

**Question 1: which services are most likely to drive take up of DTT consumer reception equipment using new technologies? In particular, are HD services the most likely to do so?:**

Irish language TV and Gaidhlig in Scotland

**Question 2: do you agree with Ofcom's assessment that it would be beneficial for the DTT platform to begin to upgrade to new technologies ? DVB-T2 and MPEG-4 - to make more efficient use of spectrum and to allow for the introduction of new services?:**

Yes

**Question 3: Ofcom is particularly interested in hearing from multiplex operators and programme providers as to whether they are interested in using DVB-T2 and / or MPEG-4, and whether Ofcom should consider permitting their use on DTT?:**

They should. Simplify things.

**Question 4: do you agree that the earliest possible availability and adoption of the technologies is in the interests of consumers and citizens?:**

Yes

**Question 5: do you agree with Ofcom's view that DVB-T2 MPEG-4 reception equipment could be commercially available in time for DSO in Granada region in late 2009?:**

Yes

**Question 6: do you agree that some form of intervention is required in order for the DTT platform to commence an upgrade to new technologies without delay?:**

Along with the move of Channel Five service to a PSB multiplex the Government and OFCOM have similarly agreed that the S4C Welsh service should be carried on a PSB multiplex at switchover. The Government has committed to ensure that the proposed Gaelic Digital Service and the Irish language service TG4 are carried on a universal coverage multiplex at switchover in Scotland and N.Ireland.

**Question 7: Do you have any proposals for launching MPEG-4 services on a DTT multiplex using DVB-T in advance of the proposed 2009 timetable and if so can you provide details of how such a service would not undermine the proposed MPEG-4/DVB-T2 launch in 2009?:**

Irish language and Gaidhlig should be carried on Multiplex 2 in their respective nations resulting in an additional video stream requiring capacity on this multiplex outside England.

**Question 11: do you agree with our proposals for accommodating Five, S4C, TG4 and GDS on Multiplex 2?:**

Yes I strongly agree. This would be in keeping with the terms of the Good Friday Agreement. TG4 is only partly available un N.Ireland.

**Additional comments:**

I wish to see the availability of Irish and Gaeidhlig TV maximized as the provision at the moment is far too limited.