

Broadcasting Committee

Minutes (BCC(3)-07-08)

Date: 9th June 2008

Time: 1:00pm - 3.37pm

Venue: Atrium, University of Glamorgan

Assembly Members in Attendance

Alun Davies, Mid and West Wales (Chair)
Peter Black, South Wales West
Paul Davies, Preseli Pembrokeshire
Nerys Evans, Mid and West Wales

Committee Service

Chris Reading, Clerk
Sarah Bartlett, Deputy Clerk
Gwyn Griffiths, Legal Adviser

Others in Attendance

Menna Richards, Controller BBC Wales
Pat Loughrey, Director - BBC Nation and Regions
David Donovan, BECTU National Officer
Jeremy Dear, NUJ General Secretary
Kate Carr, Chair, NUJ Wales Executive Council
Meic Birtwistle, NUJ NEC Member for Wales
Lawrence Shaw, NUJ Wales Organiser
Simon Crine, Corporate Affairs Director
Gwenllian Carr, National Manager Wales
Emyr Byron Hughes, Consultant working for Digital UK
Aled Eirug - Committee Adviser

1: Introduction, Apologies and Substitutions

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed Committee Members and members of the public.
- 1.2 The Chair declared he was a member of the National Union of Journalists.

2: Evidence for Committee Inquiry into public sector broadcasting

Paper: BCC(3)-07-08(p.1) - BBC

BCC(3)-07-08(p2) - BECTU

BCC(3)-07-08(p3) - National Union of Journalists

BCC(3)-07-08(p4) - Digital UK

- 2.1 Witnesses responded to questions from the Committee.

Actions

The BBC agreed to provide a note on their plans for future public service broadcasting communications, in terms of percentage spend in Wales and what this entails in terms of number of hours of public service broadcast in Wales.

NUJ agreed to provide a note on ITV profits generated in UK as a whole; and how much of that comes from Wales.

NUJ agreed to provide a note on the proportion (minutes per hour) of extra advertisement that would be needed to maintain the current levels of public service broadcasting.

NUJ agreed to provide evidence of the current value to ITV of its place in the spectrum.

NUJ to provide a copy of a report published by Cardiff University.

Digital UK agreed to provide a note on the Preseli transmitter.