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Mr

Forename:

David

Surname:

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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:

This is nothing but a money raising exercise by a bureaucratic quango. You have not considered the safety aspects in relation to General Aviation. Airborne radio is primarily for communication between aircraft, usually in the air, and ground stations, usually airfields. The likely result is an over use of the SafetyCom frequency when smaller airfields decide against paying for a separate frequency. You know that you cannot under ICAO rules charge for these frequencies in aircraft so you opt for the

ground stations. If they decide not to join your scam and close down their transmitters you will be responsible for diminishing airborne safety. Not Clever.

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

No. Zero is the correct rate.

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?:

You have? Many would doubt it.

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

No.

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.:

See additional comments above.

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.:

See additional comments above.