

Email response received 3 August 2005 from Mr M Walsh 2E0AYQ:

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

Answer 1. Yes In principle but provisions must be made for Amateurs who are not online. Also the electronic process used by Ofcom Must be very secure as this has caused concern

Question 2: *Do you agree with the proposal to issue licenses, which remain valid for
The life of the licensee? If not, please explain why.*

Answer 2. No because license details could not be kept up to date Also. I am also quite concerned about ofcoms motives will this? Be the first step to deregulation?

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

Answer 3. No abolishing the license fee devalues the Amateur services And diminishes the voice of Amateurs for future consultations

Question 4: *Do you agree with the proposal to apply an administrative charge when
Processing postal applications for amateur radio licenses? If not, please explain why.*

Answer 4. No because it is unfair for Amateurs who don't have the Internet

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

Answer 5. Yes and it never will be practical see my answer why {Q6}

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

Answer 6. WT Act license exemption or deregulation would spell the End of Amateur Radio here in the UK. There would be a lot of Interference Caused by Amateurs who have had no formal training there would be

No control over power levels. Operating outside harmonized Band plans would take place. Poor operating procedures would Cause havoc also all U.K. licensed Amateurs would be Disenfranchised from the benefits of operating abroad The HM Government would also have renegotiate long term Agreements with the EU ITU and CEPT Parliamentary time would have To be found to change the WT Act

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. I think maintaining the existing licensing regime with a 5 year Renewal period is definitely my preferred choice because anything over The 5-year renewal period would lead to the degradation Of the Amateur radio database

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

Answer 8. No because there are a lot of other licenses that have to Be renewed every year e.g. TV licenses Fishing licenses etc And I can't see why the present situation is overburdensome

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 license? If not, Please explain why.*

Answer 9.
Yes

Any other Comments

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