

# Broadcasting Committee

## Minutes (BCC(3)-06-08)

**Date:** 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2008

**Time:** 12:00pm - 3.16pm

**Venue:** Committee Room 3, National Assembly for Wales

### Assembly Members in Attendance

Alun Davies, Mid and West Wales (Chair)

Peter Black, South Wales West

Paul Davies, Preseli Pembrokeshire

### Committee Service

Chris Reading, Clerk

Sarah Bartlett, Deputy Clerk

### Others in Attendance

Rhodri Glyn Thomas, Minister for Heritage

John Howells, Director of Culture

Natasha Hale, Creative Lead - Department for Economy and Transport

Iona Jones, Chief Executive - S4C

Cenwyn Edwards - Member of S4C Authority

Professor Tom O'Malley - Aberystwyth University

Aled Eirug - Committee Adviser

### 1: Introduction, Apologies and Substitutions

1.1 The Chair welcomed Committee Members and members of the public.

1.2 Apologies were received from Nerys Evans AM.

### 2: Evidence for Committee Inquiry into public sector broadcasting

Paper: BCC(3)-06-08(p.1)

2.1 Witnesses responded to questions from the Committee.

### Actions

The Minister agreed to provide the Committee with copies of a report by the Institute of Welsh Affairs which is due to be published shortly.

The Minister agreed to provide the Committee with a note on structure of the relationship with the Department of Culture Media and Sport specifically regarding the legal requirements of Public Service Broadcasting in Wales.

The Minister agreed to ask the Deputy First Minister to provide an update before the end of the month on the review of the effectiveness of the work of the Creative Industries strategy.

The Minister agreed to provide the Committee with a note on the Welsh Assembly's representation on the Digital Radio Group and the Convergence Task Group and also an update on any representations made.

### Break - 1:06 - 1:38pm

### 3: Evidence for Committee Inquiry into public sector broadcasting

Paper: BCC(3)-06-08(p.2) - S4C

Paper: BCC(3)-06-08(p.3) - Aberystwyth University

3.1 Witnesses responded to questions from the Committee.

### Actions

S4C agreed to provide the Committee with a note regarding the Preseli transmitter and issues with digital switchover.

When available S4C agreed to provide the Committee with a copy of their response to the Ofcom consultation.

S4C agreed to provide the Committee with a copy of the memorandum of understanding with the Department of Culture and Sport.