

The Liberal Democrats – email response

The Liberal Democrats think it is unfair of the Government to put this decision onto the BBC. It is a social policy matter for the Government, not a matter for the BBC. What's happening now is something we successfully blocked during the Coalition!

If the Government persists in requiring the BBC, and hence the licence fee payer, to pay for the over-75s, there will either have to be yet more cuts to its budget, and consequently to UK content, or a rise in the licence fee which will have particular implications for lower-income households. And neither of those things are desirable!

We would hope that TV licenses for the over 75s will continue to be funded by the Government.

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