

Response received 23 February 2005 from Mr Richard Power:

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

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

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

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

Question 5: Do you agree that the transfer of licensing to the MCA would not offer any significant advantage over the existing licensing system? **YES**

Question 6: Do you agree that WT Act licence exemption for vessels that remain within UK territorial waters is not currently practical? **YES**

Question 7: Do you agree that WT Act licence exemption remains a worthwhile long term objective? If not, please explain why. **YES**

Question 8: Do you believe that WT Act licence exemption would have an impact on maritime safety? If so, please explain why. **NO**

Question 9: Would you prefer to see the current licensing system maintained without change? If so, please explain why. **NO**

It is cumbersome and expensive to administer and makes no contribution to safety. It is frequently ignored and is largely unenforceable.