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**Forename:**

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**Representing:**

Self

**Organisation (if applicable):**

**Email:**

**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:**

As a new microlight pilot who can only just afford to fly, I have just taken and passed my radio exam to enable me to talk to ground stations to be safer, although the proposal does not seem to be aimed at the pilot (yet and I am sure it won't take long), most of the stations that I would talk to will no longer be operating if the fees are increased. This means I will be unable to ask for weather reports or find out the wind or which runway they are using, this will lead to accidents on busy days. Most small

ground stations are small clubs that only just survive and mainly do it for the love of flying.

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

No

**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?:**

Don't know

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

Yes, but don't change the fee structure at all. Any reduction in ground radio or pilot to ground radio as a result of your proposal will be as dangerous as reducing safety services.

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

No, if the government had not wasted all of the tax payers money, I doubt you would be looking for ways to get more.

**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.:**

Definitely not.