

Question 1: Do you agree with Ofcom's proposed overall approach to improving the management of public sector spectrum holdings and, in particular, with Ofcom's conclusion that it will generally be preferable for public sector bodies to interact directly with the market?:

Anything which improves the service and allows more availability without extra costs is good for boating

Question 2: What factors do you consider Ofcom should take into account in determining the programme of reform in the framework for managing public sector spectrum holdings?:

I believe your decision not to levy a fee for the VHF radio licence was a breath of fresh air please fight to keep this service as it will save lives in the future.

Question 3: Do you consider that the proposals should be phased in?:

Any change needs to be phased in as there are always people who will not be fully aware of the change as it happens

Question 4: Do you agree with Ofcom's proposals about the frequency bands that offer the greatest potential benefits from band sharing? Are there other frequency bands where the facility to trade or lease spectrum from public sector bodies would be particularly attractive?:

Traditional frequencies for marine use should be saved at all costs and if possible expanded as communication be made more attractive and simple like the mobile phone is now

Question 5: Do you agree with Ofcom's proposed approach to awarding public sector licences and RSA?:

As it stands at the moment a once off licence fee should be charged once the person is certificated and then no further charges made. All other income should be derived from government and advertising

Question 6: Should public sector spectrum trading be introduced at this stage in the Channel Islands and Isle of Man?:

The Channel Islands & the Isle of Man have for a long time avoided tax fees and should fall in line with the mainland

Question 7: Should there be additional grounds, eg safety-related, for Ofcom to refuse consent to a proposed trade in certain frequency bands or for certain applications?:

no opinion

Comments:

Please please retain the free Marine VHF operating licence as entered into this year