

Coatguards win following GMB campaign



Coastguards have scored a huge win in their campaign to stop their pay being cut.

Minister for Transport Keir Mather announced in parliament today [Thursday] the Maritime and Coastguard Agency [MCA]'s plan to stop hourly remuneration for attending incidents and training exercises would be halted.

Coastguard Rescue Officers (CROs) carry out rescues and search for missing people around the UK's coast, including Scotland, Wales and England's south coast.

The move had followed a landmark case by GMB Union, which saw the Court of Appeal uphold a judgement classifying coastguards as workers.

Now, following a sustained campaign by GMB Coastguards, the move has been stopped.



Nicola Savage, GMB National Officer, said:

“This is a richly deserved win for GMB’s coastguards, who took their campaign across the UK and into the corridors of power.

“It was a scandal that these brave, life-saving workers would have their pay cut.

“But Ministers have listened and done the right thing.”

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