

## Email response received 26 May 2005 from Mr N Lansley G1KZ!:

Interest:

I am a licensed amateur radio enthusiast with callsign G1KZI. By "enthusiast" I mean I am a proactive user and experimenter of radio transmission and love every minute of it! I have both a base station, and a portable shortwave transceiver which I take abroad on holiday (and indeed when on business for a leisure activity!).

I am happy that you do reduce your administrative overheads but I am concerned that but not at the expense of international obligations to the ITU as these could limit or prohibit transmitting from abroad under CEPT reciprocal agreements.

Therefore I agree with your "Licence for Life" proposal.

Answers to questions:

Question 1: Do you agree with the proposal to introduce a lighter, electronic licensing process?

**YES**

Question 2: Do you agree with the proposal to issue licences which remain valid for the life of the licensee?

**YES**

Question 3: Do you agree with the proposal to issue electronic amateur radio licences free of charge?

**YES**

Question 4: Do you agree with the proposal to apply an administrative charge when processing postal applications for amateur radio licences?

**YES – it makes sense for the personnel resource overheads to process postal applications.**

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

**YES – I often take my portable HF transceiver abroad on holiday and it would be a shame to have it barred because of failing international obligations.**

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

**International agreements are essential to maintain this worldwide hobby – particularly when visiting remote regions on "DXpeditions" and for humanitarian and disaster emergency communications. Putting ITU obligations at risk could bar these activities. Only if ITU member countries with CEPT reciprocal agreements all agree to "drop the licence" then – and only then - should this be considered.**

Question 7: Is maintaining the existing 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.

**There is little to be gained by extending the period from 1 year – you still have lots of administrative overhead you need to budget for and maintain the fee to finance.**

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

**Yes I agree it is over burdensome and not necessary to maintain standards or control over amateur radio licensing.**

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, I agree, because:**

- 1. Your administrative overheads must be paid for**
- 2. “Free” NoV applications will cause extra applications “on a whim” rather than when necessary and requiring financial investment.**