

"Some maritime and aeronautical uses of spectrum will not attract AIP fees

1.18 We have no plans to apply AIP fees to ship radio licences, and we are not minded to charge fees to aircraft either. We are inviting views on whether charities whose objective is the safety of human life in an emergency should receive a discount. We are not proposing to charge fees for maritime and aeronautical distress channels."

Here's one view: the RLNI (whose staff are, let's remember, unpaid volunteers, and which is funded entirely by public subscription) should receive a 100% discount.

If anyone should pay, it's the *commercial* operators of ships and aircraft.