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**A franking dilemma**

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On speaks as one finds, and I wish to praise the Royal Mail and its staff for their superb efforts throughout the Christmas period.

However, I have a moral dilemma. Of the 48 Christmas cards delivered by Royal Mail, 14 had unfranked stamps on the envelopes; three first class at 46p (£1-38) and 14 second class at 36p (£5-04) a total of £6-42. This represents approximately 40 per cent of the delivery.

If I reuse these stamp, as I will, I am effectively defrauding Royal Mail by this amount. It doesn't seem much, but if replicated across the Country, it represents a huge loss in their overall revenue.

But that's their problem. My problem is that there is no mechanism, as far as I am aware, for refunding the money to Royal Mail; apart that is, from discarding the stamps and standing in another queue to purchase their replacement.

I have therefore donated £6-50 to charity.

What would you do?

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