

It is very hard for me to understand what is going on here as little of these proposals seem to be written in plain English. For example "Do you agree with our initial view that a reference rate of £25k per single MHz of national spectrum would be appropriate for deriving fees for licences to use X band radar?" means very little to me.

My main concern is any suggestion that voluntary emergency services like lifeboats (RNLI and independent) and land based Search and Rescue (Mountain / Cave rescue) could face a sudden huge increase in their rates for usage of radio channels. Reduction in availability of communications channels could have a devastating impact on their actions of saving lives. Units would be faced with harsh decisions on limited charitable budgets. Many units rely on portable radio communications in remote areas where mobile phone and tetra comms are just not practical.

So for the question "[should there] be a discount for charities whose an emergency object is the safety of human life" the answer would be a resounding YES. Not only should they be charged as little as possible but their existing allocations of channels should be guaranteed so that they are not left with a handful of channels while the others currently allocated to them are sold off to the highest bidder.

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