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Additional comments:

It is very important not to sell off the whole 700Hz frequency block for exclusive use. As a Television and Motion Picture sound professional the use of wireless is extremely important to my livelihood, as it is to all my colleagues, and the entertainment industry as a whole. The white spaces are more and more difficult to find in any band and the loss of a whole segment by auction to the highest moneyed interest would be a great disservice to the public at large and business in general. Every interest should be served by the airways, especially those that already exist and use the spectrum to survive. Thank you for soliciting the public viewpoint.

Question 1: Have we correctly identified and characterised the potential costs set out above, and what other costs ? if any ? should be taken into account in our assessment?:

Loss of income by depriving current users of the spectrum.

Question 2: What evidence, whether qualitative or quantitative, should we obtain and/or take into account in assessing each of these potential costs? Please identify any sources of specific evidence to which we should have regard.:

live music and theater venues
television production
feature film production
corporate video studios

Question 3: Have we correctly identified and characterised the potential benefits set out above, and what other benefits ? if any ? should be taken into account in our assessment? :

Question 4: What evidence, whether qualitative or quantitative, should we obtain and/or take into account in assessing each of these potential benefits? Please identify any sources of specific evidence to which we should have regard. :

Question 5: In particular, what is your view of the likely future demand for additional sub 1 GHz spectrum for the provision of mobile data services, and what evidence supports this view?:

Question 6: Should we place different weights on some costs and benefits than on others, for example depending on whether costs would be borne by consumers, DTT operators, or mobile operators? :

Question 7: Do you have any other comments on the work we are currently undertaking on potential costs and benefits? :

Question 8: Have we correctly identified the costs and benefits that could vary depending on the timing of release, and the impact of those factors? Are there other costs and benefits which would vary depending on the timing of release of the 700 MHz band which we should take into account?:

Question 9: How quickly could the 700 MHz band be released? What would be the impact on DTT infrastructure costs of releasing at the earliest possible time compared to a later time? What would be the factors which affect these costs?:

Question 10: How, and to what extent, are the costs for existing (PMSE) and potential (WSD) interleaved users of the 700 MHz band likely to vary depending on the timing of release? What would be the factors which affect these costs?:

Question 11: Should we consider any other cost-related arguments / evidence in favour of an earlier or later release date?:

Question 12: What would be the impact on mobile broadband delivery and competition of releasing the 700 MHz band later rather than sooner? :

Question 13: Should we consider any other benefit-related arguments / evidence in favour of an earlier or later release date?:

Question 14: Is the range of potential dates for release likely to be wide enough to merit consideration of an incentive auction approach?:

Question 15: If so, what are the challenges to designing an effective incentive auction in this case, and how might these challenges be addressed? :

Question 16: If we followed an incentive auction approach, how should we take account of wider costs and benefits ? i.e. those not felt by participants in the auction?:

Question 17: Do you have any views at this stage as to the parameters of an incentive auction, such as the default date and payment mechanism?:

Auction of bandwidth should not give exclusive use to entire 700MHz band.

Question 18: Is there a version of the overlay auction approach which could be suitable for 700 MHz release?:

Only narrow minor amount of bandwidth should be blocked from public use.

Question 19: What are the benefits and risks of conducting an overlay auction in this case?:

Total loss of use by existing parties and the public at large.

Question 20: Have we correctly identified and characterised the potential impact of 700 MHz release on consumers accessing DTT? What other impact ? if any ? should be taken into account in order to identify pre-emptive measures to reduce this impact?:

DTT and end use consumers are not the only interested parties to be impacted. ALL users currently in the bandwidth should be protected in any auction.

Question 21: Do you have any comments on the pre-emptive measures relevant to DTT identified above? Are there other pre-emptive measures we should be considering?:

Question 22: Have we identified the correct measures to support consumer adoption of DVB-T2?:

Question 23: What regard, if any, should we have to wider technical evolution of the DTT platform, such as HEVC? :

Question 24: Have we correctly identified and characterised the potential impact of 700 MHz release on PMSE users? What other impact ? if any ? should be taken into account in order to identify pre-emptive measures to mitigate this impact?:

Question 25: Do you have any comments on the pre-emptive measures identified above? Are there other pre-emptive measures we should be considering?:

Question 26: Do you have suggestions for how we can assess the impact on PMSE users and equipment if 700 MHz is no longer available for PMSE use?:

you will put some players out of business.