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**Name and title under which you would like this response to appear:**

as above

**Representing:**

Self

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**What do you want Ofcom to keep confidential?:**

Keep nothing confidential

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

**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

**Question 1: Do you agree with Ofcom's proposed overall approach to improving the management of public sector spectrum holdings and, in**

**particular, with Ofcom's conclusion that it will generally be preferable for public sector bodies to interact directly with the market?:**

no - this approach treats spectrum as if it were a public sector asset to be sold off to the highest bidder. you could use the same logic to the air we breath and the water we drink. spectrum doesnt belong to anyone and ofcoms role should be to apply the absolute minimum of control (paid for out of general taxation just like other govt services) consistent with allowing the general public the freedom to do as they wish

**Question 2: What factors do you consider Ofcom should take into account in determining the programme of reform in the framework for managing public sector spectrum holdings?:**

the need to reduce ofcoms manning and cost levels back to what they were

**Question 3: Do you consider that the proposals should be phased in?:**

given that ofcom will go ahead at the Treasury's beck and call - yes

**Question 4: Do you agree with Ofcom's proposals about the frequency bands that offer the greatest potential benefits from band sharing? Are there other frequency bands where the facility to trade or lease spectrum from public sector bodies would be particularly attractive?:**

how do you intend to charge the MCA for the use of internationally designated ship to ship frequencies? you cannot re-allocate to anyone else much as you may like to do.

**Question 5: Do you agree with Ofcom's proposed approach to awarding public sector licences and RSA?:**

no - its empire building.

**Question 6: Should public sector spectrum trading be introduced at this stage in the Channel Islands and Isle of Man?:**

no - they are not part of the uk and since this is effectively a uk govt tax they should not be required to pay it..

**Question 7: Should there be additional grounds, eg safety-related, for Ofcom to refuse consent to a proposed trade in certain frequency bands or for certain applications?:**

**Comments:**

this really is another stealth tax combined with a bit of empire building.