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Representing:

Self

Organisation (if applicable):

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What do you want Ofcom to keep confidential?:

Keep name confidential

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

Name, personal details.

Ofcom may publish a response summary:

Yes

I confirm that I have read the declaration:

Yes

Ofcom should only publish this response after the consultation has ended:

You may publish my response on receipt

Additional comments:

Question 1: Do you consider that our proposed fee rates for licences in the aeronautical VHF frequencies are appropriate?:

No, this is seems another hidden tax on an already badly affected group of users.

Question 2: In devising our revised proposals, have we identified all of the aeronautical uses of VHF communications frequencies which require a distinct approach to fee setting, as set out in tables 5 and 6?:

The tax should not be applied to aeronautical stations.

Question 3: Do you agree with our proposal not to charge any fees for Fire assignments?:

No use whatsoever should be charged for.

Question 4: Do you agree with our proposal to set a £75 fee for licences in any of the sporting frequencies?:

No.

Question 5: Do you agree with our proposal to set an annual fee of £19,800 per ACARS or VDL assignment, with no variation related to the number of transmitters?:

No.

Question 6: Do you consider that our proposed approach to phasing in fees for use of the aeronautical VHF communications channels are appropriate? If there are particular reasons why you consider that any user or group of users would need longer phasing-in periods, please provide any supporting evidence for us to consider. Specifically, do you have any evidence for us to consider that would support either of Options 1 and 2 for the highest proposed fee in this sector?:

No.

Question 7: Do you have any further quantified information to contribute to the analysis of financial impacts of the proposed fees on particular spectrum users, as set out in Annex 5? We would like to publish all responses, but will respect the confidentiality of any material which is clearly marked as such.:

This should not be merely a financial exercise, but should also consider the impact of aviation safety.

Question 8: Do you consider that our assessment of the impacts of our proposals has taken full account of relevant factors? If you consider that there is additional evidence that would indicate particular impacts we should take into account, we would be grateful if you could provide this.:

It should be clear that there will potentially be an impact on safety - for situational awareness purposes and avoid collisions, the use of radio by pilots and airfields should be encouraged. It is to be expected that the introduction of these fees will lead to a reduction in communication and proficiency by pilots, which may result in a higher accident rate.