

RESPONDING TO THE SPECTRUM FRAMEWORK REVIEW: PUBLIC SECTOR
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I understand that radio frequency spectrum is valuable but I do have to question whether a government agency should introduce a stealth tax on areas of spectrum usage that have clear safety implications and whose limits are specified by international agreement. One such frequency range is that used by aviation, in particular general aviation. The need for clear communications between aircraft and ground controllers is paramount. The frequencies are well used and becoming more crowded requiring the industry to invest in expensive new technologies to cram more throughput into the given allocation.

Any attempt to introduce charges for use of this well defined spectrum can only be seen as another way to raise taxes and this is surely a dangerous move when relating to a safety critical capability. Certainly, any move to introduce fees will introduce more bureaucracy at a time when the Government have stated that they are trying to do the opposite.

This particular spectrum is well defined, well used and running smoothly.

Why come and put an oar into such a state of affairs?