

Publish response summary?: Yes

Read declaration: Yes

Publish after consultation?: No

Question 1: Do you agree with Ofcom's conclusion that AIP should, in principle, be applied to all terrestrial broadcasting uses of spectrum, as to other spectrum uses? Please set out the reasons for your view, and any evidence or analysis that you can provide in support of your position.: I do not agree that AIP should be applied to the BBC as in my mind it constitutes us the general public being taxed through the back door if a slice of the Lisenese fee has to be paid to Ofcom.

Just where will the money go exactly? I suspect either to the treasury or to fund and bolster this Quango.

The Government appears to want to have it's cake and eat it yet again. The BBC has been tasked with the job of overseeing and promoting the digital switch over. which will benefit the treasury when Analog airspace can be sold off.

Equally I am not even sure that ITV or any of the other commercial channels should be burdened with these fees either as in both cases money that is not used in producing the "quality TV" that we take for granted in this country will go down the tubes like American TV. Quality programmes cost money and the more money channeled away from funding quality dramas and such will lead us down the road of "trailer trash TV"

Question 2: Do you agree with Ofcom's proposals for the timing of introduction of AIP on spectrum used for terrestrial broadcasting? Please set out the reasons for your view, and any evidence or analysis that you can provide in support of your position.: I do not agree with AIP so no I do not agree with the timing it should be never!

Additional comments: Fixed term broadcasting fees as we have had for analog broadcastin is much better. terms such as 3, 5 or 10 years will allow all broadcasteds to have a more stable longterm broadcasting strategies.

Ofcom's role should be to ensure that broadcasters use the spectrum they are allocated properly and not by imposing swinging fees either.

The public should not be fooled by this ITV and the independant TV stations use advertising proffits to fund their output whilst the BBC is reliant on the Lisenese fee to fund it's output. I see no reason why the BBC should have to use my lisenese fee to pay an unelected quango to monitor its use of the spectrum.