

Sir,

These sort of demonstrations in remote sites (for any real public representation) of a proven unpopular and failed technology (DAB) for very limited advantage to either the country communications system or public information/entertainment are a serious waste of public funds mostly through compulsory general taxation / compulsory BBC licence at a time the government recommends and inflicts belt-tightening and lowering benefits to such as disabled.

You should be ashamed of even suggesting any further promotion of digital radio be it DAB , DAB+ or DRM as you know both AM and FM are vastly more popular with radio listeners on normal receivers of which many thousands are in use daily . Unless your 'secret agenda' is to promote sales of PRC produce - hardly a British job creator - where most if not all DAB sets are made;why continue with a project the public have clearly rejected on which reception blocks-up the receiver is heavy to carry, expensive to buy , uses far more reception power and gives no guarantee of any sound quality through it's very obvious technology flaws (bit rate etc.).

Before you start this pointless venture , these obviously uncosted demonstrations, first carry out a proper national survey on listening habits of the radio audience , what stations listened too and what reception mode used if any as so many have become confused by not-needed changes especially on Medium Wave . Just how many actually bought a DAB set but found its performance unreliable so it gathers dust on a kitchen shelf or in a cupboard simply because it blocks-up and moving this 'portable' looses the station / programme being listened to. Doesn't happen on LW,MW, SW or VHF ! - progress???

How many will turn on their TV to listen to 'digital' radio , honestly.....

OK you can hook Free view/Sky/Virgin to your audio unit, but as the TV screen shows radio station details - not your hi-fi- back to square one .

I ask you to re-consider this/these demonstrations as pointless and wasteful use of public funding.

Regards,

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