

Question 1: Do you have any comments about the proposed extension of PRS regulation to 0871, 0872 and 0873 numbers?:

Question 2: Do you have any comments about the PhonepayPlus Statement of Application and Ofcom's comments about the concerns that have been raised by stakeholders?:

Question 3: The proposed extension of PRS regulation would mean that service providers offering services on 09 numbers would not be permitted to use 0871, 0872 or 0873 numbers for complaints unless call charges are refunded. Ofcom would also welcome stakeholder comments about this secondary impact of the proposals:

Question 4: Do you have any comments on the proposed modifications to the PRS Condition?:

Question 5: Do you have any comments about the Impact Assessment for these proposals?:

Question 6: Do you have any other comments?:

Why are you not including 0844 etc.? I read that 0870/0845 will eventually be same as geographic. Not before time given that the lie that has been used for ages! It may soon be the truth. But it looks like all that will happen is numbers will change to 0844/0871 which makes the whole exercise rather pointless. The one plus side is that for 0871 the companies will have to call it a premium rate number. I'd like to see this as mandatory not just some wibble about how much it costs per minute as many people don't know how much a standard call is anyway. Forcing "Premium" rate number would be more off putting.

But the weak point is that 0844 numbers are not included. Why not? In fact these are still premium rate numbers. I frequently phone USA offices at 0.5p/min rather than 0845 uk offices at 4p/min. At x8 the cost of a call to USA how can 0845 number NOT be premium rate!

I'm sorry but frankly ofcom should grow some teeth! The simplest way to sort this would be to force the publishing of an alternate geographic equivalent or for ofcom to have a open database similar to the excellent saynoto0870 site which has been doing ofcom's job for ages!

BTW I would also point out that you seem to have missed the cost of calling from abroad. Such as can be necessary to sort of bank problems. Some aboard telecoms don't understand 08xx and lump them as premium rate at £££/min.