

Email response received 6 August 2005 from Mr D Baines:

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

Yes, things that are lighter and easier must be a benefit.

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.

No, a license for life would not work, too many loopholes.

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

No, giving out "free" electronic licenses would simply devalue the status of radio amateurs. Eventually, someone will say.....well it costs you nothing, so we'll take it all away..... This is not acceptable for amateur radio.

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.

No, if there is a charge for postal applications then by definition you are discriminating against non PC / Internet users, again this is not acceptable.

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

Yes, we need a license to work world-wide.

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

Not feasible, we need a license to enjoy our hobby, complete deregulation would disenfranchise all licensed amateurs in the UK.

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.

Yes, out of the four options this is the only one worth pursuing. Still more work to be done however, registrations / up to date info...etc

Question 8: Do you agree that the current licensing system is over-burdensome? If not, please explain why.

No, not at all. At the moment I receive a renewal notice, I send my cheque, I receive my new license. Where's the burden in that ??

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.*

Yes, its been expected and coming for a long time.

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