

Cover sheet for response to an Ofcom consultation

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Consultation title: Participation TV – Rules on the promotion of premium rate services
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Question 1:

a) Do you agree with Ofcom's assessment of those stakeholders likely to be affected by changes to the regulatory framework for Adult Chat and Psychic PTV services?

Yes.

b) Do you agree with our understanding of the industry and operators?

Yes.

Question 2:

Do you agree with our analysis of the options available for regulation of the promotion of premium rate services of a sexual nature, and

a) that on the basis of options, a change to the existing rules appears merited?

Yes.

b) of the options presented, Option 4 meets the regulatory duties and suggests least potential impact on stakeholders?

Yes.

c) that the scheduling restrictions of 9pm to 5.30am and requirements for labelling and EPG position under option 4 offer appropriate protection for viewers?

Yes.

Question 3:

Do you agree with our analysis of the options available for regulation of the promotion of live personal psychic services, and

a) on the basis of the options, that a change to the existing rules appears merited?

Yes.

b) of the options presented, Option 4 meets the regulatory duties and suggests least potential impact on stakeholders?

Yes.

c) that the restriction of promotion to specific live personal psychic services and the requirements for labelling and EPG position provide appropriate protection for viewers?

Yes.

Question 4:

a) Do you agree with the principles identified for changes to the Advertising Code rules on promotion of PRS of a sexual nature (rule 11.1.2) and psychic practices (rule 15.5)?

Yes.

b) Do you agree with the wording of the proposed rules? If not, please suggest alternative wording.

Yes.

General observation

In relation to premium rate numbers rules 10.9 to 10.11, Channel 4 would be grateful for clarification whether Ofcom intend to revert to the old ITC principle that competitions must be thematically linked to the programme as this would restrict the way in which competitions are promoted within programming time and could prevent the promotion of premium rate competitions within promotional air time.

Channel 4 would also seek clarification that the use of the word "programme" refers to programme time rather than a specific billed programme, to cover strands such as T4 which contain more than one particular programme.

Channel 4

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