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The Committee continues its work facilitating all aspects of amateur radio-related data communications, with the current emphasis remaining in the areas of “internet linking” and “high speed wireless data”.

A significant proportion of resource continues to be employed in interfacing with the licensing authority on day to day matters, and some interesting challenges have been presented as a result of the transition from RA to Ofcom due to changes of direction and attitudes within the new organisation.

Much of the work is conducted by electronic means, with Email remaining the primary communication mechanism. Today, the bulk of NoV applications are for “internet gateways” and are processed via the online application system which is a component of the Committee’s web site (<http://www.dcc.rsqb.org>)

Currently there are:-

- 588 Node Authorities covering 168 different Nodes

- 273 Mailboxes, comprised of:-

- 131 AX.25 systems

- 69 TCP/IP systems

- 48 DX cluster systems

- 20 Mixed AX.25 / TCP/IP systems

- 3 NTS (mail forwarding only) systems

- 2 Satellite Gateway systems

- 47 UI Servers (“aprs” – Internet Gateways)

- 613 Internet Voice Gateway NoVs, issued to 357 Licensees

DCC continues to hold permissions from Ofcom which allow the Committee to issue Letters of Authority to operate propagation beacons in amateur primary bands.

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