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## **ComReg publishes its response to consultation on Spectrum Management Strategy for 2005 – 2007**

The Commission for Communication Regulation today published the response to the consultation on how it intends to manage the radio spectrum over the next two years and beyond.

The radio frequency spectrum is a valuable national resource used to support a large number of electronic communications services and applications. Access to radio frequencies is an essential requirement for telecommunications, aviation, shipping, defence services, public safety, broadcasting, public mobile services and the many private businesses that rely on mobile communications.

One of the most significant users of both mobile and fixed link radio spectrum are mobile phone services, which continue to expand, currently delivering services to over 3.7 million subscribers. Wireless communications are also increasingly being used to provide Broadband access to the Internet, e-mail and other on-line services.

The Chairperson of ComReg, Isolde Goggin said: "I am very pleased with the high level of interest in this consultation which reflects the importance of wireless communication to Irish consumers and businesses. Many respondents put forward a number of helpful suggestions on how ComReg might develop its Spectrum Management Strategy. ComReg intends to publish the Spectrum Management Strategy in the coming months having taken into account all the input received and analysed in the document."

The response to consultation – ComReg 05/36 – is available on the ComReg website <u>www.comreg.ie</u>

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