

Radio Spectrum Band 3 Consultation

Digital Audio Broadcasting :

Thanks for the chance to comment on future use of 174 to 230 Mhz.

It appears there is a considerable space vacated by the old band 3 VHF television service .

It appears there is little to no Govt policy on the introduction of a DAB+ or DVB Lite audio broadcasting service .

I would like to see Digital Audio Broadcasting made available to new broadcasters who cannot afford the huge prices for FM Management rights.

My proposal is that a Full / High power digital radio allocation be made available in the section 188 to 216 Mhz

A low power digital GURL , similar to that in the UK , be introduced , with conditions similar to the current Low Power FM GURL , allocated at the top end of the band 216 to 223 Mhz region

This would give non commercial , not for profit groups the chance to provide some service in areas where there are no FM frequencies available at a reasonable cost and where existing LPFM is over crowded .

Amateur Radio Allocation :

I would like to see band 3 available to amateur radio , possibly in the region 223 to 230 Mhz , similar to what is in use in the USA . Commercial equipment is already available for that band .

I do not express any opinion on the use of this spectrum for Commercial Land Mobile use .