

Email response received 19 July 2005 from Mr G. Stainton G1MQQ:

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

Yes

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.*

Yes

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

No

Open to abuse by non-licensed individuals. Issue of a plastic card containing encoded details, like a bank card would be preferable.

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.*

Yes

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

Yes

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

No

Internationally agreed protocols needed to prevent 'anarchy' on the air. EMC and safety issues associated with power levels and antennas permitted need demonstrable knowledge.

An alternative exists in the form of CB.

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.*

No

Question 8: *Do you agree that the current licensing system is over-burdensome? If*

not, please explain why.

No

Not for the licensee, especially if paid by Direct Debit. I can't comment for Ofcom

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.