

**Email response received 18 August 2005 from Mr M Batt, G3SJI:**

- Q1 Yes.
- Q2 Yes, - but I am concerned that there is the risk of Ofcom's data base becoming out of date over a period of time because nothing would happen if a licensee failed to notify a change of address or change in any other particulars. At present if such a change occurs and the licensee fails to notify then it is likely that their licence would not be renewed.
- Is it not possible to incorporate into your proposal to introduce a lighter, electronic licensing process the requirement to "reconfirm" their details annually and then print off a license for the ensuing year. This could of course be done totally electronically.
- Q3 No. This is unfair. There should be a charge made to recover the not insignificant costs associated with "... the design, implementation and maintenance of a web-based, self-service licensing system ..."
- Q4 Yes.
- Q5 Yes – and I am VERY concerned with the use of the word "currently" in the question. It seems to imply that at some future date it may be practical. This would lead to an unregulated disaster – and probably ultimately the end of Amateur Radio as we know it today. This is inconsistent with Ofcom's stated intentions – "Ofcom wishes to see Amateur Radio prosper".
- Q6 See previous answer.
- Q7 No.
- Q8 I regard the annual £15 charge as ridiculously cheap. I pay by direct debit so there is no burden whatsoever. I would be quite happy for the charge to be increased substantially if this is necessary for the proper administration of the licensing system for our wonderful hobby.
- Q9 Yes.