

Additional comments:

I come from a background of having been kicked off the Radio mic frequency of 216.1MHz just over a year ago- I think the spectrum was earmarked for DAB. Despite many emails to Ofcom, we got no compensation and perfectly good equipment had to be junked and replaced. At the time, we were recommended to move to "channel 69" UHF frequencies.

If Ofcom/Government insists on moving us once again from "channel 69" then it should pay us the full cost of new equipment in the replacement band. The figures at the end of the Ofcom consultation document table A6 (Net incremental value per service use) show that the "benefits" of this move are 20 times the "costs" for scenario 3, and more for other scenarios.

There can be no financial reason why the compensation to PMSE and other users should be any other than fair and complete.

PMSE equipment licensed in channel 69 is commonly programmable with alternate frequencies in channel 70. (unlicensed spectrum) Often it is shipped without any indication of which frequencies are licensable and which are not. I suspect many users of these devices are using them in the licensed frequencies without being aware of it. Any shift to more intensive use of channel 69 is likely to lead to a clash.

The consultation does give any economic value to users of channel 70. However as stated above, the equipment is capable of using channel 69 and the value of it will be reduced if this option is no longer available.

Also, if channel 70 is orphaned, costs of producing new equipment just for these frequencies will increase.

Question 1: Do you agree that clearing DTT from channels 61 and 62 and PMSE from channel 69 to align the upper band of cleared spectrum in the UK with the emerging digital dividend in other European countries is likely to further the interests of citizens and consumers to the greatest extent?:

Question 2: Do you agree that the proposed DTT migration criteria are proportionate and appropriate? If not, please explain why and clearly identify any other criteria you believe should be adopted and why.:

Question 3: Do you have views on the options identified and our assessment of them? Do you believe there are other, superior options, and, if so, why? Do you agree that the hybrid option is most consistent with the DTT migration criteria?:

Question 4: Do you have views on the implementation-timing options identified and our assessment of them? Do you agree that DSO-integrated implementation is most consistent with the DTT migration criteria? If not, why not?:

Question 5: Do you agree that a programme-control and -governance arrangement such as that outlined above is appropriate?:

Question 6: Do you agree that the four cost categories adequately capture the costs associated with clearing DTT from channels 61 and 62? Are there any costs that do not appear to have been accounted for in any of these categories?:

Question 7: Do you agree that our cost profile is a reasonable basis for planning the capital expenditure for clearing DTT from channels 61 and 62?:

Question 8: Do you agree that these are the most appropriate criteria to assess which spectrum is the best alternative to channel 69 for PMSE?:

Question 9: Do you agree with our technical and coverage analysis of the possible alternatives to channel 69 for PMSE?:

Question 10: Do you agree with our economic assessment of the realistic alternatives to channel 69 for PMSE?:

Question 11: Do you agree that channel 38 is the best alternative to channel 69 for PMSE?:

Question 12: Do you agree that we should award channel 38 to the band manager on the same terms as would have applied to channel 69?:

Question 13: Do you agree with our proposal to maintain PMSE access to channel 36 on 12 months' notice to cease and to the rest of the cleared spectrum (channels 31-35, 37 and 61-69) until DSO is completed in the UK in late 2012?:

Question 14: Do you agree with our approach to determining eligibility for, and our assessment of the level of, funding to move PMSE from channel 69?:

Question 15: Do you agree that three years is long enough for PMSE to move from channel 69?:

Question 16: Do you agree that with our analysis of the key impacts of our policy options? Are there any other key impacts we should assess?: