

Email response received 21 July 2005 from Dr C Barnes GW4BZD:

## ANSWERS TO CONSULATATION QUESTIONS

1. I agree, but I am concerned if this changes security and administering of Radio Amateur's examination in any way. Also taken with Question 4 this could financially penalise Radio Amateurs who do not own a computer.
2. I agree, **provided an accurate database can still be maintained**, particularly of amateurs who are known to be active and pursuant of 'self-training'-very important as Amateurs may be called upon by user Emergency Services in times of Local, National or International Disaster.
3. Agree.
4. Agree provided charge is **not** excessive.
5. Agree.
6. Amateur Radio should **never** become WT license exempt as this **devalues the hobby and could potentially attract the wrong type of 'clientele'**. I am dumfounded as to how this has even been considered I wonder if there has been some confusion at junior office drafting level with this aspect and those of CE markings!!!
7. This question seems to be at odds with what has preceded it. Naturally had we not been offered the earlier choices then maintaining the status quo would appear to be the healthiest option and the one most likely to keep the licensing data base most up to date but I have given positive responses to those earlier options on the basis that there may be available ways to maintain the same which are less burdensome on paperwork. The question should have come earlier.
8. It would only seem to be perceived as burdensome by its present administrators. I have been a licensed amateur for some 35 years (since the tender age of 14 ) during which time Amateur Radio has seen itself administered by a **formidable variety of government bodies none of which apparently 'discovered' the present problem.**
9. **No.** The need to apply for and use NOV'S is usually associated with an Amateurs dedication and devotion to the hobby to the point of performing **very real and valuable experimental and research work**. Over the past 8 decades Radio Amateurs have often found themselves at the forefront of experimental communications technology point of view as broad as of Electronic Circuitry Development and Antenna Design and Radio Propagation Studies. **Many of their findings have benefited the Country directly either commercially or militarily.** Why should we have to pay for a privilege when all too often others benefit?

The above are the opinions of Dr Chris Barnes GW4BZD