

Subject: Response - Maritime pricing

Further to the Government's response to a well-supported petition concerning the RNLI, I wish to make the following comment:

As a member of the public living in a coastal area, I have first-hand experience of the invaluable work that the RNLI perform in saving human lives each year. There is no government funding support, and all operating expenses are covered by public donations.

I do not think it at all appropriate, even with the proposed area licences, that the RNLI should, given its entire absence of funding from any source other than donations, be asked to pay for a licence for what is, ultimately, a tiny fraction of the total radio spectrum available, and which would add significantly to its financial burden.

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