

## **E-mail response received 3 August from Mr K Amos**

*Question 1: Do you agree with the proposal to introduce a lighter, electronic licensing process? If not, please explain why.*

- 1. Yes, provided the integrity of the licence is maintained with regard to fraud and the licences are acceptable to world wide licensing authorities for the purpose of granting reciprocal licences.**

*Question 2: Do you agree with the proposal to issue licences which remain valid for the life of the licensee? If not, please explain why.*

- 2. No, changes within the Amateur population would not be easily recorded; 5 years would be a good licensing period.**

*Question 3: Do you agree with the proposal to issue electronic amateur radio licences free of charge? If not, please explain why.*

- 3. Yes**

*Question 4: Do you agree with the proposal to apply an administrative charge when processing postal applications for amateur radio licences? If not, please explain why.*

- 4. Yes, the system at present is reasonable.**

*Question 5: Do you agree that WT Act licence exemption for radio amateurs is not currently practical?*

- 5. YES. Total exemption would also be illegal under present international agreements.**

*Question 6: What are your views regarding the possibility of WT Act licence exemption for radio amateurs in the longer term?*

- 6. Licence exemption could (and would) lead to interference with other users on a world wide scale. This government could expect interference complaints from the MOD, national airlines (world wide), Diplomatic services, again world wide, and untold other licensed users.**

*Question 7: Is maintaining the existing licensing regime but with an extended renewal period your preferred option? If so, please state the renewal period that you believe would be appropriate and explain why.*

- 7. Yes, I believe that a renewal period of 5 years would be workable. This would allow the maintenance of the necessary database of licence holders and a testing system would insure sufficient knowledge for their use.**

*Question 8: Do you agree that the current licensing system is over-*

*burdensome? If not, please explain why*

**8. No, there is nothing wrong with the present system from my point of view. I understand Ofcom's desire to rid itself of the chore of issuing licences every year without collecting huge bags of money.**

*Question 9: Do you agree with the proposal to apply an administrative charge when processing applications for a Notice of Variation to an amateur radio licence? If not, please explain why.*

**9. Yes, provided the charges are not excessive i.e. not significantly more than present. The NOV process is an integral part of the licensing system to track new methods and systems being tested and employed. It needs to be maintained at a cost that doesn't stifle experimentations.**