

Response to the Ofcom Consultation: “Release of 2010 to 2025 MHz” dated 10th May 2010, from Ericsson Ltd.

Introduction

Ericsson welcomes the opportunity to respond to this consultation. A set of short responses to some of the Questions raised is set out below.

Question 3

We note that the ECC is reviewing the use of this band following the responses it received to a questionnaire. Whilst demand for the band has been muted so far it is still possible that this will change across the globe. Change in Europe may be as a result of increases in demand caused by responses to the EU Digital Agenda. In the UK we should be mindful that changes in demand could occur as a result of the government's evolving policy on broadband.

Questions 4 and 5

We have a concern that Licence exempt users may not be as clear as to the potential loss of the band to IMT as users who actively seek a licence. The process of obtaining a licence ensures that users are aware that the use of the band may change and are less likely to be surprised and unhappy with a future change. Unlicensed use of the band could result in difficulty in re-farming because of the uncontrolled nature of that use.

Questions 9a and 9b

Temporary use for Wireless cameras would seem to be a reasonable approach. This seems appropriate since withdrawal of this use would not significantly affect the value of the cameras themselves because they would remain useable.