

Email response received 9 August 2005 from Mr N Waite G3KOX:

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

Answer 1. Yes, if and only if there are adequate checks that the licensee is properly qualified.

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.*

Answer 2. Yes

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

Answer 3. Yes

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.*

Answer 4. Yes, after all an applicant without internet can get help from a local club.

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

Answer 5. Yes

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

Answer 6. I believe that exemption would devalue the hobby immensely. It would be a very unpopular move internationally too, unleashing undisciplined operators on the bands. Also, it would not support CEPT operation in foreign countries.

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.*

Answer 7. Yes, lifetime.

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

Answer 8. Not to the licensee. Once licensed, he only has to reply to a letter and send a small cheque once a year. Mind you, as stated above, I believe a lifetime licence would be better.

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.*

Answer 9. I agree to a reasonable charge.

Any other Comments

I hear stories now of occasional fraud in obtaining a licence, If you are going to Issue them electronically It would be a good time to overhaul the system to stop this.