

This document contains respondents between 17 and 17 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?

They will need to behave differently according to whether issues are urgent and/or important, simple or complicated, potentially controversial in the eyes of the public and/or divisive among members

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?

You need to broaden the membership of Nominet to include those would like to see enhanced trust in .uk , particularly those who businesses depend on customer confidence in their on-line services.

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

- Yes
 No

What issues might benefit from this approach?

Reducing the risk that .uk domain names are used for fraudulent and illegal purposes.

Reducing the risk of impersonation.

Disputes resolution, especially that related to ownership of IPR and/or brand names.

Consultation processes =- including audiences and techniques - this is an evolving process

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?

Co-operation with law enforcement to track and trace malpractice, including that involving registrars whose processes are used by criminals, whether or not the registrars conduct is legal,

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?

The definition of Businesses, Right-holders and Consumers needs more work because there are the most important categories - if the process is to command confidence

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?

The urgency of action - in order to prevent HMG action because .uk is "open to all" - does not come through

12. Please give us your contact details

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