

Dear Mr David,

Thank you for your comments on the PMR (Standard) UK General Consultation. I am pleased to be able to respond on behalf of Hazel and the Agency.

Taking each of your points in turn;

1. Any business user may apply to use the new PBR UK General service.
2. There are fifteen simplex frequencies available for use under the new PBR UK General licence. These are the same frequencies that are currently available and are stated in the Consultation Document, published on the Agency's website at www.radio.gov.uk
3. As a self-select licence, it will be for users to select and/or move to frequencies that best meets their business needs.
4. The technical parameters are unchanged from those that currently apply to the PMR (Standard) UK General licence.
- 5 and 6. As a licensed service, the RIS will, as with other licences, ensure protection from unlicensed use. However as you will be aware the UK General licence is a back-to-back service with base stations not permitted. Accordingly, it will be for licensees to opt for more robust licences such as PBR On-Site and/or Wide Area should they deem it desirable.
7. As referenced in the Consultation Document, the primary purpose of the review is to resolve long-standing anomalies that exist within the PMR (Standard) UK General licence. However, it has also provided an opportunity to expand the spectrum available to licensees and therefore offer a more flexible licence. In addition, the Agency has been able to offer a less regulatory regime in keeping with recent Spectrum Pricing practices.

Overall, the Agency is confident that this new PBR UK General licence will assist the PMR community.

I hope that the above is helpful. The Agency intends to finalise the content of its proposals for this licence in its Spectrum Pricing Consultation Document scheduled for publication - including on its website at www.radio.gov.uk - later this month.

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Dear Hazel

I note various correspondence on the above topic and whilst I thought it sounded a very good idea and very reasonable in price, having heard the comments of various people in the industry, I wondered if you would be so kind as to re-educate those of us who have forgotten the precise conditions covered by the UK General Licence.

The points I would like to see written down in a document, which I hope could be a very simple couple of pages of A4, are as follows:-

- 1 Who would qualify to use the UK General Licence?
- 2 What channels and precise frequencies are intended to be offered under this title?
- 3 At what proximity to each other can users of the UK General Licence operate these channels?
- 4 Would the technical parameters of the operations be defined, i.e. power, location, height of antenna, etc?
- 5 Will the RA be ensuring that misuse is avoided from the outset?
- 6 Will this service be covered by the RIS to the same degree as normal PMR licences?
- 7 Is this, as I hope, a new bright venture by RA to help the PMR community?

Given some good answers to the above, I shall be delighted to wave the flag for RA as this seems a very sound proposal but far too cheap.

Very best wishes