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Question 3.1: Do you have futher views about the implementation of STIR?	STIR seems to be a good solution, anything that deals with spoofing of numbers is to be welcomed
Question 3.2: Are there any other approaches we should consider for addressing CLI authentication?	Not aware of any.
Question 3.3: Do you agree a common database would be required to support the implementation of STIR?	Yes
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?	No specific views at this stage
Question 3.5: What are your views on timeframes?	We're disappointed that it will take so long but this is a complex project with potentially serious consequences if it is rushed.
Question 4.1: What are your views on the current implementation of number portability in the fixed and mobile sectors?	We find the current process extremely frustrating with too many delays and even failures caused by incorrect data, poor systems and inexperienced/poorly trained people running it. Also problematic are the barriers caused by losing CPs to delay or prevent porting taking place
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?	
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?	Not at this stage

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?	Again we are disappointed by the time it is expected to take but the common database should be useful in other areas too.
Question 5.1: What are your views on the potential for a common database solution to also provide shared functionality to support number management?	There is huge potential for a common data base to facilitate many processes but it has to be designed with flexibility in mind to enable all the potential benefits to be realised.
Question 5.2: What do you see as the benefits or disbenefits of changes to number management post PSTN retirement?	As well as making processes easier and greater transparent a major benefit will be the possibility of being able have smaller blocks of numbers allocated to CPs giving more efficient management.
Question 6.1: Do you agree, in principle, with the need to develop and adopt a common numbering database? If not, why not?	We agree
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?	We would want OFCOM or another independent body to lead to prevent dominant players forcing their own and possibly inefficient solutions on other CPs