

## **Your response**

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Question 3.1: Do you have further views about the implementation of STIR?	Agree that it is necessary in reducing the numbers of scam and nuisance calls.
Question 3.2: Are there any other approaches we should consider for addressing CLI authentication?	Not that we're aware of.
Question 3.3: Do you agree a common database would be required to support the implementation of STIR?	Yes, but there are concerns as to how accurate it would be to maintain this database and the duration of implementing this.
Question 3.4: What are your views on using blockchain technology as the basis for a common numbering database to support CLI authentication? What other solutions do you think should be considered and why?	Again, just concerns on the accuracy of this info at the beginning and keeping it updated constantly.
Question 3.5: What are your views on timeframes?	Hard to say on the timescales because there a lot of unknowns and issues that may arise.
Question 4.1: What are your views on the current implementation of number portability in the fixed and mobile sectors?	There definitely could be improvements in the current way that porting is tackled. It is currently very manual and quite often the forms can get rejected on a technicality so the process becomes unnecessarily drawn out.
Question 4.2: What are your views on sharing the functionality of a common numbering database for CLI authentication to also support improvements in UK porting processes?	This makes sense as would hopefully bring improvements to the current porting process.
Question 4.3: We are currently supporting a blockchain pilot. Do you have any views on using this technology for port transactions and a routing database? Are there other alternatives that should be considered?	No experience of this but would be interesting to see how successful the pilot is.
Question 4.4: What are your views on implementation timeframes and the importance of a common database solution being available to support the migration of telephony services to IP?	It does seem like a common database solution is necessary, again difficult to say re. the timescales as there are a lot of issues that may be thrown up along the way.
Question 5.1: What are your views on the	This seems like a good idea again as long as the

potential for a common database solution to also provide shared functionality to support number management?	information can be kept up-to-date accurately.
Question 5.2: What do you see as the benefits or disbenefits of changes to number management post PSTN retirement?	In terms of number management, it would be useful to be able to allocate the numbers in smaller blocks.
Question 6.1: Do you agree, in principle, with the need to develop and adopt a common numbering database? If not, why not?	Yes, provided that there is certainty that it can be developed and maintained accurately.
Question 6.2: If you do not agree with the need to develop and adopt a common numbering database, do you have any suggestions on how the issues we have set out in this consultation could be addressed?	n/a
Question 6.3: Do you agree that in the first instance industry should lead the implementation of a common numbering database, with Ofcom providing support to convene and coordinate key activities? If not, what are your views on how implementation should be taken forward?	Yes as long as this can be done in a well communicated and ordered manner.