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1. Name:

James Morrison

2. Organisation (if applicable):

3. Email address:

4. Address:

5. In responding, it would be helpful if you could indicate whether you are responding as

an individual

6. Keeping in touch

Please keep me informed by email of the progress of this review, and other BIS Balance of Competence reviews.

1. 1. Where has EU action had a positive impact for the UK on research, technological development, innovation or space? What evidence is there for this? Has EU action encouraged national action in any areas?

No Response

2. 2. Where has EU action had a negative impact for the UK in these fields? What evidence is there for this? Has EU action prevented potentially useful national action in any areas?

No Response

3. 3. How and where has UK engagement with partner countries or international bodies, both within and outside the EU, been helped or hindered by EU involvement?

No Response

4. 4. What benefits or difficulties has the objective of a European research area (ERA) delivered for the UK?

No Response

5. 5. How has the EU sought to coordinate the policy instruments at its disposal across different policy areas to create an enabling environment for researchers and innovators? How successful has this been?

No Response

1. 6. What could the EU most helpfully do to promote scientific and technological progress and innovation (including in the space sector)? - How could the EU use its existing competence differently to deliver more in your area? - How might a greater or lesser degree of EU competence

deliver more in your area? - How could improvements to existing EU activities make them more effective and efficient?

No Response

2. 7. Where might future EU level action be detrimental to your work in this area?

No Response

3. 8. Where might action at national rather than EU level be more appropriate / effective?

No Response

4. 9. How could EU and national policies and funding streams interact better?

No Response

5. 10. What impact would any future enlargement of the EU have on this area of competence?

No Response

6. 11. Are there any other points you wish to make which are not captured above?

Patent applications are considered in English by the EU patent office in Frankfurt and, if granted, are entered into the national patent offices, thus making application through national patent offices superfluous. So far so good. However, to hold a national patent, one must have the patent translated into that patent office's national language viz. French, German, Italian etc. Then one has to pay an annual renewal fee to each national patent office. So for this year, UK costs £442.25, France costs £849.65 while Germany costs £1541.66 for a single patent. By contrast for a US patent, one pays £783.94 for 10 years. The point is that protection of intellectual property in Europe is very expensive.

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