

**Email response received 13 August 2005 from Mr L Vandervort,G0SZP:**

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

**I agree with the proposal to introduce a lighter electronic process, provided that licensees who have no access to electronic media are not penalized and that a fair and equitable system is provided for such licensees.**

**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.

**I do not agree with the proposal to issue lifetime licenses as this would lead to a sense of "do once and forget" complacency. Amateur radio operators should ensure that their licensing information is up-to-date and some form of renewal is necessary to ensure that regular updates are made.**

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

**I would certainly support such a proposal. This would echo what many other administrative bodies in other parts of the world are already doing.**

**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.

**I would support a fair and equitable administrative charge directly related to the real cost of processing such applications.**

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

**I unreservedly agree that such exemption is not practical, and indeed unwise.**

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

**Any complete deregulation/exemption of Amateur radio would lead to eventual abuse, and alienation by other world players, and as such should be avoided at all cost.**

**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.

**I would certainly support an extended renewal period of 5 or 10 years (but no more than 10). This also echoes the systems in place by several well-respected and very well regulated countries in the world and would limit the potential for abuse. Licensees are of course obligated to notify the administrator of any changes to license details (address etc).**

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

*not, please explain why.*

***I wouldn't say that it is over-burdensome as such, though the current processes are somewhat long-winded. The system is currently very onerous upon the licensee, however, with an annual license fee where many other countries run five or ten year licenses for less cost to the licensee (some are even free).***

***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.*

***I agree that an appropriate administrative cost should be applied, as long as it is fair and indicative of the administrative work carried out to process it.***