

**Title:**

Mr

**Forename:**

Stuart

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**Representing:**

Organisation

**What additional details do you want to keep confidential?:**

Keep organisation confidential

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

Organisation

**Ofcom may publish a response summary:**

Yes

**I confirm that I have read the declaration:**

Yes

**Additional comments:**

**Question 1: Do you agree with our assessment of the number of viewers that will need to retune?:**

Don't know.

**Question 2: Do you any comments on how viewers will find the retuning process and whether there are particular groups of viewers which will require greater consideration/assistance with the process? What help might they need?:**

N/A

**Question 3: Do you have any information to suggest that our estimate for the number of households that will need to replace their aerials should be different?:**

N/A

**Question 4: Do you have any information relevant to our assessment of the average cost of an aerial replacement?:**

N/A

**Question 5: Do you have any evidence as to what proportion of viewers may struggle to bear the cost of an aerial replacement?:**

N/a

**Question 6: Do you have any information to suggest that our estimate of the number of viewers that may need to repoint their aerials should be different?:**

N/a

**Question 7: Do you have any information relevant to our estimate of the cost of aerial repoints or platform changes?:**

N/a

**Question 8: Do you have any evidence as to what proportion of viewers may struggle to bear the cost of an aerial repoint or platform change? :**

N/a

**Question 9: Are there any other matters the viewer support scheme should cover?:**

N/a

**Question 10: Are there any other elements a viewer information campaign would need to include? Do you have any comments on or further evidence to inform the above estimates of the cost of providing information and advice to viewers? Please provide supporting evidence for any adjustments that you think may be relevant.:**

N/a

**Question 11: Do you have any comments on information which is relevant to our assessment of the potential costs of administering a help scheme?:**

N/a

**Question 12: Do you have any evidence to further inform our assessment of the likelihood of viewers that suffer from un-related pre-existing reception problems erroneously making claims against a 700 MHz help scheme?:**

N/a

**Question 13: Do you have any additional information to further inform our cost estimates and assumptions of the effectiveness for the different triage methods? Are there any other triage methods which should be considered? Please provide supporting evidence for any adjustments you think may be relevant to our current estimates. :**

N/a

**Question 14: Have there been any developments since 2014 which would affect our estimate of the amount of equipment that PMSE users will need to replace as a result of 700 MHz clearance?:**

Some users have had to use the 700MHz band if there has been no other clear spectrum or equipment available in other bands. PMSE users have purchased new equipment which covers the 700MHz band.

**Question 15: Are you aware of any developments since the 2014 Statement that would affect our cost estimates?:**

Newer wide band wireless microphones are a lot more expensive than equipment which only has a limited narrow tuning range. With the loss of more and more spectrum, users have purchased expensive wide band equipment so they have a better chance of finding usable frequencies at short notice. One Wisycom MTP40s transmitter lists at £1500 for the transmitter alone, the accompanying MCR42 receiver lists at £3300.

**Question 16: Do you have any information or evidence of the likely unit cost of new equipment which operates in the 960-1164 MHz band?:**

No

**Question 17: Have we correctly identified the main categories of PMSE user that 700 MHz clearance will affect? If not, please provide examples of stakeholders which do not fit broadly into any of the groups mentioned.:**

Yes

**Question 18: Do you have any comments on our assessment of the proportion of equipment the different users types account for?:**

No

**Question 19: In addition to any information provided in response to the survey, do you have any other evidence as to how clearance may financially affect each of the different categories of PMSE equipment owner identified above?:**

It is not correct to assume that PMSE users will need to replace equipment frequently. I have used wireless microphones which are 12 years old on the Harry Potter films, on Tom Cruise and on James Bond. That equipment is as valuable at 12 years old as it is new. Any compensation should be budgeted at full replacement cost. With the channel 69 clearance, PMSE users ended up with close to 50% of replacement value before tax. For independent freelancers with £20k invested it forced some into early retirement as they would have had to work for 8 to 10 years to break even.