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**Forename:**

Peter

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**Representing:**

Self

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self

**Email:**

**What do you want Ofcom to keep confidential?:**

Keep nothing confidential

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

none

**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:**

Yes

**Additional comments:**

Congratulations OFCOM, you have won the Government gobbledegook prize of the decade. The overpaid members of your staff should now consider moving on to see if the private sector would countenance this rubbish.

**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?:**

no charges should be levied, the purpose of aircraft radios is for safety, not for idle chit chat, i.e. mobile phones.

**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, light aircraft owners/users already pay a license fee annually

**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, you are trying to cash in on the reasons that we use radios, SAFETY

**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, I have a sneaking suspicion that somebody is trying to score Brownie points with the Government.

**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.:**

As stated previously, radios are a vital aid to safety in the air, particularly for traffic avoidance, weather information, distress , etc. Forcing any further charges on the light aircraft fraternity will inevitably provoke corners to be cut with the obvious outcome.