

**Email response received 16 August 2005 from Mr T Wade, G4IDL:**

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

**I agree with a lighter licensing process but have concerns regarding the security of the electronic process being considered and this will discriminate against amateurs who do not have an internet linked computer**

***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 see this as a step towards deregulation and would wish to see safeguards in place to ensure that this did not follow and that licence particulars are kept up to date.**

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

**Abolishing the licence fee devalues the amateur service. People work hard to obtain a licence and like all hobbies etc that require a licence, payment of a fee should be required. Furthermore an electronic licence will discriminate against people who do not have an internet linked computer.**

***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.*

**No, if the licence fee is abolished this would discriminate against people who do not have an internet linked computer.**

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

**Agree, for two reasons. Firstly, under the WT act radio amateurs must be issued with and hold a licence. Secondly, we would not be able to operate abroad as there would be no licence for foreign administrators to inspect.**

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

**Disagree most strongly because of the implications to existing international agreements. This would spell the end of amateur radio in the UK. People would not have to be examined to obtain a licence. People would operate outside the harmonized amateur radio bands without any control of power levels and there would be widespread interference.**

***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.

**My belief is that the status quo is the best option.**

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

**It is my view that the current licensing system is far from over burdensome for radio amateurs. The only action imposed on a radio amateur is to return a paper renewal document within a prescribed period and direct debit payers, such as myself, do not even have to do that.**

***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.*

**The administration of any notice of variation will incur a cost to whoever carries out the administration. Accordingly a fair charge would be supported.**