

Email response received 24 July 2005 from Mr T Avery G3WBB:

ANSWERS TO CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

- 1 YES
- 2 YES
- 3 YES
- 4 NO
- 5 YES
- 6 ABSOLUTELY NOT. This would put the U.K. AMATEUR in conflict with all CEPT and signatory countries that expect a correct licence for us to operate in those countries.
- 7 This would be my second option and the period should be twenty years from first licensing to next renewal. The fee should not increase.
- 8 Who says it is over burdensome? It is surely run by an agency on behalf of ofcom so it should be transparent. I have always said though that we should follow other administrations (Canada for one) and make it a license for life.
- 9 NO.

NOTES

I have listened to a lot of spoken words over the last few months and get the Impression that there is a large portion of paranoia in the amateur community. I have maintained an open mind but it is hard not to get the personal feeling that like all government sponsored changes, there is a hidden agenda in this proposal, which will result in the amateur yet again being shorn of his/ her frequency allocation in the name of progress when actually it is another government ploy to get yet more "one off" monies for the sale of the radio spectrum to the highest bidder. Which should be remembered Is not easily recoverable once sold.

I would like to think this is not so but many of the contradictory statements in the consultation document do make it look this way you must admit. vis a vis page 14 section 6 paras 3 and 7 contradict.

Same page para 4 is also a frightener and gives carte blanche to ofcom to do as it pleases with the radio spectrum even as a signatory to the itu eu and cept agreements.

This kind of double speak is exactly what is causing the disquite amongst amateurs, who have in your own words contributed continually and still do, to the development and progress of communications in many fields.

Finally I do agree with the principle of a license for life as other countries have implemented, **BUT NOT IF THIS IS PURELY A GOVERNMENT PLOY TO MAKE MONEY IN A BIDDING WAR.** I would rather continue to pay a yearly fee, to retain my hard won rights to use the spectrum.