

**Email response received 3 August 2005 from Mr G R Watts G0EVW:**

**Questions and Answers**

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

Yes, providing it does not compromise the status of Amateur Radio.

**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.*

No, unless a satisfactory way can be found to ensure the integrity of the database of licensed stations.

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

Yes, providing an alternative is available for anyone who does not have access to the Internet.

**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 of course and I fail to see how it ever could be!

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

It would be a disaster for Amateur Radio!

**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.*

It is not my preferred option but anything less than annually would result in an unreliable database.

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

No, in view of the many privileges Radio Amateurs enjoy the current system is about right. I believe it is essential that proper regulation is maintained and the database of licence holders is kept up to date.

**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.*

No, I would prefer to keep the current annual charge (or even a higher one) and get free NOV's.