

This document contains respondents between 24 and 24 inclusive.

1. Do you support the idea of placing relevant stakeholders at the heart of the policy advisory process?

- Yes
 No

2. Do you support the PAB's proposal for the creation of issues groups to develop policy recommendations in response to stakeholder proposals?

- Yes
 No

3. Do you agree with the PAB's outline for issues groups (open membership, stakeholder led, time-limited, with a requirement to prepare an impact assessment, and working by consensus)?

- Yes
 No

Do you have any comments on the way that issues groups might work?

Of course all views should be reflected but holding everything up because of, perhaps, a single lone voice, perhaps with very eccentric ideas or a particular commercial interest is fraught with difficulty. Insisting on consensus can quickly and easily lead to deadlock. There needs to be a way to adjudicate and take a view in the event of this happening.

4. What mechanism should there be for selecting members of issues groups?

In particular, how might we ensure effective participation from Nominet members to bring necessary expertise into the discussions?

No fixed or strong view on this, as long as what emerges is credible and covers all the key bases.

5. Do you agree that "permanent" groups might be needed in certain cases?

- Yes
 No

What issues might benefit from this approach?

Something which tracks security related and criminal misuse issues.

6. Do you agree that "closed groups" (i.e. groups with invited membership) should be set up when this is necessary?

- Yes
 No

What issues might benefit from this approach?

Particular aspects of criminal misuse.

7. Do you agree that a standing committee is necessary to provide some form of independent assessment of, and support for, the issues groups?

Yes

No

8. Do you agree that the tasks identified by the PAB for the standing committee are appropriate?

Yes

No

9. Do you agree with the range of stakeholders identified by the PAB for the membership of the standing committee?

Yes

No

How should members of the standing committee be identified?

In particular, how should Nominet member participation of the standing committee be chosen, bearing in mind the importance of ensuring balance representation?

No fixed or strong view on this, as long as what emerges is credible and covers all the key bases.

10. Do you support the proposal for an enhanced secretariat taking an active role in the standing committee of stakeholders and for engaging with external stakeholders?

Yes

No

11. Do you have any further comments on the proposed new policy advisory process?

No

12. Please give us your contact details

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