

## **Email response received 15 August 2005 from Mr James Stanbury:**

Question 1: Yes I agree, but only if it is of benefit to the radio amateur ensuring sufficient safeguards against fraud, and maintaining an accurate and up to date database of licensees.

Question 2: No I do not agree. My main objection is that the database of licensees would soon become unreliable due to death, change of address, or a person no longer wishing to be licensed.

Question 3: No I do not agree. I consider a fee as the buying of the right to operate under the law and to have certain protections and safeguards.

Question 4: Yes I agree, so long as the charge is only a nominal sum to help cover costs.

Question 5: Yes I agree.

Question 6: My view on licence exemption is that it is not in the best interests of the radio amateur.

I believe there will be a loss of status and recognition that will result in the dilution of the hobby making it easier for any government or interested commercial party, through government, to prohibit amateur radio operations in the U.K. The R.A.E. examination and official callsigns will be ignored, and band plans, power and operating modes will not be followed.

The question of the U.K. amateur operating abroad on a reciprocal licence will have to be addressed.

Eventually, this will lead to the government of the day either stopping such operations or restricting the use to low power, 'type approved' equipment with a limited number of channels.

Question 7: I consider a period of 5 years to be about right as it will ease the administrative burden, but will still be accurate enough to identify the licensed station.

Question 8: No I do not agree. It is certainly not the radio amateur who is over-burdened paying £15 by cheque or direct debit once a year. If Ofcom consider this to be the case it should put forward ways of easing the burden without losing the integrity of the licensing system.

Question 9: Yes I agree, so long as the policy is the same as suggested in my answer in question 4.