

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

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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:

Yes

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?:

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 removal of public sector broadcasting from VHF (BBC radio etc) to DAB. DAB quality is so poor due to the this band width allocated, as to make it all but useless for QUALITY boradcasting. Bandwidth requirements of BBC Radio 3 for the necessary broadcast quality must be maintained. Current DAB BB3 broadcasts are woefully "thin" sounding and unacceptable.

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

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?:

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

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

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?:

Marine VHF and Radar - this is essentially a safety issue and should on no account go into a market driven environment. A secondary consideration would be the inoperability of controlling any commercial control of that spectrum due to its diversity, and self sufficiency in terms of technology.

Comments: