

Additional comments:

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?:

Yes, provided equipment can be satisfactorily operated throughout as much of Europe as possible.

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.:

Yes

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?:

No.

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?:

No.

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

Yes.

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?:

There probably will be extra costs.

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?:

Yes.

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?:

Yes

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

Yes

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

Yes

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

It would seem to be the only option.

Most manufactures of radio microphones are able to make units that are capable of being tuned over 3 television channels, this means that the same equipment can be used (with a site specific licence) on channels 67 and 68.

If channels adjacent to 38 could be used in a similar way it would alleviate the situation. If any of these channels were available nationwide could a further one be allocated to shared (licensed) use?

Would Channel 38 be allocated for radio microphones in any European countries?

Film and television production does involve crews in a lot of work in Europe, and likewise foreign crews come to the UK with their own equipment. What frequencies are being considered for PMSE in other European countries?

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?:

The present arrangement works well at the moment.

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?:

Yes, it is the only way of providing radiomicrophones to supply present and future demand.

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?:

I agree with your eligibility for funding, but from experience know that the working life of properly maintained broadcast quality equipment is well in excess of 10 years, and what is the situation regarding equipment in channels in the 800Mhz band, other than 69 that are used on site specific licences?

Would funding be available to modify or replace associated equipment such as receiver racks, receiver aerial amplifiers, splitters, combiners and distribution amplifiers, all of which will be made useless by the switch over?

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

Yes, providing that the new channel is made available on the same terms as channel 69 almost immediately, whilst British radiomicrophone manufacturers are still in business.

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?:

Yes, but given the present uncertainty the impact on British radiomicrophone manufacturers should be considered.