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28<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the US Space-Based PNT Advisory Board

# United Kingdom PNT Update

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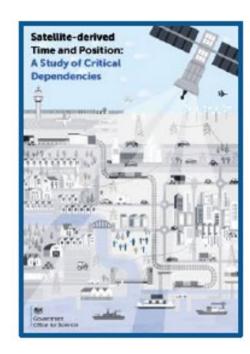
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# **UK PNT Timeline**Summary













Blackett Report on global navigation (2018)

Space Based PNT Programme (2020)

Office Strategy (2021)

UK Integrated Review (2021)

National Space Strategy (2021)



# UK PNT Timeline Parliamentary Select Committee Reports 2022





House of Commons

Science and Technology Committee

### UK space strategy and UK satellite infrastructure

Second Report of Session 2022-23

Report, together with formal minutes relating to the report

Ordered by the House of Commons to be printed 26 October 2022

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House of Commons
Defence Committee

### Defence Space: through adversity to the stars?

Third Report of Session 2022–23

Report, together with formal minutes relating to the report

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### X-HMG PNT Office Concept Demonstrator Project





X-HMG team to bring together all the evidence and synthesise into PNT policy

#### Core Challenge

Develop policy options to mitigate the risks from the loss of PNT

Key Components

- 1. Existing PNT Landscape
- 2. Resilience & Mitigation
- 3. PNT Risks and Threats
- 4. PNT User Requirements
- Temporary X-HMG PNT
  Project Board
  - Community of Practice

- 5. Technology Solutions
- 6. International Cooperation
- 7. Quick Wins Options

Independent Expert Group (IEG)

All this work will call upon all the existing work undertaken since the Blackett Review.



# X-HMG PNT Office Concept Demonstrator Project Some Key Considerations



- Critical National Infrastructure : PNT Use Cases
- GNSS-based PNT Risks & Threats assessed
- Impact of Losing GNSS-based PNT assessed
- Many PNT Technologies were considered











#### **RIN UK PNT Advisory Group**



Goal to bring together individuals and organisations interested in Position Navigation and Timing (PNT) technology, policy, funding, collaboration, and research





Its scope covers all aspects of PNT from vision-based navigation to quantum sensing and space systems.

Taking input from all aspects of the PNT "world" in areas such as policy and strategy development, technology development, economics, standards development and regulation, resilience, and security, plus liaising with equivalent groups around the world.





It will build on the existing body of knowledge by addressing aspects such as use cases, depth of analysis and independent positions.

It aims to provide a neutral place for the "PNT sector" under the banner of a Learned Society and without bias or favour, to share knowledge and develop positions on key issues and opportunities, and to provide expert-led advice.





### RIN UK PNT Advisory Group



#### **Activities and Timeline**





### RIN UK PNT Advisory Group LEO PNT Event



March 1st at Inmarsat in London Approx 100 people from users, equipment and service providers and Government

Debate on the technical, value chain, resilience, and business model challenges of providing PNT services from large constellations of LEO satellites





#### RIN UK PNT Advisory Group LEO PNT Event – Key Findings





The points of "who is willing to pay for PNT from LEO" and "what is the value (£/\$) of resilience" are still unanswered



The technical challenges are known but not solved



Target markets likely to be professional markets and CNI



PNT From LEO is not hype and will happen – opportunities are there



Combining communications and PNT is an interesting approach but suffers from dilution which may impact a business case



### RIN UK PNT Advisory Group PNT Standards



- Building on UK experience within IEEE P1952 committee
   RIN is looking at the need for standards/guidance in the UK on PNT resilience
- Adopting a step wise approach
   To highlight any current issues with standards coverage
- Will publish discussion paper soon

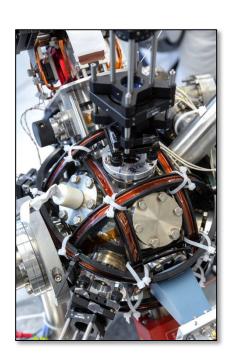




## RIN UK PNT Advisory Group Quantum Technology



- UK National Quantum Strategy published
   Focus on quantum computing and PNT (specifically timing)
- UK has announced funding of \$40m in Quantum Technology for PNT in 2023
- RIN made inputs to the scope of the competitions
- Projects and activities yet to be finalised/announced
- Announcement of more funding to come (~\$3bn over 10 years)
  - Not just for PNT, across all Quantum Technologies
- RIN focussing on supporting commercialisation activities





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