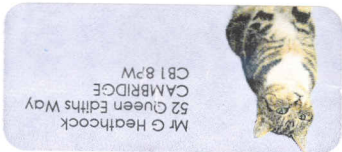


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Ref: Administered Incentive Pricing and its impact on Maritime Rescue
Organisations e.g. RNLI

Dear Mr Richardson

First of all – can I explain as a volunteer for some 34 years – working both inland and on the coast for the RNLI – I am absolutely appalled that under the heading of wanting to bring about a more efficient use of radio communications – you are proposing to bring in a system of price increases – for the privilege of having a licence which will impact in no small way – on charities like the RNLI.

The RNLI like many other charities has to fight in an ever more competitive environment for every penny it needs – to provide a 24 hour, 365 day rescue service – which costs the taxpayer not a bean – and saves countless lives every year, what you are doing by putting ever more financial pressures on it – is to threaten its ability to deliver a service to all those who rely on its presence – by having to divert the very real and necessary income it has to the exchequer why?

Would you care to explain the following:

1. What is the Central costs of running OFCOM in relation to maritime radio frequency operation
2. Where will the additional cash – if increases in fees are agreed be Spent
3. What if any recognition is given to organisations like the RNLI in Terms of a reduction of fee
4. What is the relationship between the fee and actual direct costs Of the collection of those fees

As far as I can see and have read from the consultation papers, this is a blind way of raising additional income for your Regulatory organisation, does absolutely nothing

to assist in the saving of lives at sea and is a thoroughly
discredited process.
Please think again and give the protection organisations like the
RNLI and similar bodies need to continue their life-saving without
bureaucratic hindrance.

Yours sincerely



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