

Question 1: What are your views on the continued relevance of Ofcom's three-year strategic framework for its work in 2008/09?:

No comment.

Question 2: What are your views on Ofcom's proposed policy work programme and top priority areas for 2008/09?:

As expressed in our response to the 2007/08 Annual Plan, MCA continues to support the work towards a market-based approach to spectrum, but emphasises its continued concerns with respect to allowing adequate time fully to assess safety, socio-economic and environmental impacts.

Question 3: Are there new or additional areas in which Ofcom should consider reducing regulation and work to minimise administrative burdens? Please provide specific examples.:

No comment.

Question 4: Are there additional areas of international policy development that Ofcom should be contributing to? Please provide specific examples.:

The view of the MCA and its stakeholders is that the level of support, given by Ofcom experts to UK maritime interests in international and European fora, has in recent years fallen below the critical level. Specifically, our concerns are regarding the post-WRC 07 maritime-related working parties and project teams.