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YOU AND YOURS – RNIB LOBBY PARLIAMENT OVER THE NEW COMMUNICATIONS BILL - 04.02.03

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Hundreds of visually impaired people are lobbying Parliament today over the Government's new Communications Bill, which they say does nothing to ensure that they will be amongst those who'll benefit from the digital revolution. The bill sets out the future provision of digital TV, radio and mobile phones but,

Well one of the central ones is to ensure that audio described programmes are available, that the technology's available, so people can receive them, at the moment it's ludicrous - the BBC is audio describing four per cent of its programmes, only 45 people in the country can receive them - it's crazy.

WAITE And is that the BBC's fault?

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