation related to the number of transmitters?:

No

Question 6: Do you consider that our proposed approach to phasing in fees for use of the aeronautical VHF communications channels are appropriate? If there are particular reasons why you consider that any user or group of users would need longer phasing-in periods, please provide any supporting evidence for us to consider. Specifically, do you have any evidence for us to consider that would support either of Options 1 and 2 for the highest proposed fee in this sector?:

No

Question 7: Do you have any further quantified information to contribute to the analysis of financial impacts of the proposed fees on particular spectrum users, as set out in Annex 5? We would like to publish all responses, but will respect the confidentiality of any material which is clearly marked as such.:

No

Question 8: Do you consider that our assessment of the impacts of our proposals has taken full account of relevant factors? If you consider that there is additional evidence that would indicate particular impacts we should take into account, we would be grateful if you could provide this.:

The evidence is that everyone that uses radiotelephony in flying knows that these proposals will create dangers to people in the air AND on the ground too.

What part of this proposal encourages communication between ground stations and traffic (or traffic to traffic)? There are those who would and do fly without telephony - why would you want to encourage the spread of this?